



## Leonel Joseph Bernard

September 28, 1924 - May 10, 2023

Leonel J. Bernard, age 98, passed away peacefully in his sleep of natural causes on May 10, 2023 in his residence in San Antonio, Texas. Leo, as he was known by close friends and family, was no stranger to adventure. As a member of the Army Air Corps, he established communication lines in China during World War II. He also worked as an electrician for the 1963 World's Fair in New York and a contractor in Algeria, North Africa. Leo served as a volunteer in several locations for the National Park Service and was a licensed pilot for small planes and hot air balloons. He was a self-taught piano player, and enjoyed photography and writing. He spent as much time as possible outdoors and loved animals.

Leo was preceded in death by his parents as well as his sister, Irene Ross, and his brother, Charles J. Bernard. He is survived by his wife, Joy R. Bernard and his children with his former wife, Phyllis Miles, Ms. Nancy Rowe Mason and her husband Tom, Mr. Nel A. Bernard and his wife Denise, and Mr. Jay C. Bernard and his wife Carol. He is also survived by 4 grandchildren, 5 great grandchildren and 3 great, great grandchildren. Leo will be laid to rest at the Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery in San Antonio, Texas.

In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to Pets Alive, <https://www.sanantoniopetsalive.org/ways-to-give/donate-now>.



# Cemetery Details

## **Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery**

1520 Harry Wurzbach  
San Antonio, TX 78209

# Events

**Details are pending.**

# Tribute Wall

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“ We are sooo sorry to hear about Leo. We can't begin to imagine the peace he's experiencing now. 🙏🙏. We never got the Pleasure of meeting him. We've heard so many wonderful things about him, I feel we knew him. He was Married to our Sister-n-laws Mother, Joy. Lyle and Shawn Singleton, which he is my brother, have only talked the highest of Leo. God Bless all the family. You all are in our Thoughts and Prayers. Ron and Nancy (Singleton) Williams 🙏💕🙏  
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