



Leslie Lee Bettis

August 1, 1944 - February 7, 2023

Leslie Lee Bettis, Sr entered the loving arms of his Lord and Savior on February 7, 2023, at his home in San Antonio, Texas after a long hard battle with Parkinson's Disease. He was born in San Antonio, Texas on August 1, 1944 to Nora Fuller and Walter "Buck" Aspinwall.

Leslie met the love of his life, Elaine Kutscher, at a local Handy Andy where he worked. After a two-year courtship, they were married on April 3, 1965. Shortly after, Leslie was drafted into the military and proudly served 2 years in the Army. When he returned home, he worked for the Civil Service and then as a Mail Carrier with a walking route in the city of Alamo Heights. In 1980, he sustained major injuries from a racing accident which ended his postal career. His injuries did not stop him. Passionate about cars, possessed of a strong work ethic, and with his enduring faith, he started his full time car business located on Hwy 181; Bettis Used Auto Parts.

While Leslie loved many things, he especially loved cars. He loved drag racing, rebuilding cars, and had a huge appreciation for old cars, new cars, race cars, and wrecked cars. You could hardly find him sitting; he often worked after hours or would be found just piddling around in his garage late into the evening. For many of their early years, Laine and Leslie spent time bowling in leagues where they enjoyed the company of their friends making lifelong memories. Leslie was a storyteller and he loved sharing stories about his life, his adventures, his children and grandchildren. He enjoyed making

new friends and building relationships with people everywhere he went. He never knew a stranger and was always willing to lend a hand to someone in need. He loved all kinds of food and his loving wife always made sure he had a big glass of iced sweet tea. He loved to laugh and make people laugh, often telling jokes then laughing in such a way that it seemed as if his whole body was laughing at you! Sadly, his disease took many things from him, but his family agrees that his sense of humor and his full body laugh were one of his last traits to go. His family was precious to him, always his first love, and priority. He loved watching his children and their children grow; and loved spending time with them whether it was traveling, attending events, or just hanging out in their home.

Leslie had a big heart and loved deeply with it; in return he was loved by many. His Christian faith was instilled in him at a young age and carried him through life until the end. He loved listening to the Word of God whether it was in the church pew, on the TV, or just while having a good conversation relaxing on the couch. He loved to listen to gospel music, especially Johnny Cash, and loved to hear the gospel and scripture spoken by children. Leslie was a father figure, mentor, and friend to all. He was very instrumental in the success of his children, friends of his children, and many others and was always there to lend a hand to anyone in need. He took anyone and everyone into his home and made them part of the family. His passing will be mourned deeply by all, but his legacy and memory will live on in the multitude of lives he touched.

He is survived by his beautiful wife, of nearly 58 years, Elaine; sons Jody Bettis, Leslie Bettis, Jr and wife Yvonne; daughter Misty Schmoekel and husband Eric; sister Wilma Coble and husband Gordon; brothers Richard Morgan and wife Flo, Eddie Bettis, Howard Bettis, and Robert Bettis; grandchildren Chelsie Romero and husband Eric; Trevor Bettis and fiancé

Rachel, Faye Bettis, Ruby Bettis, Hayes Bettis, Caroline Drake, Julliette Drake, Zachary Drake; Faith Schmoekel and McKayla Schmoekel; great grandchildren Jeremiah, Noam, Austin and Loftan and a host of devoted nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. He is preceded in death by his parents Nora and Joseph Bettis and Buck Aspinwall; brother, Teddy Bettis and sister Nora "Mandy" Bryant.

Visitation will begin on Thursday, February 16, 2023, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Mission Park Funeral Chapels South. Funeral service will be held on Friday, February 17, 2023, at 12:00 p.m. at Central Christian Church 720 N Main Ave, San Antonio, TX 78205 with interment to follow at Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery.

A reception will be held immediately after the burial for friends and family at Lakeside Lodge Banquet Hall 14050 Southton Rd, Elmendorf, TX 78112

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the THRU Project
<https://www.thruproject.org/donate/>

For personal acknowledgement, you may sign the online guestbook at www.missionparks.com in the obituary section.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **16**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels South, Cemeteries & Crematories
1700 SE Military Dr
San Antonio, TX 78214
(210) 924-4242
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

Funeral Service

FEB **17**. 12:00 PM (CT)

Central Christian Church
720 N. Main Ave
San Antonio, TX 78205

Interment

FEB **17**. 1:45 PM (CT)

Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery
1520 Harry Wurzbach
San Antonio, TX 78209

Tribute Wall

BE

“ I’ve struggled with Parkinson’s for years, and medications only brought short-term relief. Out of hope and hesitation, I tried an herbal treatment from NaturePath Herbal Clinic. By the fourth month, my tremors eased, stiffness lessened, and balance improved. It wasn’t overnight, but the progress was real and life-changing. I now sleep better, move more freely, and feel like myself again. If you’re considering natural options, I highly recommend giving them a try. I’m truly grateful I did. www.naturepathherbalclinic.com ”



Belinda - July 15, 2025 at 07:30 AM

SB

“ My husband was diagnosed of Parkinsons disease 2 years ago, when he was 49. He had a stooped posture, tremors, right arm does not move and also a pulsating feeling in his body. He was placed on Senemet for 8 months and then Sifrol was introduced and replaced the Senemet, during this time span he was also diagnosed with dementia. He started having hallucinations, lost touch with reality. Suspecting it was the medication I took him off the Siferol (with the doctor’s knowledge) and started him on PD-5 natural herbal formula we ordered from AKNNI HERBAL CENTRE, his symptoms totally declined over a 3 weeks use of the AKANNI HERBAL Parkinsons disease natural herbal formula. He is now almost 51 and doing very well, the disease is totally reversed! (Visit www.aknniherbscentre.com) ”

susan baker - May 21, 2025 at 02:51 AM

SR

“ *What a lovely obituary for Leslie! My deepest condolences to you, Laine, and all your children and grandchildren. May your most cherished memories of Leslie sustain you as you seemingly walk on without him. He now has the honor of being your family's special angel. My thoughts, prayers, and love to all of you. See you later when my time comes, Cuz!*

Sherry Fuller Rossi

Sherry Fuller Rossi - February 17, 2023 at 12:06 AM

MK

“ *It's so hard to believe that Dear Leslie beat us to the other side. His laughter will be missed. Love you Laine.*

Mick and Billie Kretzschmar - February 16, 2023 at 06:26 PM

LL

“ *Love sorry for your loss Candy& Lucky purchased the Hickory Farms Savory and Sweet Snacker Gift Basket for the family of Leslie Lee Bettis.*



Love sorry for your loss Candy& Lucky - February 15, 2023 at 07:03 PM

DH

“ *I've known Leslie, Lanie & family since the 70's. We shared many happy memories. Laine I'm so sorry for your loss and I'm praying for you and your family! RIP Leslie. Love Debbie Hassler*

Deborah Hassler - February 15, 2023 at 03:19 PM

TM

“ *Lanie & family, I wish I could of met Leslie sooner. Just from our brief meeting a year and a half ago I could tell Leslie was a real character. It would of been wonderful to have had him in my life sooner. So sorry for your loss. May he rest in peace.* ”



Tracy A. Morgan McNeill - February 14, 2023 at 09:10 PM

RF

“ *Richard & Flo purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Leslie Lee Bettis.* ”

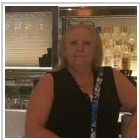


Richard & Flo - February 14, 2023 at 06:42 PM

EN

“ *My deepest condolences to the family may the Lord grant your family peace during this difficult time he was a nice man always giving life lessons and an ear to listen* ”

Elena Neeley - February 13, 2023 at 10:29 PM



“ *Lanie & Family , we are so sorry for your loss. Leslie was a good man. He always told us funny stories and made us laugh alot. I know he will be missed dearly. He was the life of the party. Our thoughts & prayers go out to everyone. David & Barbara* ”

Barbara Stainthorpe - February 13, 2023 at 08:20 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Leslie Lee Bettis.* ”



February 13, 2023 at 01:46 PM



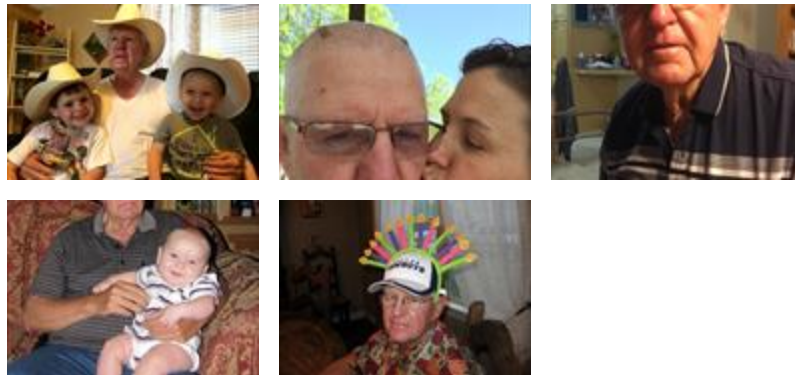
“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Leslie Lee Bettis.* ”



February 13, 2023 at 07:25 AM



“ *19 files added to the tribute wall* ”



Misty - February 11, 2023 at 08:27 PM

TW

“ *Les, Misty and family. Thoughts of deep and sincere sympathy are with you and your family at this time, but what a joy your dad must feel being in the arms of Jesus.*

Teresa Williams - February 11, 2023 at 12:28 PM

HR

“ *My sincerely condolences to the Bettis family and the Drake family. May Mr. Bettis rest in peace and you may find comfort knowing that he will always be in your heart. Mrs. Roybal, Woodridge Elementary*

Hilda Roybal - February 11, 2023 at 09:08 AM