



## Leslie Ann Geller

May 15, 1964 - December 19, 2018

Leslie Ann Geller, 54, passed away on Wednesday, December 19, 2018. Leslie was born in Philadelphia on May 15, 1964. She spent many years as a dedicated probation officer for Bexar County. Leslie had a zest for life that included many friends both human and canine. After losing her dog several years ago, Leslie began doing 'favors' for all of her human friends by taking in the canine companions so the humans could travel. Many years ago, Leslie decided to become a quilter and in her more than generous manner began gifting family, friends, colleagues and others she befriended with her one of a kind, priceless quilts.

Leslie was predeceased by her parents, Ruth Geller and Irving Geller. She is survived by two brothers, David (Diana) and Robert (Teresa) and a sister Diane (Ed) Grafton as well as nieces, nephews and great niece, Benjamin Grafton, Annie Word, Alexa Geller, Nicole Geller, Fred Geller, Max Geller, Simon Geller and Rose Word.

Please join Leslie's family in celebrating her wonderful life Saturday, January 12, 2019 at Mission Park North beginning at 12:00 PM.

In lieu of flowers please consider making a memorial contribution to the Animal Defense League.



# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

JAN 12. 12:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels Cherry Ridge  
3401 Cherry Ridge Dr  
San Antonio, TX 78230  
(210) 349-1414  
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

# Tribute Wall

MA

“*Leslie was one of the most unique and special people in the world. I attended school with her at Southwestern University where she was loved and valued. The world was a better place because of her. I treasure those memories and truly appreciate that I was one of the lucky ones to be gifted with her friendship. God bless you, Leslie.*

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**mary** - June 10, 2021 at 04:39 PM

MP

“*Leslie was a dear friend since childhood of my sister, Melissa Priest, and Leslie was always a friend of the family. I was so stunned and heartbroken to learn at Christmas that she had died. As it turns out, I got to spend about ten minutes one-on-one with Leslie back in October at my father's funeral, something for which I am very thankful.*

*I will always cherish her joy, her compassion, her silliness and irreverence (qualities we share), and her astonishing generosity of talent and treasure, but especially of her time. Leslie brought so much good to so many people in the world, especially hurting people. Her story was far too short in terms of time, but immensely full. I am deeply grateful to have known her.*

*Matthew Priest*

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**Matthew Priest** - January 16, 2019 at 04:29 AM

LH

“ Love, Sylvia and Henry purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Leslie Ann Geller.



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Love, Sylvia and Henry - January 12, 2019 at 09:19 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Leslie Ann Geller.



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January 12, 2019 at 08:27 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Leslie Ann Geller.



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January 11, 2019 at 10:56 PM

JT

“ I am a firm believer that God never makes mistakes. Our meeting, was a testament to this. I didn't apply for the PSI Unit when I began working for Bexar County, but was placed in this Unit anyway. From the very 1st time we met I knew you were going to be a friend for life. I too was lucky enough to be nicknamed by you, “Boy” was the name you gave me. I will forever cherish the quilts, pillow covers and blankets that you masterfully created for my children whom you never met, but loved on anyway. Rest In Peace friend, I'll see you on the other side.



Jonathan Trejo - January 11, 2019 at 10:46 PM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Leslie Ann Geller.



January 11, 2019 at 05:12 PM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Leslie Ann Geller.



January 11, 2019 at 12:41 PM

MK

“*Leslie was the friend of a lifetime. From the moment I met her on the school bus in 7th grade until the wedding celebrations we attended together these last couple of years, she remained a true and faithful friend. She was one of a kind who lit up the room with her fun laughter and sense of humor. We thought it would last forever. You were the real deal. Until we meet again and pick up where we left off, we will miss you previous friend.*



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**Marie Kester** - January 09, 2019 at 10:48 PM

MK

*That should say, “precious” friend. You can believe she is busting out laughing at that mistake about right now!*

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**Marie Kester** - January 09, 2019 at 10:51 PM

DL

“*I will always remember her smile and her beautiful quilts. She had a talent that I had not seen since my mom's quilts. It take a whole lot of patience to do one. Rest in Peace my friend and you will be missed.*

*Debra Lozano  
CSO @ SE12 Unit  
Bexar County Adult Probation Dept.*

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**Debra Lozano** - January 07, 2019 at 06:10 PM

NZ

“ Oh Essie, my heart just broke when I heard the news. The world lost a beautiful soul when it lost you, but those that you’ve ever known are certainly better for having had you in their lives. I’m truly thankful to have known you. I’ll never forget your kindness and generosity, and humongous love for animals. And I’ll continue to think of you every day as I still cherish what I’ve always touted to be the single greatest gift anyone has ever given me: my quilt. Love and miss you,

“Nan”, Tony, Deputy Mitchell Garcia, and Chloe



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**Nancy Zermeno** - January 07, 2019 at 04:49 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Leslie Ann Geller.



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January 04, 2019 at 08:12 PM

MB

“ You were the first person to welcome me to the PSI unit and I will never forget your first words to me. You made me laugh and I adored you from that moment on. My grandsons love the pillow cases you made them. Your love and laughter will truly be missed.

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**Michele Brown** - December 31, 2018 at 09:31 AM

VR

“ I first met Leslie in 1987 at the Bexar County Jail. We worked together there and at Adult Probation. Leslie had a huge heart and her love for people and animals was amazing. I have so many wonderful memories of her. We did so many silly things together. I can't think of anytime that she didn't make me laugh. I was Nester to her and she Lester to me. So thankful to have had her in my life. I will miss my Lester. I pray God's peace and comfort for her family and friends.

Vanessa (Nester) Ray

Vanessa K Ray - December 31, 2018 at 02:37 AM

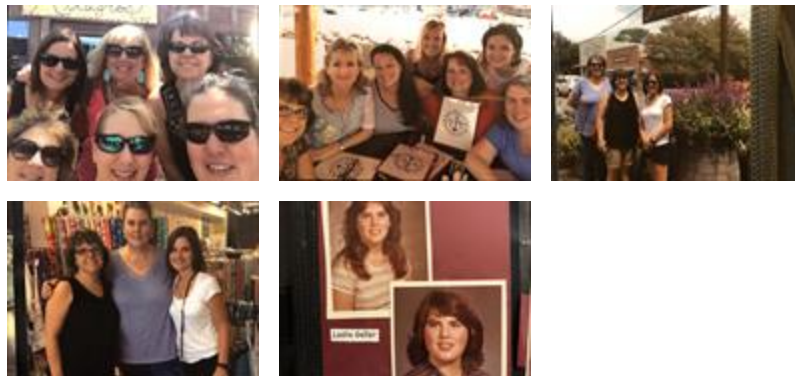
FA

“ Leslie was one of a kind. She was kind, generous, thoughtful , intelligent. I am deeply grieved and will miss her inspiring messages she used to send me to encourage me when things “got rough”.

Florence Aptaker - December 29, 2018 at 04:16 PM

SU

“ 16 files added to the album Leslie Geller



Susan - December 27, 2018 at 10:35 PM

JM

“ Leslie, I am at a loss for words. When I heard of your passing, I could not believe it. You always made me laugh when I needed it. You will be truly missed but always remembered.



Jennifer McDonald - December 27, 2018 at 01:07 AM

RG

“ 3 files added to the album Memories Album



robert geller - December 25, 2018 at 12:15 PM



“ So very sad the hear this news. Leslie was smart, witty and deeply kind. She always made me smile and I will miss her.

Dee Peters - December 24, 2018 at 03:50 PM

SB

I was very sad to hear about my dear friend Leslie. We were Freshmen together at Southwestern University, living on the same dorm floor. We became friends instantly and have remained in contact since our university days. We were sorority sisters together and she always invited me home with her in San Antonio. I will never forget the kindness extended to me by Ruth and Irving when I visited San Antonio. Leslie will always be a legend in our home and I will celebrate her humour, compassion and great sense of humour! Love you Geller! Ding Ding Ding.... Susan 💖🕊

susan barnes - December 25, 2018 at 03:35 AM

RG

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**robert geller** - December 24, 2018 at 10:51 AM

RG

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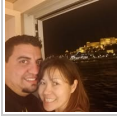
**robert geller** - December 24, 2018 at 10:45 AM

LB

“ To anyone who knew Leslie (Essie) knew what a beautiful selfless person she was. I was fortunate to call her my friend, my sister, my family and Aunt/2nd mother to my fur babies, Buddy and Bella. Her love for her family and friends was visible in everything she did. I don't think I've ever met anyone with a bigger heart 💖. Essie taught me to quilt amongst many other wonderful things and I'm lucky to have several wonderful quilts in my home made by her; but the two I will cherish always is my "Shorty" quilt (yes i was one of the lucky ones to get nicknamed by her) and the "Elephant" quilt she made in memory of my mother who passed away in August 2018. Essie was a huge part of my life and my family's lives. I think Buddy and Bella ("our babies" as she liked to call them) were more excited to see her then they were me....but she had that way with animals, she loved them immensely. I will miss her beautiful laugh and smile, her sense of humor, her love of storytelling, her imagination, our trips to the quilt stores and fabric shopping and our own personal quilt retreats, where no one was invited but me and her.. but most of all I will just miss her. I know my babies will miss her tremendously and their many trips to "Camp Essie." Essie would always say to me, Shorty how did you ever live without me and I'd tell her....I truly don't know..I wish she and I had more time together, but it makes me happy to know that she is at peace and with her mother, father and her Hammie. Thank you Essie for always believing in me and always being there when I needed you. Thank you Tootsie and Bobbie for welcoming me into your family. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your families. I am a better person because of Essie and I will strive to be the person she was. Love and miss you my dear friend, until we meet again . Love you always, your friend Shorty💖 (Lydia Burke).



Lydia "Shorty" Burke - December 23, 2018 at 07:55 PM



*So beautiful!*

**George Aragon** - December 23, 2018 at 09:43 PM

LA

“ *Lester and I were friends for more than 25 years. She had a heart of gold. I remember the fun times we had when we worked at the jail together. Lester was hilarious. I'm sorry I wasn't home when you came to drop off the bags you made for me and Layla. That bag and the quilt you made me will forever be special to me. I will truly miss you. Until we meet again my dear friend.*

**Linda Aguirre** - December 22, 2018 at 09:13 PM



“ *I am thinking of the Geller family and friends during this time. I am one of the lucky ones to have an Essie quilt that has more meaning now and I will cherish forever. Diane (Tootsie) and I are BFF and Essie excepted me as a family member. Rest In Peace my friend* 💕💕

**Sharon Hart** - December 22, 2018 at 07:21 PM

SK

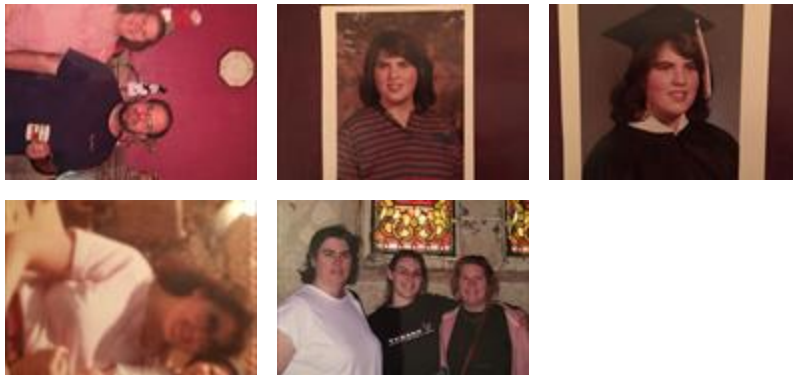
“ Leslie and I first connected over our über dog-momminess! As our friendship grew we shared fun times, good times, and bad times. We shared meals and recipes. We shared many side-splitting, tear-inducing gales of laughter over a good story. I will forever treasure the quilt that Leslie made for my beloved Annie. I find comfort in knowing that Hammie and Leslie are reunited. Leslie left this Earth way too early, but I am grateful for the time that I got to spend with her. 💜 Sandra Keller



Sandra Keller - December 22, 2018 at 02:44 PM

TO

“ 7 files added to the album Leslie Geller



Tootsie - December 22, 2018 at 11:18 AM

TO

“ I'm sitting here wondering if there is anyone left in San Antonio who does not have a quilt made by Essie. I remember a quilt she made for a waitress at Patty's tacos!

Tootsie - December 22, 2018 at 09:20 AM

EF

*She was such a talented woman! Although she never made me anything but she finished a quilt for my Dad that my Grandmother left unfinished for Him. It truly meant the world to my dad Eloy Fernandez. We will forever miss her! ~ love always The Squirt- Erika*

Erika Fernandez - December 27, 2018 at 04:37 PM

PS

“ You will be missed here on earth by all the hearts you’ve touched. Until we meet again my friend. ❤️

Pat Strasburg - December 22, 2018 at 08:12 AM

  
Charles  
Hankins

“ I am in disbelief that this has happened to my friend at such an early age that was in my youth as my neighbor "Essie". My condolences to Big Bob and Tootsie. She always made me laugh and only have fond memories from the past. Her soul reflected a white light due to the help of people with her career, her love for animals (like myself), her quilts, her music, her comedy, and the care/love relationship with her mother "Ruth". The Geller family is Forever in my thoughts and Prayers!

Charles Hankins - December 22, 2018 at 01:21 AM

ML

“ Les...

*I can't believe this. My writing these words to you so unexpectedly to say the least.*

*While here pulling myself together and trying to recall when we last spoke,*

*asides our brief greetings as we passed each other up the hallway.*

*It seems not more than 2 mths ago or so there had been this STRONG tug in my heart to make time to speak with you with more than just a brief greeting.*

*So eventually I made my way into your office altho a busy day. Only the heavens knew why that tugging took place.*

*I am so grateful to have taken that time to speak with you and let you know what a beautiful loving soul you are to me and to our mutual acquaintance. How your sweet loving heart touched not only me but so many others as well...*

*My Love ❤️ to a Beautiful you.*

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**MaryAnn Lozamo** - December 21, 2018 at 10:49 PM

JH

“ There are those that make an immediate impact in your life. People that you instantly connect with and form an undying bond to. Leslie was one of those for me. She was caring, thoughtful, and hilarious. Her laughter was addictive and warming. It wasn't long after I met Leslie at work that she become my work “mother” and I became “snookums” (she enjoyed calling me that- especially in public to embarrass me). I was blessed to have her by my side during those years. She gave me advice, encouragement, and care. She provided me with joy and comfort. Like any good mother would. I will always be thankful for the times I had with Leslie. It hurts knowing I cannot call or text or hear her laugh any longer. However, just like she comforted me in times of need; I am thankful that her one of a kind quilts will always comfort my daughter. And that her spirit will always be a part of me and my journey. Thank you for making the world better for me and my family, Leslie. Thank you for providing joy, laughter, and kindness in my life. I will miss you.

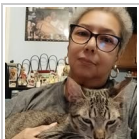


Jake Houze - December 21, 2018 at 10:49 PM

TO

Thanks Jake, I mean Snookums. I have read your post several times already. So comforting

Tootsie - December 22, 2018 at 09:17 AM



“ There are so many great memories. Knowing you 30+ years, we had such a good time. My favorite memory of all, was when we went to work as Holy Cow on Halloween. I will miss my dear friend but will never forget our friendship.

Elizabeth Castro - December 21, 2018 at 10:11 PM

LA

*I will always remember the fun times we had at work at the jail. So many fun memories because you always made me laugh. And how you always wanted me to tell everyone the story of mine and Bob's first date and how long it lasted. You were always such a great friend and I will miss you! Rest In Peace my friend until we meet again.*

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**Linda Aguirre** - December 21, 2018 at 10:27 PM

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**Teresa Geller** - December 21, 2018 at 09:56 PM

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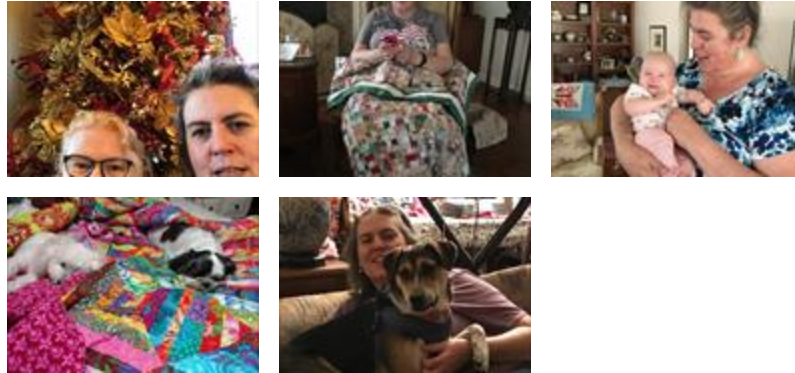


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**Teresa Geller** - December 21, 2018 at 09:51 PM

TO

“ 27 files added to the album Leslie Geller



Tootsie - December 21, 2018 at 09:25 PM

TO

“ 10 files added to the album Leslie Geller



Tootsie - December 21, 2018 at 08:04 PM

JG

“ I remember Essie's laugh and her clever sense of humor. I will miss her.

Julia Gentry - December 21, 2018 at 07:46 PM

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**Bob Aptaker** - December 21, 2018 at 04:52 PM