



Russell D. Hibner

April 6, 1943 - July 7, 2020

Early on the morning of July 07, 2020, Russell (Russ) Hibner left his fierce 16-day battle with Acute Myeloid Leukemia for his new life in heaven with the Lord he served his whole life. He was born in San Antonio as the oldest son of Dale and Alta Hibner. Russ grew up as a military kid which inspired his life-long patriotism and love of the military. In 1966 after serving in the Army in Germany, Russ married the love of his life, Linda. Their love affair spans 54 wonderful years. His diverse career included several years with civil service at Randolph AFB and BAMC, Ft. Sam Houston. Even years later Russ was still talking about his rare privilege of being part of the clerical and personnel support for the first Astronaut teams who were selected and trained at Randolph. Russ transferred to BAMC at the height of the Viet Nam War and considered the personnel and payroll work he did with the wounded soldiers a most sacred duty. In 1991, Russ and Linda took on the adventure of a lifetime as foster parents with Buckner Baptist Benevolences (now Buckner International). Over a nine year period, 50 children were loved, parented, and taught life skills. Russ' dedication to teaching these young people patriotism and service was rewarded when several of the foster children entered the military and enjoyed successful careers. No matter what he did for a living, Russ merged his heart for service and his love of music by directing church choirs. In the years before his retirement in 2010, Russ was facilities director for larger churches in the Houston and Ft. Worth areas. He was a member of First Baptist Church San Antonio where he taught the Homebound Sunday

School Class. Russ will be remembered for being the best husband ever, Super dad for his daughters, Papa deluxe to his grands, and a caring friend to many. He was always bigger than life and enjoyed a good laugh. Russ is predeceased by his parents, Alta and Dale Hibner and his brother Charles Hibner. He is survived by his wife, Linda; daughters and sons-in-law, Laura and Justin Hamilton, Autumn and Scott Hines; grandchildren, Ahna-Allyse and Shaun Driscoll, Quinn Jalbert, and Tanner Hamilton; step-grandchildren, Andrew, Zach, Abby, and Emily Hines; great grandchildren, Lenzy Hohensee and Luca Driscoll; and sisters and brothers-in-law Sharon Dixon, Laura Lee and Chris Ames, Shirley and Rick Little; and numerous nieces and nephews. Private graveside service at Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery. Due to the current Covid-19 health crisis, a Celebration of Russ' Life will be held at a later date. Now it's Russ' turn to "soar on wings like eagles...run and not grow weary, and walk and not be faint."

Cemetery Details

Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery

1520 Harry Wurzbach
San Antonio, TX 78209

Events

Details are pending.

Tribute Wall

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“ Russ and Linda were an integral part of our lives in Kerrville as we attended Motley Hills Baptist Church and then First Baptist Church of Kerrville together when they were fostering so many children. Our lives took different paths but the many memories of fun and laughter, sharing life together as couples with our many trials and joys are indelibly etched in our minds. We loved you both and will miss Russ' wit and your oneness as a couple. But his "light and momentary affliction has now given way to the greater weight of glory" as he will forever be in the Father's house with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. No one can fill the huge hole he left, but we do not grieve as those who have no hope. This blessed hope will sustain you and the family until all of us are together forever as the holy, Christ-like people God planned for us to be before the foundation of the world. That reunion will never again be interrupted.
Tooter and Starr Bowlin

Starr Bowlin - July 11, 2020 at 05:33 PM

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“ The love between my Mom and Dad was one of the most special things I admired!
Always hugging and kissing!



Laura Hamilton - July 11, 2020 at 03:35 PM

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“ Boy did Papa LOVE 💕 being not only a PAPA....but a GREAT GRAND PAPA!



Laura Hamilton (Hibner) - July 11, 2020 at 03:28 PM

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“ Certain items to make me think of my dad...
His fur babies and his love and passion of all animals, his Service to our country and his patriotic passion, his green thumb, his wind chimes, grand father clocks, his great grand children and his love for Superman.
He is and will always be my Super Hero!!



Laura Hamilton (Hibner) - July 11, 2020 at 03:16 PM

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Laura Hamilton (Hibner) - July 11, 2020 at 03:03 PM

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Such Godly JOY in his smiles!

Ann Gramling - July 15, 2020 at 12:40 PM

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“ My dad was the greatest man. The best father any daughter could have. Almost 20 years ago, I was also blessed to have my Dad marry my husband and I. He was a FANTASTIC Papa to Ahna-Allyse, Quinn and Tanner. But I believe that becoming a Great Grand Papa was even more of a blessing!



Laura Hamilton (Hibner) - July 11, 2020 at 02:54 PM

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“ My heart goes out to all of Russ' family. I pray God's peace and comfort for each of you at this time and that God will give you strength to get through this day and the days ahead. Cherish the memories. God bless.
Doris Alexander

DORIS DINGER ALEXANDER - July 11, 2020 at 06:13 AM

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“ I am so grateful that God blessed me with such a wonderful Godly man for my dad. I love him so much and I miss him dearly. I am very blessed that last year he walked me down the aisle and he officiated my wedding. I can't imagine life without him!! My heart is hurting so much. He was an awesome dad and I thank God for blessing me and my sister with him and my mom!!



Autumn Hines - July 10, 2020 at 08:52 PM