



## Major Russell Paxton

October 3, 1930 - October 24, 2023

Russell Paxton was born October 3, 1930; the youngest son of Huntley and Honor Paxton. He went to the arms of Jesus on October 24, 2023. He is the beloved husband and heart of his wife, Mary “Joy” Paxton, who survives him. He is also survived and grieved by their children, Pamela Wagner (Shon), Tonya Carroll, Heather Paxton, and Andrew Paxton; grandchildren, Sean Wagner (Tandi), Susan Wagner Ashworth (Shawn), Ian Paxton Carroll (Jen), and Jacob Melnick; great-grandchildren, Ben Ashworth, Zach Ashworth (Hayli), Brandon Wagner, Madalynn Ashworth, Jameson Ashworth, Clayton Wagner, Cayden Wagner, Harper Carroll; great-great grandchild, Violet Ashworth; Charles Tanner, beloved God child of Andrew; and sister, Yvonne Keenan. He was preceded in death by his parents; his brothers, Len, Donald, Geoffrey; his sister, Jean Schwank; his brother-in-law, Ron Keenan; and great-granddaughter, Mackenzie Ashworth. Russell served in the British military and later as Major (Ret.), Essex and Kent Scottish Regiment. He was also a Freemason. Though born in in England, Russell became a proud American in September 1980. He was a member of Sunrise Baptist Church in Kerrville, Texas, whose pastor is his son-in-law. Russell (Poppa) is loved deeply by his wife, family and friends, and will be missed by those who were blessed enough to know him. His memory and legacy will live on forever in the hearts of his family and friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Mission Burial Park South

1700 SE Military Dr.  
San Antonio, TX 78214  
<http://www.missionparks.com>

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

OCT **27**. 1:30 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Major Russell Paxton.* ”



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October 27, 2023 at 08:43 AM

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“ When I was about 8-9, Daddy took me, Tonya, and our brothers to see *Star Wars!* It was such a great movie!! Another time we were in the van and the radio was on a disco station that was playing the most repetitive an lying song ever. I think Tonya was with us. I can't remember where we were going but there were no other stations in the area that came in clearly except the disco radio station. Finally he saw a McDonald's sign and got off at the next exit. For the rest of the day we laughed at the song.

He was very particular on what I was allowed to watch on TV. He was very strict and he did not budge ever on his decision. I was and still am prone to nightmares and night terrors. You can see why. There were even a couple *Little House on the Prairie* Episodes that as we were watching, he and Honey must have thought the same thing because they shut the TV off. So one Saturday afternoon, one of the boys had been watching by something and did not turn the TV off. It only took a few minutes for one of my parents or it could have been Tonya, to realize that I should. not be seeing this show. Well, however long I saw those huge spiders climbing out of a box on a plane, it was long enough for my imagination, even in my sleep, to think Tony's hand that briefly touched my arm was a huge spider. Yup, I started screaming and crying in my sleep. Yup. I woke the entire family up. Yes, I wanted my daddy. He was the one who could calm me down the fastest.

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Heather K Paxton - October 27, 2023 at 12:33 AM

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“ Phyllis Trolinger purchased the *Fiery Lily and Rose* for the family of Major Russell Paxton.



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Phyllis Trolinger - October 26, 2023 at 07:26 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Major Russell Paxton.

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October 26, 2023 at 10:07 AM



“ Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Major Russell Paxton.



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