



Russell Clarence Rittimann

March 2, 1951 - May 5, 2021

Russell Clarence Rittimann joined his Lord on May 5, 2021 in San Antonio, Texas. He was born on March 2, 1951 in Kerrville, Texas to Clarence W. Rittimann and Doris Lowrance. In 1975, he married his wife of 45 years. Together they made a home and welcomed two sons into the family. Russell was employed as an Electrical Engineer with Southwest Research Institute for 39 years until his retirement. Among his many hobbies and interests were Lionel toy train collecting and building Shelby race cars. Russell is survived by his beloved wife of 45 years, Becky Shook Rittimann; sons, Jordan Rittimann (Katy) and Jacob Rittimann; brother, Thomas Rittimann; grandsons, Waylon and Wyatt Rittimann. He was preceded in death by his parents; and his sister, Kathy Rittimann. A Memorial Service will be held on Wednesday, May 12, 2021 at 10:00am at Mission Park Funeral Chapels North. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Hill Country Youth Ranch for Boys, 3522 Junction Hwy, Ingram, TX 78025

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

MISSION PARK FUNERAL CHAPELS NORTH
3401 CHERRY RIDGE DR.
SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS 78230
(210) 349-1414

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAY 12. 10:00 AM (CT)

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

Tribute Wall



“ *Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemeteries created a Tribute Video in memory of Russell Clarence Rittimann*



Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemetery - May 11, 2021 at 08:09 AM

TH

“ *Sue and I were deeply saddened to hear the news of Russ' passing. I first started working with Russ over 15 years ago. We worked on projects, travelled and had common interests such as 'Choo Choo' Trains and Cars. Russ was a friend of big gestures but sometimes it's the little things that come to mind at a time like this. I recall how Russ got the humorous Becky eye roll when he pointedly introduced me as a fellow 'train guy'. Russ loved that crab cake house we went to in Baltimore. And the countless 'life tips' he generously shared about home repairs. Yes, I learned and benefited a lot from Russ' friendship and value and appreciate every bit of it. Words cannot express our sense of loss.*

*You and your family are in our thoughts
Todd and Sue Hornsby*

Todd and Sue Hornsby - May 13, 2021 at 05:07 PM

AA

“ *Becky and Family:*
I met Russ through our shared hobby of building Cobra kit cars. With him being in TX and me being in MN we never got to formally meet. Over the past 5 years though we have shared a lot of emails...usually me asking for advice and help. Russ was always there for me offering help and advice and even sending parts and a custom made VIN plate that he made for me when I purchased my car. Even though I offered to pay him for those parts he never took payment...he was just passionate about helping others. He was such as positive influence and such as kind help. What a wonderful legacy.
My thoughts and prayers have been on Russ and on your family in this difficult time and will continue to be. God bless.
Aaron Arvig, MN

Aaron Arvig - May 12, 2021 at 12:19 PM

ML

“ *Becky and family,*
We are so saddened to hear the news about Russ' passing and offer our sincere sympathies to all of you. We wish the best for you as you grieve and go through this difficult time. Our heartfelt thoughts and prayers to you and your family.
Janet and Mike Lewis

Michael Lewis - May 11, 2021 at 09:14 PM

HR

“ *Harry & Janyce Rittimann purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Russell Clarence Rittimann.*



Harry & Janyce Rittimann - May 11, 2021 at 11:41 AM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Russell Clarence Rittimann.*



May 11, 2021 at 09:43 AM



“ *Scott & Peggy Nickel & family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Russell Clarence Rittimann.*



Scott & Peggy Nickel & family - May 10, 2021 at 10:11 PM

BR

“ *Becky and family,*

We were saddened to hear the news, and our thoughts and prayers are with you. I worked with Russ for 33 of his 38 years at SwRI, and he was always great to work with. He became my boss not long after I started there, and I worked with him on a number of his projects. His calm demeanor and easy-going attitude often came in handy with customers, and complemented well, his desire to get things done, and get them done right.

He was always willing to answer questions from his Electrician days, and provided experience that not all of us EEs get, and never made you feel bad for asking. He was always a pleasure to work with, and we've missed him since he retired. Our hearts go out to you all during this time.

Bob and Jennifer Robison

Bob and Jennifer Robison - May 10, 2021 at 08:07 PM

NS

“ *Becky and family,*

We are so sorry for your loss, but revel in the fact that Russ is in a better place waiting for us.

Russ was a mentor, friend, colleague, and simply enjoyed life. We traveled the US and world together and it was always a great experience.

His dedication and attention to work was only exceeded by his dedication and attention to his family. He loved his many hobbies, fully engaged in them and evangelized many others to do the same. When ever we would go to DC we always had to stop at the train store in Union Station. (The truth is I enjoyed it too and looked forward to the excursion).

God bless you and the entire family at this time of grieving and please let us know if there's anything we can do to help.

Nils Smith and Tricia Cruz

Nils Smith - May 10, 2021 at 04:36 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Russell Clarence Rittimann.*



May 10, 2021 at 04:01 PM

SS

“ *Becky and Family,*

Russ and I worked together for 30 years at Southwest Research Institute. He was my manager and mentor for many of those years. Russ was a passionate, kind hearted, fun loving, Christian man who strived to do the right thing in all circumstances for all those around him. I always enjoyed working with Russ and spending time with him on travel and at Don Mahoney's Ranch.

I can remember that lots of beer and beans and "Bambi sausage" were consumed at the Ranch. That made for some "musical" nights.

In addition to his many other passions, when Russ was a teenager, he loved the excitement of riding his Yamaha 250 off road motocross motorcycle. One day he took off over a jump, flat out in top gear, with the engine wide open. It was the farthest he had ever flown and he was delighted.

So I can just see him now, tearing around the Pearly Gates, raising a ruckus, on his dirt bike.

God Bless you Russ. Thanks for all the wonderful memories. When we next meet, we will hop on our dirt bikes and you can show me the trails.

Steve and Ellen Saulnier

Steve Saulnier - May 10, 2021 at 01:47 PM

RR

“ *Becky and family,
We were deeply saddened to hear about Russ. Having known him over 35 years was something special. We met through the Train Collectors Association and had many great visits at the train meets. He was always upbeat and fun to be with. He knew his trains and enjoyed sharing his knowledge. Russ' big smile and friendly handshake will be missed. Russ will bring much enjoyment to heaven, everyone will know the history of Lionel trains. God Bless you and your family with peace and hope.
Warmest Regards, Robin and Monette Reblin*

Robin D. Reblin - May 10, 2021 at 12:59 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Russell Clarence Rittimann.*



May 10, 2021 at 12:46 PM

KR

“ *Becky and family,*

We send our deepest sympathies. Russ was a great friend and colleague and he will be deeply missed. I worked with Russ through the years at SwRI, and I have very good memories of the many business trips he and I made together to D.C., Charleston and Nashua, N.H. Russ had a strong positive influence on my career at SwRI. Some of my best memories were eating lobster with Russ at the Lobster Boat in Nashua. Please let us know if you need anything.

*Regards,
Ken and Sherry Roberson*

Ken and Sherry Robeson - May 10, 2021 at 10:50 AM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Russell Clarence Rittimann.*



May 10, 2021 at 10:42 AM

HT

“ *Hoar Construction (Uvalde Memorial Hospital Team) purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Russell Clarence Rittimann.*



Hoar Construction (Uvalde Memorial Hospital Team) - May 10, 2021 at 10:32 AM



“ *Heartfelt Memories was purchased for the family of Russell Clarence Rittimann.*



May 09, 2021 at 08:53 PM



“ *Becky and family we are so sorry for your loss. I feel like I have known Russ forever because I have. Over 30 years. Hard to believe it has been that long. We met collecting trains but that was only the beginning. We raised pigs together with our kids in O'Conner FFA , played softball against each other in the Church League at Braun Hall. Next it was on to playing baseball against each other in the Men's Senior Baseball League. Finally we became teammates on the Pirates. Great times for sure. All of these events created great memories and I might add also included a cold beer or two along the way. Russ I valued our friendship and enjoyed our time together and will miss you. Heaven has gained an angel. Rest in peace. With love, Ron and Louise Raab*

Ron and Louise Raab - May 08, 2021 at 10:39 AM

BK

“ Our dear friend Russ Rittimann was a man filled with tremendous pride. He was extremely proud of his lovely and devoted wife and truly appreciated what their love meant over close to a half century. He was proud that his two sons had matured into such fine young men of the highest integrity and loved his grandchildren. He was proud that he was a self made man who worked his way through Engineering school and entered into a very successful career with the Southwest Research Institute . During his career he was intimately involved with many top secret projects for the increased security of his beloved United States. He was proud to be a faithful member of the Lutheran Church and was proud of his many talents that let him enjoy hunting, fishing, building cars, repairing model trains , fixing everything at home and travel. He had a "can do" attitude about any challenge and knew that his engineering mind could overcome them. Finally, we are proud to have been able to be close friends and travelling companions with Russ and Becky. Godspeed! Love, Bruce and Geri Koehler

Bruce Koehler - May 07, 2021 at 11:11 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Russell Clarence Rittimann.



May 07, 2021 at 10:38 PM

AN

“ My warm and sincere heart felt feelings are sent to the family. Shook you were my liaison to know Russ and even in our limited times together it was so obvious just how genuine and kind a person he was. I know days will be up and down but I’m here if you or the family needs me. I’m not that far away. Russ drive it like you stole it until we can join you!

Andy Mc Nally - May 07, 2021 at 08:11 PM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Russell Clarence Rittimann.



May 07, 2021 at 02:23 PM



“ Tranquil Seas was purchased for the family of Russell Clarence Rittimann.



May 07, 2021 at 12:52 AM



“ Divine Light was purchased for the family of Russell Clarence Rittimann.



May 06, 2021 at 06:47 PM

GH

“ *Driving in our Cobras to Luckenbach in July. I think the temp was around 104. We got there all drenched in sweat and decided right there and then that no cobra drives in temperature above 95. Amy and i will miss our breakfast runs. Until we meet again my friend.*

*MSG (R) Gregg and Amy Herdlitchka
New Braunfels, TX*

Gregg Herdlitchka - May 06, 2021 at 06:42 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Russell Clarence Rittimann.*



May 06, 2021 at 06:40 PM