



Russell Tracy Jr.

January 31, 1943 - January 25, 2017

Russell J. Tracy, Jr. (Butch) went home to the Lord on Wednesday, January 25, 2017. Born January 31, 1943 to Russell Joseph Tracy, Sr. and Betty Sommers, in Fairmont City, Illinois. Russ was married to the love of his life, Leonarda Cascio Tracy, on June 4, 1988. They spent over 28 years loving, laughing, and exploring life together. Every 5 years, they renewed their vows to honor their commitment and love for each other. In their wedding ceremony, Father Joseph said if this marriage is blessed with a child, that child will be an outward symbol of their love for each other. On November 26, 1996, they were blessed with a beautiful daughter, Katie Lenn, who is now a Junior at St. Mary's University studying Marketing. Russ also has two older accomplished children, Lisa Dionne Gilleland married to William for 29 years. Their marriage was blessed with 3 musical and beautiful daughters: Jessica Loren, and twins Chandler Jane, and Megan Anne. His son is a preacher in Johnson City, Russell J. Tracy, III married to Dee Bolin for 21 years. They also have three god-loving and talented children Russell J. Tracy IV (RJ), Kendall James, and Chelsea Jean.

Butch enjoyed being with his family in the great outdoors as they would frequently go RV camping, jet-skiing, and sightseeing. He loved the rare opportunities when he could visit with his brothers and sisters who live out of state. Butch was a proud US Navy Veteran and served as a Signaller on the USS Holder DD819. He was the ultimate muscle car and drag racing enthusiast. In addition to working at S&S Distributors, Eckerd Drug Company

and Northside ISD, Butch's passion led him to work for 3 auto parts companies, Chief Auto, NAPA, and O'Reilly's Auto. He enjoyed this work tremendously and through his great analytical skills, he could flip the operation into a profit center.

Butch had several church families through the years, but his favorites were with the members of Oxford United Methodist Church and St. Matthews Catholic Church where he made lasting friendships.

Some of the most fun we had in recent years was cheering for the athletes at Business Careers/Holmes High School where Katie played Volleyball for the Huskies. Butch and Leonarda attended football, basketball and some baseball games because it was easy to cheer for this great group of kids.

Visitation will be on Tuesday, February 7 from 6:00 to 8:00PM at Mission Park North at 3401 Cherry Ridge. Funeral Mass is Wednesday, February 8, 10:00AM at St. Matthews Catholic Church, visitors welcome at 9:00AM.

Interment at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery with full military honors. Lunch will follow at St. Matthew's Parish Hall. In lieu of flowers, a memorial fund has been created in Butch's honor at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. http://giftfunds.stjude.org/Russell_Tracy_Jr.

Cemetery Details

Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery

1520 Harry Wurzbach
San Antonio, TX 78209

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 7. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

Rosary

FEB 7. 7:00 PM (CT)

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San Antonio, TX 78230
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<https://www.missionparks.com/>

Funeral Mass

FEB 8. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Matthew Catholic Church
10703 Wurzbach Rd
San Antonio, TX 78230

Reception

FEB 8. 12:30 PM (CT)

St. Matthew Catholic Church
10703 Wurzbach Rd
San Antonio, TX 78230

Tribute Wall

SM

“ I met Russ and Leo while I worked in Dallas with them at Chief Auto Parts. Leo was/is such a bubbly person and Russ would just shake his head every time she came up with an idea no one could believe would be implemented.....but they always were! He loved her so much and she simply adored and believed in him 100%. We shared so many good times together. One everlasting memory, which Leo will picture in her mind forever, was when Russ couldn't pick up a chair when bent over it at a 90 degree angle. He tried so hard and couldn't do it because men and women have different centers of gravity. He was not happy! You see he was a winner....no challenge too great. I also remember when he went to race car driving school and Leo framed the photo of him so happy in his race car in Florida. He was a man's man but Leo had him wrapped around her little finger. She would propose something and he would exclaim "Leo, are you nuts?" Then we would all laugh because she was simply nuts about him. I cried tears of happiness at their wedding in Monroe, LA. I will miss him dearly. I love you, Leo. Your purse story always made me laugh, especially when you imitated me!

Sonia

Sonia McLaughlin - February 14, 2017 at 02:38 PM

PE

“ paul elbayeh purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Russell Tracy Jr..



paul elbayeh - February 07, 2017 at 07:53 PM

CH

“ I count myself blessed to have been accepted into your family. Thank you for all the love and support you gave to me over the years. You are missed. - Cari


Cari Hartman - February 07, 2017 at 04:18 PM

CH

“ Cari Hartman lit a candle in memory of Russell Tracy Jr.



Cari Hartman - February 07, 2017 at 04:14 PM

 Christopher Onesty

“ Russ you will be missed. I liked working with you at NAPA. I lost track of you I wished I hadn't. You were a great guy. I'm sorry we didn't get to race together. Now you're racing with the angels, you are in great company. Someday I hope to see you again. Chris Onesty

Christopher Onesty - February 06, 2017 at 08:14 PM

DW

“ Butch was a great husband, father and friend. It was a privilege and honor to be friends with Butch and Leo. Butch will be missed.



Donna Wehrheim - February 06, 2017 at 06:50 PM

BH

“ *In Memory of my Uncle Butch...Brent*



Brent M. Harrison - February 05, 2017 at 01:39 PM

SS

“ *As a past officer of Oakland Estates Neighborhood Association, he was a stalwart defender of his beautiful neighborhood that he shared with his family and many friends. I admired his determination when I saw him on his health walks on our wooded streets. He will be missed.*

Sue Snyder

Sue Snyder - February 04, 2017 at 03:52 PM

FK

“ *Father John Kennedy lit a candle in memory of Russell Tracy Jr.*



Father John Kennedy - February 04, 2017 at 03:37 AM

FK

“ *My deepest condolences and assurances of prayers.*
Father John Kennedy

Father John Kennedy - February 04, 2017 at 03:36 AM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Russell Tracy Jr..*



February 04, 2017 at 01:07 AM



“ *It has been quite a while since I saw Butch or his family but I always remember him laughing and having a great time at Thanksgiving and family reunions. You will be missed by all who knew you! Tom Moran*

tom moran - February 03, 2017 at 09:09 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Russell Tracy Jr..*



February 03, 2017 at 09:23 AM



“ *Russ was a good man who loved all of his family. He was always ready to help a family member, neighbor, or friend. He served our country in the Navy and was very honorable, patriotic, and a man of good character. He will be missed.*

Annette Olmsted - February 03, 2017 at 09:00 AM