



## Thomas Franklin Lutz

January 2, 1937 - August 19, 2025

Thomas Franklin Lutz joined his Lord on August 19, 2025 in San Antonio, Texas. Mr. Lutz is survived by his loving wife of 60 years, Trudy Lutz; son, Larry Lutz (Natalie); daughters, Christine Thomas (Blake) and Stephanie Smith (Harlan); grandchildren, Kathleen Allen, Nicole Chavez (Marcus), Shawn Smith, Jason Tyler Rose, Lauren Thomas, Christopher Thomas, Allison Lutz, and Cooper Lutz, and great granddaughter, Brighton Chavez. He is additionally survived by his sisters Frances Neugebauer, Geraldine Gueldner (John), Virginia Shannon, and sister-in-law Phyllis Lutz, plus numerous nieces and nephews.

Thomas is preceded in death by siblings Clayton Lutz, Rita Mecke (Robert), Marjorie Eckert (Charles), Milton Lutz (Beatrice), Barbara Gittinger (Ted) and brother-in-law Arthur Neugebauer.

Thomas was born on January 2, 1937 to Milton Emerick Lutz and Josephine Mary Rihn Lutz, the sixth of nine children. He attended St. Ann Catholic School and Central Catholic High School where he enjoyed playing baseball and basketball. He continued to be a sports fan his whole life and played softball into his 40s.

After graduation, Tom enlisted in the US Navy where he served our country for two years. Following his time in the military, Tom attended college and

graduated from the University of Texas at Austin with a Bachelor of Business Administration. Tom remained a lifelong Longhorn fan. Hook'em!

Following graduation, Tom put his business degree to work for a local mortgage company in the field of lending and property management where he worked for many years. During this time, Tom was lucky enough to have been invited to a church dance by his sister, where he met his bride, Trudy. He knew she was the one and proposed to her on the third date! Tom and Trudy were blessed to have celebrated their diamond anniversary this year with 60 years!

In addition to being a skilled businessman, Tom was also a gifted carpenter and craftsman. There really wasn't much he couldn't fix! In 1978, Tom struck out on his own and established Lutz Construction Company. Here, he was able to turn his passion of working with his hands into a more personally satisfying career.

Tom had a deep love of family and friends and enjoyed connecting with them at church festivals, family reunions and the American Legion. It is said that he was often the last one to leave, always having one more story to share before saying goodbye! Tom was also an avid fan of the outdoors, particularly hunting and fishing. He looked forward to spending time at deer camp with lifelong friends where there were always plenty of tales of the big one that got away. Tom enjoyed eating what he hunted and was famously skilled at making deer sausage. Through the years he passed this skill down to his kids and grandkids, making it a family tradition. The grandkids knew they were in for a real treat when Grandpa Tom took out his pocket knife and started slicing up his dried deer sausage!

Tom enjoyed a full life of 88 years, and though he will surely be missed, his legacy lives on in the hearts of his family and friends.

Services will be held at St Luke Catholic Church on September 9 with a Rosary at 9:30 followed by a Funeral Mass at 10:00.

For personal acknowledgement, please sign the online guestbook at [www.missionparks.com](http://www.missionparks.com) in the Tributes section.

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# Cemetery Details

## Holy Cross Cemetery

17501 Nacogdoches Rd.  
San Antonio, TX 78266  
(210) 651-6011

# Previous Events

## Rosary

SEP 9. 9:30 AM (CT)

St. Luke Catholic Church  
4603 Manitou Drive  
San Antonio, TX 78228

## Funeral Mass

SEP 9. 10:00 AM (CT)

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4603 Manitou Drive  
San Antonio, TX 78228

## Graveside Service

SEP 10. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

MM

“ Tommy was a great man, gonna miss discussing sports with him at American Legion Post 300. Condolences & prayers from the Murray Family.



Michael Murray - September 08, 2025 at 04:57 PM

LC

“ Lillie Smith, Ruth, Tim and Candyce purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Thomas Franklin Lutz.



Lillie Smith, Ruth, Tim and Candyce - September 05, 2025 at 06:17 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Thomas Franklin Lutz.



September 04, 2025 at 09:19 PM

LC

“ My condolences to Tommy’s family. I always enjoyed talking to him. He was a great guy and true craftsman.  
Larry Coleman

Larry Coleman - September 03, 2025 at 02:48 PM

CB

“ Aunt Trudy, Christine, Larry, Stephanie and Family,

*Our hearts grieve with you, and we are lifting all you up in prayer. Our Uncle Tom is so dearly loved and cherished, and he touched so many lives in so many different ways throughout his life. Those memories will remain in our hearts forever, but God also gave him a rare gift that anyone could just sit and talk with him endlessly, and he would listen and share in his kind and gentle way, his experience, knowledge, and give honest advice that reflected his genuine love and care for you.....a heart of gold!!! What a blessing and we will so miss you Uncle Tom. God has called you home and what a legacy you have left which will live on forever through your loving and beautiful family!*

*With sympathy and love,*

*Mike and Cindy Baker*

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**Cindy Baker** - August 23, 2025 at 03:35 PM