



## Dennis Lee Leitko

July 14, 1953 - August 17, 2021

Dennis Leitko, 68, passed away from cancer in the early hours of Tuesday, August 17, 2021 at his residence in Willis Texas. He was born July 14, 1953 in Austin Texas, the son of Martin John “Mike” Leitko and Lois Frieda Leitko. Dennis grew up in the Spring area and later graduated from Bryan High School, Class of 1973. Following graduation, he worked as an auto mechanic for many years in the Bryan and Spring areas. Throughout his life, his pride and joy were his two sons Wesley Cade Leitko and Austin Roy Leitko. In 2010, he met and married his present wife, Kathy (Waller) Leitko, who has two daughters, Leena Waller Felter and Velma Waller Gibbens and husband Clinton.

Dennis was known for his generous heart and kind spirit, always ready to make a new friend, lend a helping hand, and his humor would bring laughter and happiness to everyone. He was a brilliant mechanic, skilled gardener, and an avid fisherman and hunter. He was a faithful servant and active member of Abundant Life Church, where he especially loved to volunteer his time with the antique car show fundraiser.

Dennis is predeceased by his parents, Mike and Lois. He is survived by his wife Kathy, his siblings Michael Dean Leitko and wife Margaret, Martin John “Johnny” Leitko Jr., and Cheryl Theresa Leitko and husband Vernon Wattles, his sons Cade Leitko and wife Erin, Austin Leitko and wife Kara, their mother Melinda Jeringan and husband Jimmie, his grandchildren Garrett, Ellie, Hadley, Everly, two step grandchildren, Jason and Rowan, and numerous

extended family and friends.

Family will receive friends from 6:00 pm till 8:00 pm on Friday, August 20th at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral in Willis, Texas. Funeral services will be held at 10:00 am on Saturday, August 21st in the Chapel of Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home in Willis, Texas. Interment will follow at Smith Memorial Park.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that remembrances be made to the Abundant Life Church Building Fund online at [www.abundantlifewillis.org](http://www.abundantlifewillis.org) or by mail to ALC, PO Box 1603, Willis, TX 77378.

Memorial condolences may be made to the family at [shmfh.com](http://shmfh.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Smith Memorial Park

10129 FM 1097 Rd W  
Willis, TX 77318

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 20. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Willis  
10129 FM 1097 Rd. W  
Willis, TX 77318

## Funeral Service

AUG 21. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Willis  
10129 FM 1097 Rd. W  
Willis, TX 77318

# Tribute Wall

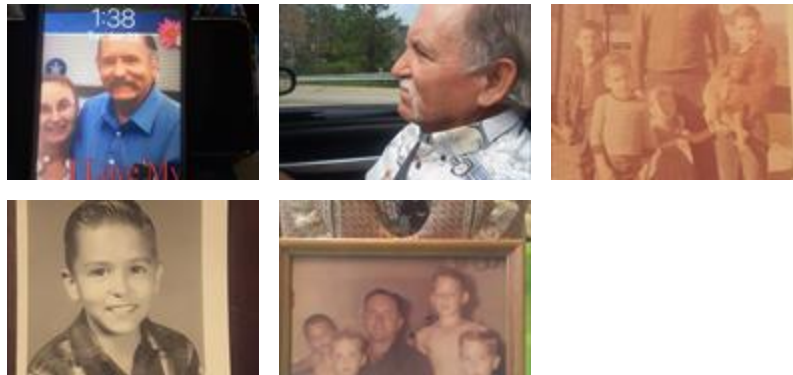


“ *Dennis Lee Leitko*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *15 files added to the album My brother Dennis Lee Leitko*



**Cheryl Leitko** - September 05, 2021 at 03:16 PM



“ *Mr. Dennis was such a good friend, he was always there to talk to. I loved living by him. I'll always cherish our times together just sitting around and talking, sharing our stories with one another. My heart is sad for the whole family, the peace I find is knowing he is with our Lord Jesus Christ waiting for our arrival and it will only be a blink of an eye. My family and I loved this man so much words can't describe and will surely miss him for the time we are left here on this planet until we meet again in heaven. May God bless the whole family and we are praying for you. We love you Dennis "Look Out".*

**Andrew Paschke** - August 20, 2021 at 10:50 PM

DD

“ Daniel Stavinoha....."Mr Dan" purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Dennis Lee Leitko.



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Daniel Stavinoha....."Mr Dan" - August 20, 2021 at 02:32 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dennis Lee Leitko.



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August 19, 2021 at 09:31 AM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Dennis Lee Leitko.



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August 18, 2021 at 03:53 PM

BP

“ I've known Dennis since he first got out of High School. As it has been said, he was an awesome mechanic. He had a 51 Ford pickup that he restored that was cool. I have always liked that body style and whenever I see one, I am reminded of Dennis. I attended his bachelor party...way back then! We hung around some after that. I stopped by to visit him at work one day and he had the most beautiful gold Labrador puppy. I don't know where he got it but he asked me if I wanted to buy it. I did, for \$10, and it was the best dog I ever had. It was my daughter's first dog. I see a gold lab, I think of mine, and where I got it. When he moved from the area, the distance hindered our seeing each other. Even with that we had a couple of short visits, in person and on the phone, recently getting to reacquaint. Dennis will never be forgotten in my mind and heart. If you look in the dictionary for the definition of a good guy, it will read, "See Dennis Leitko"! He was funny, witty and an absolute pleasure to be associated with. Rest in peace, my brother!

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**Bennie Pate** - August 18, 2021 at 02:06 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Dennis Lee Leitko.



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August 18, 2021 at 12:32 PM

CL

“ I wanted to thank Dennis' wife, Kathy, for diligently being there for him throughout his entire cancer battle. Dennis loved her very, very much. I know your heart is broken but, he is with God now and no longer in pain. You were married to my brother for nearly 8 yrs., And you are part of our family too. I am here for you Kathy, if you need anything, even a shoulder to cry on, or to share happy memories. Our family loves you very, very much.  
Your sister-in-law, Cheryl Leitko 🤍🙏

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**Cheryl Leitko** - August 18, 2021 at 09:27 AM

AB

“ Angela Billnoski lit a candle in memory of  
Dennis Lee Leitko



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**angela billnoski** - August 18, 2021 at 05:56 AM

AB

*Prayers to Melinda and her family*

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**angela billnoski** - August 18, 2021 at 05:58 AM

ML

“ Dennis always had such a good heart. It seemed that he always would think of others before himself.  
There were some rough times in his life, but there were also many good things that came from his life.  
He loved his sons, & their families ... the grandkids that became his pride & joy.  
You could always talk with him about “his boys” & there was never any doubt of how proud he was of them, and how much they meant to him. How much he loved them, & their families!  
They took very good care of Dennis, especially during this final portion of his life, & I am so proud of them as well.  
Dennis, for the rest of my life, you will always be in my heart , & we'll be together again someday. All of us, in God's love.  
Love you always,  
Mike

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**Mike Leitko** - August 17, 2021 at 11:37 PM

CL

“ Being Dennis' only sister, I was the lucky one because, Mom always made sure the 3 brothers looked over their little sister. I will truly miss my brother Dennis, until we meet again, in Heaven. My brother loved his boys, Cade and Austin, and their families, and they helped take care of their Dad. I'm so proud of them both. Rest in Peace to my dear brother, your Dad, Dennis. I'll always love him and miss him.

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**Cheryl Leitko** - August 17, 2021 at 06:02 PM

LF

Leonard & I send our thoughts & prayers to all the family !!!! We would love to be with all of you Friday but due to COVID surging again & now the breakthrough cases happening we have decided we better not come out. We are fully vaccinated but Leonard is considered high risk due to his health problems so we're not going out much. We send our love to all of you.....

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**Leonard & Sandra Finke** - August 19, 2021 at 11:32 PM