

Justin Alphonzo “Al” Shaffer Jr.

Justin Alphonzo “Al” Shaffer Jr. of Leander, Texas, passed away on January 28, 2025. Al is preceded in death by his parents: Marjorie Martin and Justin Alphonzo Shaffer Sr.; brother, John William Shaffer and niece, Wendy Kay Rother. He is survived by his loving wife of 62 years, Bonnie Ferrell Shaffer; children: Richard Ferrell Shaffer (Tamara) and John Henry Shaffer (Jo); grandchildren: Melissa Lin Welch (Josh), Justin Logan Shaffer (Brittany), Sarah Lin Shaffer, and Alison Reagan Shaffer; great-grandchildren: Cameron Adam Welch and William Carter Shaffer; sister-in-law, Barbara McKnight; nephew, Keith McKnight; nieces: Karen Taylor, Marjorie Taylor, Mary Jo Shaffer, Michelle Zoeller and Shari Dinkens, and close friend Charles McKee.

Al was born in Kyle, Texas, and always enjoyed his journey through life. He attended Baker Elementary School, graduated from McCallum High School, and later obtained an associate’s degree from Central Texas College. He proudly served in the U.S Navy and worked for the City of Austin Electric Department, before moving on to a career in law enforcement. Al served with the Austin Police Department, Williamson County Sheriff’s Office and U.S Marshal’s Office. He received many awards during his career, including Rookie of the Year with the Austin Police Department.

Al was a longtime resident of Texas, living in the Shipe Park neighborhood of Austin and eventually settling in Leander. He enjoyed sports, wood whittling and various building projects. Al was a lifelong member of the Hillcrest Baptist and Crystal Lake Baptist Churches and enjoyed his participation in the Texas Baptist Men Retiree Builders. Visitation will take place on Thursday, February 6, 2025, from 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. at Beck Funeral Home, 1700 E. Whitestone Blvd., Cedar Park, TX 78613, and Friday, February 7, 2025, from 9:30 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. at Hillcrest Baptist Church, 3838 Steck Ave., Austin, TX 78759, followed immediately by a funeral service at 10 a.m. Burial will take place following the funeral service at Johnson City Masonic Cemetery, 615 Nugent Ave. (Spur 356), Johnson City, TX 78636. Pallbearers: Justin Logan Shaffer, Cody Giles, Keith McKnight, Jerry Zoeller, Josh Welch and Thomas Dinkens. Honorary Pallbearer: Charles McKee.

“Well done, my good and faithful servant. You have been faithful in handling this small amount, so now I will give you many more responsibilities. Let’s celebrate together!”
Matthew 25:21