



## Carl Lee Butler

January 19, 1947 - November 28, 2015

Carl Lee Butler of Willcox died November 28, 2015 at his home at the age of 68. He was born in Casa Grande, Arizona on January 19, 1947 to Austin Elzo Butler and Elsie Irene Earls Butler. Carl served in the United States Air Force and re-enlisted with the United States Navy where he was an Air Traffic Controller and then became a Navy Recruiter. Carl retired from the Navy as an E-5. He was a member of the Moose Lodge and American Legion. Survivors include his son Troy Butler of Anchorage, Alaska and his daughter Tracee Ames of Globe, Arizona and his grandchildren Wyatt Ames, Caitlyn Ames and Alenna Butler. Carl's sisters Patsy Arthur of Willcox and Nancy Heiden of Oklahoma also survive him. Preceding him in death were his parents and a sister. Family Services were held. Cremation entrusted to Westlawn Chapel, Mortuary and Crematory of Willcox, Arizona. You may express condolences at [www.westlawnchapelmortuary.com](http://www.westlawnchapelmortuary.com)

# Cemetery Details

## **Westlawn Crematory**

105 S. Arizona Ave.  
Willcox, AZ 85643

# Tribute Wall



“ *Carl Lee Butler*

January 30, 2023 at 12:50 AM



“ *To my dad we lost you on Nov 28 2015 a day which will forever break my heart. I am glad you are with loved ones tell them all I said hi and I miss each and everyone . They say they you are in a better place , I say Bullshit the better place for you is here with us , am I being selfish god dam right I am I loved you so much and I proud to call you my dad. I wish I could have gotten there sooner to see your face and here you speak one more time. I want to tell you I love you and I respect you for who you are . You have touched so many lives and made them better by just being there and making them laugh I got my sense of humor from you that's for sure. I will never forget our road trips together, shooting pool and raising hell. Butler blood runs through my veins for sure. Thank you for teaching me how to be a man , to be good to people, to treat every stranger as a friend I haven't met. I will miss our calls about guns, and politics, and football. I will miss your voice and your laugh . I wish I had more time with you, but I think we all think that time doesn't apply to us till its up. I was so looking forward to you coming up to Alaska next summer , I was going to show you the magnificent beauty of Alaska. I wish I could turn back time to be there for you, I'm sorry I wasn't . Know this you will always be in my heart and I love you and I'll miss very very much. Good bye for now dad .*



**Troy Butler** - December 14, 2015 at 03:28 PM

TA

“ I'm still in shock. I think realality will hit when we pick you up. Gonna.miss ya Daddy.wish we could been closer. But just know I love you and will cherish.our time together. I will see you again ..you keep the peace up there... Give Mugs and Elaine an Guy. A big hug. Love you all....

Tracee Ames - December 07, 2015 at 01:56 PM



That is the hardest thing I had to do, picking my mama up. I do not know if you know my cousin Dean he told me that someone told him this " It will never stop hurting as bad, it just hurts less often" It has taken me five years to be able to talk about my dad without having tears. I am sure it will take as long for me with my mom. Chin up and smile through the tears. When you feel yourself falling call me I will pick you back up.

Jami Neu - December 07, 2015 at 06:32 PM

TR

Thank you Cousin.. I really do appreciate all you an Joe have donw. Thank u I love you.

Tracee.Ames - December 07, 2015 at 10:46 PM

DD

“ RIP CARL. You will be missed.



Darla Koger-Tiner (Marla Day) - December 07, 2015 at 11:30 AM

PA

“ A few months ago Nancy came to visit from Oklahoma. Carl took us to breakfast in Sunsites, (good food) after that we went to Dragoon to visit with our Uncle O.B. "Unk" as Carl always called him. Carl loved you so much "Unk". So do Nancy and I. On the way home we rode around so Nancy could take pictures of mountains fir her granddaughter Haylee. So thankful for that day



Patsy - December 07, 2015 at 10:06 AM

TR

“ Tracee lit a candle in memory of Carl Lee Butler



Tracee - December 03, 2015 at 01:15 AM

JN

“ "Little Feller" as his mama would fondly call her "boys" . You will and are severely missed. I hope that at this time of loss for our family we grow a tighter bond and always remember his contagious smile. For his service to our country and his love for his family. I love and miss you Uncle Carl, rest your tired fingers, heart and be joyful with the ones that have passed.



Jami Neu - December 02, 2015 at 07:29 AM

TR

Thank you Cousin. That is beautiful. Love you.

Tracer - December 03, 2015 at 01:13 AM

TB

*Thanks Jami and I want you to know I am here for you too. It must be incredibly hard for you right now. Just know I know what your going through.love you.*

**Troy Butler** - December 07, 2015 at 04:43 PM



*When I was 16 and going to get my license Uncle Carl pulled up to the house and told mom and dad that he did not want me to take it in my car, and he thought that my moms blazer had to many blind spots so he took me down with my mom and I drove his car. I have moments like that, he had a huge heart. I will be here for you all too. Sadly we know the pain of loss. Just remember we "can't fix it all" only what and whom ever will let us. Stay strong and if you need me I am a call away.*

**Jami Neu** - December 07, 2015 at 06:28 PM