



## Ambrose A. Lesniak

September 12, 1926 - January 23, 2016

Ambrose A. Lesniak 'Les', 89, passed away peacefully, surrounded by family, on January 23, 2016, at his home in San Bernardino. Born in Summit Hill, PA to Albert and Angela Lesniak, Les was baptized into the Roman Catholic Church on October 17, 1926. He graduated from St. Stanislaus School in 1942 and worked as a Postal Carrier in Summit Hill from 1944 until he was drafted into the US Navy during WWII. He served on the USS Augusta, achieving the rank of Seaman First Class. After being honorably discharged, he volunteered to join the US Army and served during the Korean War from 1947-50. He was deployed to the Marshall Islands, where he witnessed the three nuclear tests. He then went on to volunteer a third time with the US Air Force where he spent the remainder of his military career and served once again during war time in Vietnam. He spent time in Cameron Bay with his unit the Triple Nickle Red Horse Squadron, who built the military base. He retired from the Air Force in 1977.

Les married his childhood friend Lois Fay Hontz in 1957 and they went on to have five children. Upon his military retirement, he continued to work at Norton AF Base as a supervisor as a Civil Engineer; he also obtained a BS in Engineering from Southern Illinois University in 1987.

Les had a passion for golf, even obtaining a hole in one! He was a member of the Knights of Columbus, Council 4488 Del Rosa (4th degree) and served as the Treasurer. He was a proud family man who enjoyed his children's accomplishments and doted on his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife Lois who passed in 1998.

He is survived by his children Les (Carol) Lesniak of Texas, Michelle Lesniak of San Bernardino, CA, Robert (Julie) Lesniak of Kentucky, Jean (Bob) Findley of Missouri, and Joe 'Moose' Lesniak of Arizona. Also surviving him are his grandchildren, Brandi Siebert, Eric (Whitney) Findley, Brian Findley, Chelsea Tardif and his great-grandchildren, Maddie Puc Siebert, Rory Siebert, Ian Findley and Caleb Tardif.



# Cemetery

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## Riverside National Cemetery

22495 Van Buren Blvd  
Riverside, CA, 92518

# Events

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**FEB** **Chapel Service** 03:00PM - 04:00PM

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Bobbitt Memorial Chapel

1299 E Highland Avenue, San Bernardino, CA, US,  
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**FEB** **Committal Service** 10:15AM - 10:45AM

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# Comments

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“ Chalice G. purchased the With Distinction for the family of Ambrose A. Lesniak.



**Chalice G.** - January 31, 2016 at 12:58 AM

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“ First off, I have to say I love this man dearly. He brought so much joy to my life and many others. In the last week's before going to the beautiful joy of heaven I loved that he always wanted me by his side and to me that was privileged. I pray that everyone can celebrate his walk to the heaven gates knowing he is no longer suffering on earth. He will be missed but never forgotten. His legacy will forever live on through his family and friends. We will have beautiful memories of him and what impact he put in our lives and for this country. I love you grandpa you will always be in my thoughts and many others

**Sabina** - January 29, 2016 at 11:00 PM

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“ My friend I am very sorry for your loss. I know it's hard for you and your family. There is the only comfort we know he's in a better place, healthy back to him self and with his wife. No more pain. That is what will get us thru this. God is watching over him. God bless your family. Family friend. Lucinda Ramirez -Evans

**Lucinda Ramirez -Evans** - January 28, 2016 at 09:55 AM

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“ Michele and Family, I feel so blessed to have met your father before he passed. Just knowing he was home and surrounded by his children, grandchildren, great grandchildren and his niece, I'm sure allowed him to pass peacefully. He helped raise five wonderful children and served his country in numerous way! He lived a good life and left a wonderful legacy! Michele I am proud to call you friend!



**Michele Goodman** - January 27, 2016 at 08:03 PM