



Lance Robert Minchew

July 26, 1971 - April 24, 2026

Robert Lance Minchew, 54, died peacefully in his home on April 24, 2026, in Calisburg, Texas after a four year battle with cancer.

Lance was born July 26, 1971 in Fort Scott, Kansas to Robert and Leatrice Minchew.

He retired in October 2016, after 20 years of service in the US Navy.

He married Michele Minchew February 16, 2013 in Honolulu, Hawaii where he served most of his military career. Lance and Michele moved to Denison, Texas after a one month road trip shortly after his retirement. He did not raise them, but thought of Michele's adult children as his own and was very fond of his grandchildren who will probably best remember him for the "tractor" rides.

In his spare time, he enjoyed working in his shop, working with wood, a craft he learned from his dad, Robert.

He is survived by his wife, Michele, mother, Leatrice, brother, Lane, stepchildren, and grandchildren.

A Celebration of Life in his honor will be held at 12:00 pm, May 16, 2026, at Deschain Cellars, 8363 US-82, Gainesville, Texas 76240, Officiated by David

Whittington.

An Inurnment will be held at 11:30 am, June 5, 2026 at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, Honolulu, Hawaii.

An additional inurnment will take place at Wesley Chapel, Mound City, Kansas, at a later date.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAY 16. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Deschain Cellars
8363 US-82
Gainesville, TX 76240
<https://deschaincellars.com/>

Inurnment

JUN 5. 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM (PT)

National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific
2177 Puowaina Dr
Honolulu, HI 96813
<https://www.cem.va.gov/cems/nchp/nmcp.asp>