

Bruce Lietzke, Laid-Back Winner on the PGA Tour, Dies at 67

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Bruce Lietzke, an easygoing 13-time winner on the PGA Tour despite, by his account, rarely practicing, died on Saturday at his ranch in Athens, Tex., outside Dallas. He was 67.

The PGA Tour said the cause was glioblastoma, an aggressive form of brain cancer.

Lietzke learned he had brain cancer in 2017. Early on, his fellow golfers Bill Rogers, the 1981 British Open champion and Lietzke's former college roommate; Jerry Pate, Lietzke's brother-in-law; and the two-time Masters champion Ben Crenshaw accompanied Lietzke for hospital treatments.

Lietzke, known for a reliable swing that almost invariably generated a big fade and rarely ended in the rough, won his tour titles from 1977 to 1994 despite keeping to a light competitive schedule. He never played more than 20 tournaments in a single season after 1988.

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