



Alan Johnston

June 23, 1934 - September 24, 2019

Alan Johnston, 85, passed away 24th September 2019 in San Antonio, Texas. Services will be held at Fort Sam Houston cemetery Wednesday 2nd October 2019 at 11:00 am. Reception to follow. Alan was born in Philadelphia Pa. on 23rd June 1934 to Wanda K. and Orrin Spencer Johnston.

Alan graduated from Texas A&I with a degree in engineering. He married Kathryn Lynn Gregg on 28th June 1958. After US Army active duty, Alan went on to serve in the US Army Reserves. He rose to the rank of Colonel and retired after a distinguished career. He Retired from Southwest Research Institute as a Vice President. Alan is survived by his wife of 61 years Kathryn Lynn Johnston, son Gregory Alan Johnston and wife Christy Sheets Johnston, grandson Trevor Alan Johnston and wife Paulina Suarez Johnston, granddaughter Sarah Alyse Johnston and brother Spencer K. Johnston.

Alan was a great father and husband. He loved life and country. He was a loyal friend and mentor to many that were close to him. His motto in life was "I did it my way".

Donations may be made to Assistance League of San Antonio.

Cemetery Details

Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery

1520 Harry Wurzbach
San Antonio, TX 78209

Previous Events

Graveside Service

OCT 2. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

DL

“ So sorry for The family’s loss. I did not know Mr. Johnston but I am a good friend with his son Gregg and based on the wonderful person Gregg is, I know that his father must have been a great man. My prayers are with the entire family as they mourn their loss. God Bless.

David Luther - October 01, 2019 at 11:03 PM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Alan Johnston.



September 30, 2019 at 10:38 AM



“ Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Alan Johnston.



September 30, 2019 at 10:35 AM

JN

“ *The Johnston Family,*

What a wonderful next door neighbor I had in Alan Johnston! For the past eleven years I've enjoyed his friendship, wit and knowledge in all that keeps a home running and a lawn beautiful. The antics of his beloved Bonnie and Clyde as they would run into my garage when the door opened triggered his his Colonel's voice as he ordered them home. It was fun to watch.

He spent many hours in his garage shop working on projects. A particularly impressive task he repeated over and over was the building of Baptismal remembrance chests he would make for those in his church who were Baptized to commemorate their dedication to Christianity. Those chests will be a reminder to all who received one of Alan's own faith and dedication to God.

Kay Lynn has been blessed to have him all these years and he obviously loved and respected her as I could tell by our frequent discussions of her. Greg and his family can be proud of the man they knew as father and grandfather. I will miss "Alan" as I had the honor to know him. What a wonderful gentleman and neighbor.

Jack Nimmo

Jack Nimmo - September 30, 2019 at 10:18 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Alan Johnston.*



September 30, 2019 at 08:54 AM

BS

“ Kay Lynn: We are so sorry to hear of Alan’s passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

*Bill and Bev Stern
Edmond, OK*

Bill Stern - September 29, 2019 at 03:10 PM

DW

“ Kay Lynn: We read Alan's Obituary in today's SA Express and are sorry to learn of your loss. Alan led a full life and we are thankful for his service to our nation as a veteran. You will be in our thoughts during the coming days. You were blessed to have shared 61 years with Alan and we know he will be missed by his family and many friends.

Dan and Jo Williams, Boerne

Dan and Jo Williams - September 29, 2019 at 09:47 AM

RH

“ It was my good fortune and pleasure to work for Alan (aka the Colonel) from the beginning of my career at Southwest Research until he retired. I stayed busy outside of my Research job by working on cars and I met Kay and Gregg by servicing the family automobiles. After retirement, Alan kept in touch with visits to SwRI and being a veteran myself, I always admired his service to the Veterans Support group. He was a fine leader and a good friend - always quick with a laugh and a story. Rest in peace, sir.
Randy Hollon

Randy Hollon - September 27, 2019 at 02:42 PM

KW

“ Alan and my Dad, Wilbur Wolters were the best of friends for at least 20 years. They were deer hunting buddies. When hunting season began, Alan and Will (Alan called Dad that) were as excited as kids on a new adventure. Alan always went to the Barn Door Steak House to get steaks to cook and eat the first night of deer hunting season. Alan’s friendship with my Dad was special. Kay Lynn, Greg, Christy, Trevor, and Sarah, thoughts, prayers and love to you as you deal with this loss.

The Wolters Family - Karon, Sharon, Brad, Wilma, Brittany, and Brooke 🙏🙏💖

Karon Wolters - September 26, 2019 at 09:10 PM