



## Charles A. Woodruff Jr.

September 6, 1934 - July 4, 2022

Charles A. Woodruff Jr.

Sunrise September 6, 1934

Sunset July 4, 2022

Remembering the Life

On Monday, July 4, 2022, Charles Alexander Woodruff, Jr., loving husband, father of four, along with three bonus children, passed away at the age of 87. Charles Alexander Woodruff, Jr. was born in Orlando, FL on September 6, 1934, to Charles Alexander and Willie Virginia Woodruff. He graduated from Jones High School in Orlando, FL in 1951. After high school, he attended Tennessee State University to study History. One year later, he left TSU and enlisted in the Air Force. He left the military after nine years to study nursing at Binghamton University, Binghamton, NY where he graduated with top honors. After graduation, he was commissioned as a Second lieutenant in the Air Force on April 9, 1966, and served his country honorably for 22 years, 9 months and 14 days. After retiring from the Air Force as a Major, he worked at Wilford Hall, Lackland AFB, TX at the Family Advocacy as a Treatment Manager for 20 years. Always an avid learner, Charles received his Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Social Work graduating with honors from Our Lady of the Lake, San Antonio, TX. Charles is a life member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity. He also was a Docent at the San Antonio Zoo for 36 years. On July 27, 1957, Charles married Nellie Ruth Craddock. They raised three sons, Charles, Christopher, and Kenneth along with one daughter Lynne. He

later married Jo Ann Kelps on October 8, 1988. She had two sons, Steve, and David and one daughter Barbara. Charles Alexander Woodruff, Jr. is preceded in death by his wife, Jo Ann Kelps Woodruff; Father, Charles Sr. and Mother, Willie V; Brother, Carl E; son, Christopher, and bonus son David Herman. He is survived by his devoted sons: Charles and daughter-in-love Monina Moneva Woodruff of Arlington, TX; Kenneth and daughter-in-love Sara of St. Augustine, FL; Loving daughter, Lynne Woodruff Jones of San Antonio, TX; Bonus son: Steve Herman (Star) of Antioch, IL; Bonus daughter: Barbara Herman Chicago, IL; Grandsons: Michael Jones, Jr. (Claudia) of San Antonio, TX; Charles A Woodruff, IV of Dallas, TX; KJ Woodruff, of Jacksonville, FL; Granddaughters: Amanda Bell (Jay) of Grapevine, TX; Yesenia Jones, of San Antonio, TX; Paris Joy, of St. Augustin, FL; Dear Sister: Alfreda Gary (Wilbur Sr.) of Orlando, FL; Brother: Alfred Woodruff (Lessie) of Orlando, FL; Three great grandsons: JW, Davis, Watson and one great granddaughter Emory, along with a host of nieces, nephews and cousins.

We want to thank the staff of Hummingbird Hospice for everything they did to assist our family during this difficult time. A special heartfelt thank you to the wonderful caregivers, Tamika Branch, Jannie Branch, Gelone Mabron, Dominique Fails and Joe Fails for all the love and compassion they bestowed upon our Father while he was in their care. Much love and blessings to each of you.

A funeral and visitation service will be held on Saturday, July 16, 2022, from 11am-3pm at Alamo Funeral Chapel, 624 N. Alamo St., San Antonio, TX 78215. Visitation at 11am with church service at 1pm. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be given in honor of Charles A. Woodruff, Jr. to: Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation, San Antonio Zoo, Meals on Wheels, or MS Society of San Antonio.

# Cemetery Details

## Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery

1520 Harry Wurzbach Rd.  
San Antonio, TX 78209

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 16. 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Alamo Funeral Chapels  
624 N Alamo St  
San Antonio, TX 78215  
(210) 554-5000  
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

## Funeral Service

JUL 16. 1:00 PM (CT)

Alamo Funeral Chapels  
624 N Alamo St  
San Antonio, TX 78215  
(210) 554-5000  
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

## Graveside Service with Military Honors

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JUL **22**. 1:45 PM (CT)

Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery  
1520 Harry Wurzbach Rd  
San Antonio, TX 78209  
(210) 820-3891

# Tribute Wall

KD

“ I work at GNW Branch of San Antonio Library where Mr. and Mrs. Woodruff would frequent. They were always so friendly and brightened our days with their presence. They are missed!

KAREN DAVIS - September 07, 2022 at 06:53 PM

MB

“ Chuck was very helpful to me when I was just starting out as a new docent at the San Antonio zoo years ago. His kindness and his unmistakable mission to serve others were an example to us all.

Michele Benoit

Michele Benoit - July 17, 2022 at 01:14 PM

TP

“ It was an honor to meet you Mr. Woodruff. It was such a blessing to hear the great things that were spoken about you today! You truly made your mark on this world and lives were changed FOREVER!!!! I'll keep in touch with your baby girl and make sure she's okay.

Thomasine Pickens - July 16, 2022 at 09:02 PM

SH

“ Charles married my Mother, JoAnn. When I met Chuck, I was a young man struggling to grow up, and throughout the years of conversing with him and thinking about topics we discussed helped me become the man I am today. I will miss him. Thank's Chuck. It has been an honor to know you.

Steven Herman - July 12, 2022 at 07:41 PM