



Florian Joseph Czaja

August 25, 1937 - April 22, 2025

Florian Joseph Czaja was called home to the Lord on Tuesday, April 22, 2025, at the age of 87. He was born in Karnes County, Tx on August 25, 1937, to Sigmund and Otylia Czaja. He is reunited in Heaven with his parents, son Floyd Czaja, son-in-law Mark Pogue, brothers Peter Czaja, Sigmund Czaja, and sisters Mary Laskowski, Proxy Hay & Eleonor Manning. He is loved and will be greatly missed by his beloved wife of 65 years Elissa Czaja, children Sharon Pogue, Julie Roberson & Gary, D'An Czaja; grandchildren Justin Roberson & Faith, Dawn Pogue Olivares & Anthony, Donald Pogue IV, Alan Roberson & Casea Davis, Hope Jacobs; great grandchildren Avery, Allison, Grace, Lana, Tinley, Cindy, Callie, & great granddaughter Roberson due November 2025; Brother Anton Czaja, sisters Ann Leland, Regina Boyson (Gerald) and sister in law Lillian Czaja and Teresa Carpenter & Randy.

Florian was called Pokey by his loving family. He started working at age 15 for Mr. Dicken's furniture store doing various jobs. At age 17, after he got his driver's license, he started at Ozarka water company doing everything from driving trucks to managing plant operations. He worked there under different water brands for over 45 years, before retiring at age 62. You could always find him with bottled water wherever he went. After retiring, he spent his days volunteering his time at Holy Name Catholic Church in various groups like the Garden Club, Knights of Columbus, and SCOOP program. The family regularly would be seen at parish festivals bidding on all kinds of treasures to

take home. He was a 3rd degree Knight in the Knights of Columbus. He would help with the Bingo events held at the KC Hall off Rigsby Avenue. He enjoyed watching NASCAR racing, always rooting for Ford drivers, except for when his grandson Donald was racing his Chevy Monte Carlo at San Antonio Speedway.

Visitation will be held Wednesday, April 30, 2025 from 4:00-8:00pm at Mission Park Funeral Chapels South, with the Rosary starting at 6:00pm. Mass will occur on Thursday, May 1, 2025 at 10:00am at Holy Name Catholic Church. Interment will follow at San Jose Burial Park. A celebratory luncheon will occur after the services at Holy Name Church Hall. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Boysville of San Antonio, American Cancer Society, or charity of your choice.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 30. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels South, Cemeteries & Crematories
1700 SE Military Dr
San Antonio, TX 78214
(210) 924-4242
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

Rosary at 6:00 PM

Funeral Mass

MAY 1. 10:00 AM (CT)

Holy Name Catholic Church
3814 Nash Blvd
San Antonio, TX 78223

Interment

MAY 1 (CT)

San Jose Burial Park
8235 Mission Rd
San Antonio, TX 78214
(210) 923-0272

Tribute Wall

DB

“ Sharon, sorry for your loss. 🙏 May the Light of Our Lords Face Shine Upon your Dad, be Gracious to him and Grant him Eternal Rest 🙏

Debbie & James Barry - April 30, 2025 at 10:31 PM

JM

“ The world is a sadder place with this loss. I didn't see him often but Uncle Florian always made me smile and laugh, and I loved him. My love and support goes out to all the family and friends who were fortunate to know him.

Jessica Carpenter Moore - April 30, 2025 at 11:21 AM

FF

“ From Mel, Holly and their family. purchased the Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses for the family of Florian Joseph Czaja.



From Mel, Holly and their family. - April 29, 2025 at 01:35 PM



“ Serenity Wreath was purchased for the family of Florian Joseph Czaja.



April 29, 2025 at 11:07 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Florian Joseph Czaja.*



April 29, 2025 at 11:04 AM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Florian Joseph Czaja.*



April 29, 2025 at 10:17 AM



“ *From the Manning Family purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Florian Joseph Czaja.*



From the Manning Family - April 28, 2025 at 09:38 PM



“ *Denise & Brian Chadwick purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Florian Joseph Czaja.*



Denise & Brian Chadwick - April 28, 2025 at 01:56 PM

PY

“ Our condolences to the Czaja family from Pedro & Linda Ybarra. Florian was a kind and gentle person, a dedicated member and President of the Holy Name Men's Club for many years. Rest in peace Brother.

Pedro Ybarra - April 28, 2025 at 01:00 PM

AF

“ Ann Leland & Family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Florian Joseph Czaja.



Ann Leland & Family - April 26, 2025 at 02:02 PM

DW

“ My condolences to the Czaja family from the Wenzel family

dale wenzel - April 25, 2025 at 02:08 PM

TC

“ Florian was one of the best persons I ever had the privilege to know. Also was the best brother-in-law in the world. His faith in his GOD and Jesus Christ inspired me to be a better person. His smile and understanding of people's problems made him everyone's friend. He will be missed ❤️

Teresa Baerwald Carpenter - April 24, 2025 at 09:14 PM

SE

“ Sherman and Tina Engelke purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Florian Joseph Czaja.



Sherman and Tina Engelke - April 23, 2025 at 10:27 PM