



## Jerry Glenn Shaw

August 27, 1951 - March 2, 2025

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The cheerful laughter of Jerry Glenn Shaw was unexpectedly silenced when his heart decided it was time for his fun to end. With a big smile and widespread arms Jerry traveled his last trip when he entered Heaven on March 2, 2025, at Methodist Hospital in the San Antonio Medical Center. Jerry was born August 27, 1951, in the Minden neighborhood near Henderson, TX to Earlene Anthony and Charlie "Pete" Starling who both preceded him in death. As stated in Psalms 90:10 KJV, he embraced a lifespan of three scores and 10 with additional blessed years. He lived a full and joyful life of 73 years young, with a smile on his face every day he woke up. His favorite way to greet the world was with widespread arms saying with all his gusto "What a great day to be alive!" Jerry was and will remain the light and the love of Sylvia Cruz, his life partner of 28 years, and Sylvia was Jerry's. A special friend recently revealed to her that he referred to her as "My Sylvia". Together they made quite a pair with Jerry constantly putting laughter and smiles in their day.

Jerry graduated from Texas A&I University in Kingsville (now known as Texas A&M University) where he achieved two degrees of Bachelor of Arts in Math and Master of Science in Statistics. Jerry was extremely proud of being the first in his family to graduate from college. Jerry felt a college education was

the path to his advancement and a way out of his Corpus Christi neighborhood, giving encouragement to everyone about the importance of continuing their education. During his college years, he made his way home to his dear mother and to work various summer jobs. While working on his Masters, he shared his love and knowledge by becoming a professor of Math. Jerry being Jerry he took a little pleasure in working the football jocks over those math formulas! Jerry's first technology job was at NASA in Houston, Tx. He soon found himself in San Antonio after he was offered a job in IT Systems at USAA and took great satisfaction in successfully "Movin' on Up" to become a Lead Systems Analyst for many years. Jerry retired from USAA after a 32-year outstanding career.

Jerry was influenced by many factors in his young life that made him a caring and giving adult and doting son. As he was holding his USAA job, Jerry's mother developed brain cancer and had several surgeries. There were many times when Jerry spent time visiting his mother Earlene in the nursing home. One of their happier things to do was to watch the "Bold and the Beautiful" or "General Hospital" depending on his arrival time. Mom and son always looked forward to these visits and when possible, Jerry would "bail her out" and take her to have her favorite Luby's plate. In her better health, Jerry and Earlene made various road trips to visit family members, and she took much delight in riding in his white Porsche. Jerry gave her the first airplane flight of her life along with many other first experiences that brought him great joy. He enjoyed doing what he could for his family treating them to dinners, sharing time, and cracking jokes that were on occasion inappropriate. He would always say "make me your first call" when help was needed. After his health issues began, his contact was mostly by text or phone calls, but he always did what he could for any family member.

Jerry always felt lucky to make it out of his old Corpus Christi neighborhood and remembered a man named "Willie" who looked out for the neighborhood

kids from single parent homes. Willie took them fishing while they camped out and cooked hot dogs and told stories. Jerry would have never volunteered for the Big/Little Brothers Program had it not been for the memory of Willie that stayed with him a long time. The fun and mentoring activities given by Willie encouraged him to apply to be a Big Brother and he was accepted! Jerry spent five years plus with his Little Brother Anton who he remained in frequent contact throughout these years and often spoke very fondly of the time he spent with his Little Brother. He joked with Sylvia that in those days he could “score points with the ladies” at the mention of being a Big Brother. When Jerry had several hospital stays in 2024, he signed up to be an Organ Donor, continuing his efforts to make this a better world. His family can proudly say as an Organ Donor he will give someone unknown to Jerry the Gift of Sight. If you knew Jerry and became friends, it was for life as he was a loyal and helpful friend. His feeling documented in a Big Brother write up shared with Sylvia by Anton and his mother was “you got to leave the planet with the kids so invest in them.” Ask any young family member and they will tell you Jerry was ready with good advice and made them feel seen, heard and included. He was a supportive and positive individual with a welcoming spirit and a “bring it in” hug. Add a joke and a big smile and that was Jerry giving Jerry. His granddaughter Taryelle lovingly said “he wouldn’t be Jerry if he didn’t shake the room a little bit and sprinkle a little bit of himself on everything.”

Jerry was an avid tennis player during his high school years and went on to play in college and with special friends Bruce, Mark and Jack at USAA. He competed in tennis tournament tours around Texas starting in high school through his USAA career. Jerry loved tennis and he and Sylvia would travel often to New York City to spend a week enjoying the US Open Championships and all the sights of New York. Their shared love of tennis made every trip fun and exciting. They also loved traveling throughout the US and took 16 cruises in their blessed time together. They made many memorable memories

including meeting Hurricane Katrina in the Gulf of Mexico on a Saturday night in August 2005. Sylvia stayed awake all night as the ship tossed and rocked in turbulent waters wishing she was wearing her water shoes while Jerry joked that she knew how to float on her back! Then there was the spectacular event of sailing through the Panama Canal and visiting many countries on the Pacific and Atlantic Oceans, and endless wild and crazy dancing at the all-day parties and concerts on the Smooth Jazz Cruise. Another sport Jerry looked forward to was his annual ski trips with his many friends, but especially Rick and James. They were a regular trio on any snowy slope they could get to. The cold slopes were where Jerry experienced his first unforgettably good bread bowl of hot chili! Jerry also introduced Sylvia to her first and only ski trip! She took one ski lesson and said enough! Jerry also participated on the USAA soccer and softball teams. He could jump high as if lifted up on air to give the soccer ball a good header, one of his best soccer moves.

Jerry leaves a large family to remember and to forever cherish his memory. His love will live on in the heart, spirit and soul of his adoring life partner Sylvia Cruz. Never forgotten by his daughter Tammy; grandchildren Tyaidra, Taryelle, Taiden, Marietta, Warrenson Jr and Madison; stepdaughter, Crystal (Pancho), daughter IL Carol (Aaron Decd); step grandchildren Sophia, Isabella and Gabriella. Loved and respected by brother, Freddie Anthony (Gemma); sisters IL Shirley Glaspie (Travis Decd); Hilda Ramirez (Andrew) and Norma Gonzales (Joseph). Beloved cousins Charmene, Darlene (Frelon), Veronica, Calvin (Leatha), Gance (Inez), Wayne (Rose), Ray (Pearl), Tramber (Chris), Petra (Freddie) and Dollie. Also half-brothers Lee Charles (Eva), Lonnie (Rita), and Mitchell Wayne (Rose) and half-sister Renae. Other loved family members are nieces and nephews Kanani (Jon), Kerie (Mathew), Normeka, Pamela, Travis Taylor, Cameron, Ashley, Briana, Jonathan, Braylon, Deshawn Taylor, Marissa, Zaiden, Ethan, and Tyler (Tatiana). In addition, a host of other relatives and many dear friends and neighbors.

Jerry was preceded in death by his mother and father Earlene and "Pete"; daughter Tamera Edwards; sister Barbara Nell Shaw, half-sisters Thelma (Mack) and Mae; brother Travis Joe Earl Glaspie, half-brother Jesse; stepson Aaron Viagran; aunts, Merry Foster, Betty Starling (Odell), Agnes (Geneva) Blunt, Mildred Johnson, Opal Baldwin (James), and other family members.

The family recognizes the high costs of today's prices and requests that if you so choose a donation may be made to your church or favorite charity in the name of Jerry Glenn Shaw. We also wish to thank everyone for all the love and support provided to us in this difficult time of sorrow and grief. Jerry was a colorful character who loved sports and if you would like to attend his services, please wear colorful clothing or Cowboy/Spurs colors. Jerry would ask you to wear a smile, spread your arms wide and tell someone "What a great day to be alive!"

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 15. 2:30 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

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

## Celebration of Life Service

MAR 15. 3:00 PM (CT)

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

*Services conclude after Celebration of Life*

# Tribute Wall

JE

“ 1 file added to the album Tribute



Jesse - March 15, 2025 at 01:12 PM

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“ Jean Foster & Judy Maltas (neighbors) purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Jerry Glenn Shaw.



Jean Foster & Judy Maltas (neighbors) - March 12, 2025 at 02:39 PM

RA

“ Deepest heartfelt condolences to Sylvia and her and Jerry's families. So many fond memories working with Jerry at USAA during our Actuary Systems and ADS days. He was always eager to share his knowledge and kept everything light-hearted and fun. Heaven has gained a special guy. Sending my love, hugs and prayers.

Rhonda Aikens - March 11, 2025 at 08:08 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Jerry Glenn Shaw.*



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March 10, 2025 at 12:41 PM



“ *My heart is so saddening. I was blessed to have worked with Jerry for many years, he was my task group leader as a young college hire. He took me under his wings and provided invaluable knowledge and care. Always had smile on his face and brightened everyday. Loved his singing in the morning “It is a great day to be alive”. He never forgot my birthday as it was the same day as his mom’s. An inspiration to all and will always treasure the memories. God needed to brighten heaven and called you home. Sylvia and family sending prayers and deepest condolences. Mary Lebo*

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**mary Lebo** - March 10, 2025 at 08:56 AM



“ *I was saddened to hear of Jerry’s passing. We worked together at USAA on the same team for several years and I always enjoyed talking with him. He also always remembered to wish me a happy birthday every year because my birthday was six days earlier than his. I will miss that text this year. My heart goes out to Sylvia and the family and all that knew Jerry. I wish you peace and comfort during this time and I will be praying for you all.*

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**Rachel Price** - March 10, 2025 at 01:39 AM

AF

“ Anton Rhodriquez & Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Jerry Glenn Shaw.



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**Anton Rhodriquez & Family** - March 09, 2025 at 08:35 PM

JJ

“ Wow! My deepest sympathy. Jerry was a special guy. We had so much fun over the years hanging out, water skiing, snow skiing, and talking so much trash on the soccer field. I didn't challenge him at tennis though... :-) Praying God's comfort and peace over his family. RIP my brother.



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**Jimmy Johnson** - March 09, 2025 at 12:39 PM

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Take your rest my brother and receive your rewards...,  
Your USAA Claims Tester  
Odessa

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**Odessa Orise** - March 15, 2025 at 02:56 PM

JK

“ Sylvia, my thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family. I knew Jerry for most of my career at USAA and we had some great times playing tennis and soccer. Jerry had a great sense of humor and often shared his life experiences amongst our conversations. He was a great man.

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**jack key** - March 08, 2025 at 09:17 PM

SF

“ Shirley Glaspie and Family purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Jerry Glenn Shaw.



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**Shirley Glaspie and Family** - March 08, 2025 at 09:13 PM

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**Anton Rhodriquez** - March 08, 2025 at 03:43 PM

AR

“ I will always be grateful for having you as my Big Brother from the Big Brother/Big Sister program. For over 5 years, you were there for me whenever I needed you. I believe that you are responsible for me being the man that I am. In that short time period I had known you, you were not only my Big Brother but like a father figure to me. There were so many things I enjoyed doing with you. I remembered the San Antonio Spurs games you took me too, the little Porsche remote control car you gave as gift that I treasured, which I still have to this day in storage at my mother's house, the tennis lessons you taught me, the Nutter Butter cookies you introduced me too which I continue to buy, I could go on and on. You were not only there for me, but my younger brother as well. I will never forget the impact you had in shaping me to be the person I am today. The world has truly lost a good, funny, caring, and loving man who was always smiling or laughing. I can not remember any other expression on your face than these during our time together. You will truly be missed, in my heart, and never forgotten.  
RIP my Big Brother/my Father figure.

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**Anton Rhodriquez** - March 08, 2025 at 03:30 PM

EC

“ Eric, Melanie and Lauren Cruz purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Jerry Glenn Shaw.



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**Eric, Melanie and Lauren Cruz** - March 08, 2025 at 03:11 PM

VF

“ Victor Friar lit a candle in memory of Jerry Glenn Shaw



Victor Friar - March 07, 2025 at 10:47 PM

VF

He was like a big brother for you to love him you needed to spend time with him. Crazy 🤪 funny and very intelligent. He and my brother Vernon were the smartest people I ever knew. Never ever had to study. We had a lot of fun growing up, I know God will reunite him with our love ones. Rip Jerry I'll see you in the morning. One love

Victor Friar - March 07, 2025 at 11:02 PM

AG

“ To a great neighbor who was so friendly n funny n kept his eye out for our neighborhood safety. U n Sylvia were my favorite loving couple. Will miss u

anna gonzales - March 07, 2025 at 09:09 PM

MO

“ Daddy- I met you once in person when my sister-friend Tammy brought me to your wonderful home. You made me laugh, you let me play with your babies and just made me really feel like family. Please rest now and don't worry- I will take care of Tammy and the kids. Keep smiling Daddy and I won't tease you anymore about the blue and silver team you love- that shall remain nameless. Your in my heart and I will always miss the fact that I didn't get to spend more time with you.

Monique - March 07, 2025 at 03:28 PM

GV

“ Oh my Popo Jerry!! You are missed deeply and thank you for always helping me in Math when I thought I couldn't do it. ❤️ ☐

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**gabriella viagran** - March 07, 2025 at 11:26 AM

KD

“ You were a blessing as a neighbor to everyone on our street; personally, you shared in our moving into the neighborhood, the excitement of welcoming our daughter (who still and always will think the world of you, Mr. Jerry), raking the overabundance of leaves when we lived across the street, our new home purchase just three doors down from you, every single Holiday, bringing us a special ice cream surprise on Christmas eve, always remembered Non-Alcoholic Wine for Noelani, Drinking an iced-cold beer with me out front, brought in everyone's garbage cans on our street and when you were sitting out front of your house and saw us, you would say, "Hey Rock Star, What a Great Day To Be Alive !!!" We are Raising our glasses to you Sir ! Thank you for all of the memories - we will look forward to seeing you on the other side and we will all do our best at watching over your Sylvia and helping her with whatever she needs at the house. Love, Cyndi, Kathi and Noelani

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**Kathi Dufficy** - March 06, 2025 at 11:08 AM

NG

*I always called Jerry my "Almost Brother-in-law". A few years back, I dropped the "Almost@ because I realized Jerry was indeed my Brother. Eventually, Jerry did become a genuine Brother. I always appreciated his taking time to visit my Mother, remembering her birthday and even bringing her flowers on Mother's Day. I recalled his very real sadness about my Father and Nephew Aaron. While now it's our turn to remember HJerry, I choose to highlight all the special days we shared with family. I didn't much care about football, but when it came to the Spurs, we'd cheered every basket and moaned every foul. Best of all, I loved Jerry for being so kind and accepting of Joe's and mine foster Son, Tyler. Jerry lived kids! Even today, Tyler remembers my Sister Sylvia and Jerry's spending almost a whole day with him when he had to undergo surgery over a sudden appendix attack, another favorite was spending Sylvia's birthday with all of us and playing water tricks on each other at the community pool. There was the night they babysat him for us. He crowed Jerry taught him how to hit the eight-ball at the pool table. There are lots of memories like this with Jerry. Joe, Tyler and I will miss you, Jerry. I'm truly glad you became my Brother..*

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**Norma Cruz Gobzales** - March 06, 2025 at 03:09 PM