



Joal LeRoy Davis

June 26, 1936 - April 8, 2017

Joal LeRoy Davis, age 80, made his decision to leave this world on Saturday, April 8, 2017. He bravely struggled with PTSD, clinical depression, and major anxiety for almost 20 years. He died at his home in Leon Springs. He is survived by Shirley Mazotas Davis, his wife of 41 years, and cat Jake.

Born in Portland, Oregon on June 26, 1936, to the late Alice Davis and the late Joseph L. Davis, Joal had a particular aptitude for mathematics and worked his way through a junior engineering college in Portland. During that time, he served his country as a member of the National Guard. He received an appointment to the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York in June, 1956. He graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Military Science and was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in June 1960. Joal's specialty in the Army Infantry was intelligence. He resigned his commission as a First Lieutenant in April of 1963. He then maintained his status as a Reserve Commissioned Officer. He continued to serve his country in that capacity until April of 1965.

Joal was employed as a Mechanical Engineer for Tektronics, a technology company in Beaverton, Oregon, until December, 1975. Joal then moved to San Antonio, TX to work as a Mechanical Engineer for Datapoint Corporation – a computer manufacturer. Joal also reconnected with the love of his life, Shirley Ann Mazotas. Shirley and Joal married at Saint Luke's Catholic

Church in San Antonio, on May 8, 1976.

Joal left Datapoint to accept a job as a Senior Research Engineer at Southwest Research Institute (SwRI) where he remained until his retirement in 1986.

Joal was a Renaissance Man with an incredible intellect. Mathematics, History and English Literature made up his reading library. A high school track star, he was a sports enthusiast – particularly the San Antonio Spurs and the Boston Red Sox. Classical music was his passion as was chess. He was a staunch Democrat. A kind, quiet, pensive, “gentle” man, and gentleman with an off-beat, subtle, sense of humor. Joal loved his cats, his former: Fuzzy, Samantha, Pesky, Daphne, and Lulu; as well as his current: Jake. Most of all, he loved his wife, Shirley. Joal and Shirley spent 41 years together, until his death parted them physically.

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A Private Graveside Service with Military Honors was held at Mission Burial Park North.

Cemetery Details

Mission Park Funeral Chapels and Cemetery Dominion

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Keith Garner • 4 months ago

I did not know Joal well. I met him at the German Club and saw him around campus, Camp Buckner, class trips, etc. He was always friendly. I am sorry to hear of his passing. "Well done! Joal, Be thou at peace!"

Keith Garner, A-2

Shirley Davis - August 10, 2017 at 05:35 PM



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Bill Hanne • 4 months ago

Joal and I were roommates Yearling Year and he was responsible--as his obit states--in introducing me to classical music. He not only introduced me through the turntable we shared (as I recall) but he also invited me to attend symphonies in NYC on those weekends we had available to us. I'm sure his efforts helped me get through math Yearling Year. He was quiet, had a thoughtful sense of humor and "endured" the trials and tribulations of a roommate or two--Bob Thomas being another along with myself--Joal's kind are hard to come by and are treasured as we encounter them.

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Shirley Mazotas Davis Bill Hanne • 4 months ago

Bill, Joal took me to the Boston Symphony on our first (blind) date. You are right, Joal was unique and is treasured. Thank you.

~Shirley

Shirley Davis - August 10, 2017 at 05:32 PM



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Shirley Davis - July 12, 2017 at 12:09 PM



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Shirley Davis - July 05, 2017 at 09:33 PM



“ *Red Magnolia and Yellow Lily Mix (Silk Cemetery Flowers) was purchased for the family of Joal LeRoy Davis.*



June 04, 2017 at 03:38 PM

JB

“ Shirley,

My sincere sympathy for your loss. I hope that you will find some comfort in knowing you had a good life with Joal and have some great memories.

Ron is recovering from surgery - adrenal malignant tumor removed in April. I can only guess what you endured and what you are experiencing now.

I wish you the strength and determination to take each day, hour and minute as they come and to find comfort and hope for the future.

Ron and I send you our love. Our thoughts and well wishes are with you.

Joan (Mariani-Berry)

Joan Berry - May 26, 2017 at 05:55 PM



Thank you, Joan for these comforting words. I wish Ron a speedy recovery.

Shirley Davis - July 05, 2017 at 10:14 PM

SC

“ Shirley,
I am sorry to hear of Joal's passing. He was so lucky to have you in his life. I am sure your love and good humor made it possible for him to live to 80.

Please know that you are in my prayers and that I send you my best wishes during this difficult time.

Are you still living in the Houston area? Just in case I am down that way.

Sheila Reilly Cirusuolo

Sheila Cirusuolo - April 24, 2017 at 04:02 PM



Thank yo so much Sheila. I live in San Antonio and would love to see you.

Shirley Davis - July 05, 2017 at 10:16 PM

MB

“ Shirley: *I am so sorry to learn about Joal. Reading his obituary made me wish I'd really known him. His intellect was up to yours and his interests obviously coincided with yours. Joe died last year on April 5, and I miss him every day, so I know only too well that your year ahead will be difficult, but please know that so many of your AMC classmates and I will be thinking of you and sending you a lot of love and healing thoughts.* 🙏🥰

Maryanne Beckford - April 22, 2017 at 02:39 PM



Maryanne, you words of condolence and your phone call meant so much to me. Thank you.

Shirley Davis - July 05, 2017 at 10:18 PM

HC

“ Joel

How could we ever forget what a great guy/Cadet you were. We will all miss you. Harry Calvin classmate of 1960 USMA

H. Charles Calvin - April 16, 2017 at 11:17 AM

SD

Thank you so much. ~Shirley Mazotas Davis

Shirley Mazotas Davis - April 16, 2017 at 12:34 PM

JG

Shirley, I am one of Joel's classmates from the Academy. We started off in Beast Barracks in 1956. He will be missed. Would you mind sending me your email address. Our Class President, Charley Otstott, would like to send a letter of condolences from the Class and insure that this notification is further sent to graduates of West Point who knew Joel. My phone number here in SA is 210 822 7483. Thank you and God be with you in. the days ahead. John Gibbs

John Gibbs - April 16, 2017 at 01:40 PM

SD

*John, I appreciate your intentions. Joal was a very special person. My E-mail is ShirlDavis@aol.com.
Phone: 210.698.1187.
I will try to call you tomorrow.
PS: his name is spelled with an "a" : JOAL*

Shirley Mazotas Davis - April 17, 2017 at 11:16 PM

LB

“ *Love from all the Bellows and Bishops purchased the Vivid Recollections for the family of Joal LeRoy Davis.*



Love from all the Bellows and Bishops - April 12, 2017 at 10:01 PM