



JOELA "JO" GAYLE O'NEAL JOHNSON

April 9, 1942 - January 29, 2023

Joela "Jo" Gayle O'Neal Johnson, of San Antonio, Texas, passed away peacefully on 29 January 2023 at the age of 80 years old.

Jo was born in Urbana, Illinois. She was the youngest daughter of USAF Colonel Joel G. O'Neal and Lucretia "Billy" Abbey. At 6 weeks old, Jo's family boarded a train and moved to Texas. When Jo was 4 years old, her mother married Rodney Van Ness; they moved to Kerrville, where she attended Tivy Elementary. They then moved back to San Antonio. Jo attended school at Highland Park Elementary, Page Middle School and Brackenridge High School. Her father retired from the Air Force in 1947 and settled in Kerrville. Jo spent summers with her father in Kerrville and the school year with her mother in San Antonio.

Jo was a hard worker, an entrepreneur owning businesses in Houston, San Antonio and Louisiana. These included a neighborhood grocery store, restaurant, ice cream parlor, and other establishments. She was a board certified realtor, school bus driver, and genealogy aficionado. Jo was a member of the distinguished Society of Colonial Dames, Daughters of the American Revolution, and she is a Mayflower descendant. Her hobbies included loading up her camper and going off on adventures both alone and with family members, fishing for brookies in the cold mountain streams of Wyoming, wildlife photography, acting in local theatre productions, campfire

storyteller for parks and recreation, and promoting her father's memoir book A Bucket of Prop Wash from Poverty to Silver Wings.

Jo was preceded in death by her husband, Artie Johnson, her parents, and sisters: Sandra Perales, and Patricia Manuel. She is survived by her brother, John Van Ness, her children and their spouses: Lisa Wimberley, Bobbie and Armando De Los Santos, Joel and Deborah Johnson, Leah and Clifford Jasik, as well as 14 grandchildren, 27 great-grandchildren and 1 great-great granddaughter.

An evening Viewing Service (4-8p.m.) will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 7, 2023 at Alamo Funeral Chapel on 624 N. Alamo, San Antonio, TX 78215. The Chapel Service will be held in the same location Wednesday, Feb 8, 2023 at 10:30a.m.

Cemetery Details

Oakley Cemetery

3460 Hardy Rd
San Antonio, TX 78264

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 7. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

Funeral Service

FEB 8. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

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

Committal Service

FEB 8. 12:30 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Aunt Barbara, Jennifer & Lily Van Ness purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of JOELA "JO" GAYLE O'NEAL JOHNSON.



Aunt Barbara, Jennifer & Lily Van Ness - February 07, 2023 at 02:07 PM



“ Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of JOELA "JO" GAYLE O'NEAL JOHNSON.



February 06, 2023 at 12:24 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of JOELA "JO" GAYLE O'NEAL JOHNSON.



February 02, 2023 at 09:24 PM

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“ Archie Cooper lit a candle in memory of JOELA "JO" GAYLE O'NEAL JOHNSON



archie cooper - February 01, 2023 at 02:25 PM

AC

It took a long time for us to find one another but after we did it was like we had known one another all our life will remember her with fondest Memories

archie cooper - February 01, 2023 at 03:19 PM

BO

Thank you Cousin Archie. My mother valued your relationship and loved you.

Bobbie - February 08, 2023 at 02:26 AM

 Jeanne Garcia

“ *Jeanne Garcia lit a candle in memory of JOELA "JO" GAYLE O'NEAL JOHNSON*



Jeanne Garcia - February 01, 2023 at 12:02 PM

BO

Thank you Jeanne! Love you for a lifetime, Bobbie

Bobbie - February 08, 2023 at 02:26 AM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of JOELA "JO" GAYLE O'NEAL JOHNSON.*



January 31, 2023 at 06:56 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of JOELA "JO" GAYLE O'NEAL JOHNSON.



January 31, 2023 at 05:02 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet* was purchased for the family of JOELA "JO" GAYLE O'NEAL JOHNSON.



January 31, 2023 at 02:11 PM