



John Anthony Cordaro

November 14, 2021

John Anthony Cordaro, beloved husband, father, brother, uncle, and friend entered eternal rest on November 14, 2021 at the age of 72. John was born in Waco, Texas to Joseph and Myrl (Brennan) Cordaro.

He is preceded in death by his parents, grandparents, and brother-in-law, Jerry Riley. John is survived by his wife of over 34 years, Estela Nevarez Cordaro; daughter, Samantha Ann Cordaro; brothers, Tom Cordaro (Valerie), Larry Cordaro (Martha), and Mike Cordaro (Claudia); sisters, Ann Cordaro-Connell (Jim) and Mary Cordaro-Riley; and numerous nieces and nephews. John graduated from the University of Texas in 1971. He was a microbiologist at the San Antonio Metro Health Department for 35 years.

Because she wanted to honor her brother, his mother selected the name Jack for their son. His father would not agree because it was not the name of a saint. They compromised and named him John, but he was always Jack to the family.

His family thought he would probably never get married because he was still single at the age of 38, but he met and married the love of his life, Estela, and had a beautiful daughter, Samantha Ann. John was very proud of his daughter and her many accomplishments. He was also fond of his fur children Disco and Ally.

John and Estela loved doing things together like dining out, seeing new movies, and visiting small towns in the area. In addition, he spent a lot of time outside in his yard cultivating his beautiful roses. He also enjoyed listening to the music of Johnny Cash and Queen.

He was proud and grateful to belong to a large, close-knit family and liked to be around his brothers and sisters and their families. Family gatherings for Thanksgiving and Christmas, and birthday parties were always important to him.

John was an avid sports fan. As a graduate of the University of Texas at Austin, he always supported the Longhorns. In addition, he was a fan of the Dallas Cowboys, Houston Texans, and his beloved Astros.

A graveside service for John's family will be held on Tuesday, November 23, 2021 at 11:00 A.M. at Mission Burial Park South.

Cemetery Details

Mission Burial Park South

1700 SE Military Dr.
San Antonio, TX 78214
<http://www.missionparks.com>

Previous Events

Graveside Service

NOV **23**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Dear friends and family of Jack:
I just learned of your fine brother's passing as I was looking up
names of the old neighborhood families last evening.
I often remember the entire Cordaro family with much admiration.
Jack was always quiet around me, so I was tickled to read how he is
remembered by those who knew of his witty side.
Again, I send my belated but nonetheless sincerest condolences.*

Becky Chavarria

Becky Chavarria - July 10, 2023 at 09:29 PM

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“ My dear, sweet brother Jack is gone. I know in my mind that he is in a better place and no longer in pain, but my heart is having a hard time accepting that I will never see his smile, hear his wry, silly jokes, or feel his love and caring concern for me and the rest of the family. I will miss his frequent phone calls and his brotherly advice.

I have many fond memories of Jack. When we were in high school, he and I would ride to the football games with my friend's parents and two of my friends. Jack's love for football won out over his shyness around my friends. He never realized they both had crushes on him.

As young children we would go visit our Granny Brennan in the small town of Somerville, Texas. We were “city kids,” and never got to see cows or deer. Close to sunset, Granny would drive us out into the country to see the deer standing by the road. In addition, we were excited and amused to see Miss Ida and Miss Daisy's cows. The cows reminded me of pet dogs. Each one had its own name. When they heard the truck coming out to the field, they would follow it to its destination. The ladies would scratch the backs of the cows with a long stick

Jack, I love you, and I will hold these and many more memories in my heart.

Ann Connell - November 20, 2021 at 04:22 PM

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“ Jack, Mary's big brother, that was who he was to me. Very quiet and shy when I was over at the Cordaro house. Never told Mary I had a crush on him, I was too loud and wild to get his attention. Then he came to visit my husband Bob and I in Ingram, TX one Wednesday afternoon when we first landed here for retirement. Jim & Ann, Mary & Jerry, and Jack & Estela emerged from the car and there Jack was, arms in the air and said here I am, remember me? It certainly was not the Jack I remembered from high school! Jack and brother Tom were the only two of the family that were not a part of our wedding. Bob and I were so looking forward to enjoying more visits and gatherings with Jack and the gang, but now he and brother-in-law Jerry are safely home in heaven and both will be greatly missed!

Love to the entire family,
Shannon (Connor) and Bob Neubauer

Shannon Neubauer - November 19, 2021 at 06:57 PM

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“ Jack was my protector. As my big brother, he was constantly called on to rescue me from my silly younger brothers. Many people thought that Jack was very quiet, but once they got to know him, they realized that was far from the truth. He was actually quite silly and very talkative. He was always interested in the weather and provided us with regular forecasts. As a child, he was never interested in playing sports but as an adult he played on a slow pitch softball team which he enjoyed. He loved science which was great for me because I did not and he would always help me with my homework.

So many memories will keep you forever in my heart. Love you.

Mary Cordaro-Riley - November 19, 2021 at 06:05 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of John Anthony Cordaro.



November 19, 2021 at 12:23 AM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray* was purchased for the family of John Anthony Cordaro.



November 18, 2021 at 04:32 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of John Anthony Cordaro.



November 17, 2021 at 06:25 PM