



John G. Covarrubia

September 5, 1951 - July 15, 2024

John G. Covarrubia was born in San Antonio, Texas to Guadalupe M. and Concepcion C. Covarrubia on September 5, 1951. He went to be with the Lord on July 15, 2024, at the age of 72. He was preceded in death by his parents; his sister, Olga Covarrubia Flores; and grandson, Richard I. Chassaigne Jr. Survivors include his wife of 25 years, Sylvia R. Covarrubia; daughters: Julie C. Moreno and husband Javier, Melissa M. Covarrubia, Crystal A. Covarrubia, and Monica R. Alcantar and husband George; brothers; Frank C. Covarrubia and wife Casey, and Manuel Covarrubia and wife Barbara; 11 grandchildren: Jaylin, Janelle, Alyssa, Armand, Dayna, Jon, Milla, Sienna, Ethan, Liv, and Lucas; 1 great-grandson, Anthony; and numerous nieces and nephews.

John was a devoted Catholic and truly had a humble, loving servant's heart. For over 40 years he was dedicated to the church music ministry and throughout his life he served at St. James Church where he was raised, he also served at Our Lady of the Angels Church and at Our Lady of Sorrows Church. John made 7 Medjugorje Pilgrimages, involved in countless Men's Acts retreats, he was a CCD teacher, a lector at St Lukes, an altar server and an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, he was as a choir director and choir member and graciously always made himself available to serve at church functions, retreats and any type of event to help his family and friends.

John proudly graduated from Burbank High School in 1970, shortly after he

attended St. Edward's University in Austin, TX and then moved back to San Antonio and worked at Clarke Checks where he made many friends. John dedicated his life to raising his daughters as a single father and took an opportunity to make a career change and graduated from St. Phillips nursing program to receive his Licensed Vocational Nurse certification. In 1997 he started his nursing career with University Health System he began working at the adult detention center and a few years later dedicated 17 years to the Juvenile detention center which would lead him to retirement in Sept. 2013. John looked forward to retiring with his wife Sylvia and enjoyed many happy years together, being involved with their church community, attending mass daily, going to zumba classes and any chance they got they were ready to dance away together and would take trips to Kickapoo Casino with family and friends.

John was a passionate guitar player for Jesus, he was social, outgoing, loved making everyone laugh and known for his sweet and generous heart. John was athletic and a loyal Dallas Cowboy fan, he loved all kinds of genres of music but the Beatles was one of his favorites, he was involved with coordinating Lowell Middle School and Burbank High School reunions, he looked forward to seeing the next Marvel movie with his wife and grandchildren and made the best bbq and borracho beans. John impacted many lives in his lifetime, he loved Jesus and his family and friends with all his heart and will be greatly missed by so many.

Visitation will begin at 5:30pm on Sunday, July 21st at St. James the Apostle Catholic Church with a Rosary at 6:30pm. Funeral Mass will be offered at 10:00am on Monday, July 22 at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church. Interment will follow at Mission Burial Park South. After interment there will be a reception at St. James Bosco Hall located at W. Theo, San Antonio, TX 78225.

Cemetery Details

Mission Burial Park South

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

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 21. 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM (CT)

St. James the Apostle Catholic Church
907 W. Theo Ave.
San Antonio, TX

Rosary

JUL 21. 6:30 PM (CT)

St. James the Apostle Catholic Church
907 W. Theo Ave.
San Antonio, TX

Mass

JUL 22. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church
3107 N. St. Mary's Street
San Antonio, TX 78212

Tribute Wall

PE

“ Just found out about my friend John’s passing, keeping his loving family and his soul and prayer . was very fortunate to have been on several retreats with him .

Pete Estrada - November 19, 2024 at 07:20 PM

DA

“ I just found out about John's passing yesterday. I am so sorry to hear. He inspired me in the faith so much with his music and the bold way he read the readings at Mass. He was always so kind to me and my wife and he had a great love for his family and friends go back many years. He truly lived the joy of the Gospel. God bless you, John and rest in the peace and glory of the Lord. Our sincerest condolences for Sylvia, Monica, George and Luca.



David Archer - October 03, 2024 at 10:06 PM

RG

“ *The thing I remember most about Brother John. He was always improving his self. And one day when he realize he was just going to have to be a single father.*

It was like God just pick him up and said let's do this together. Or he pickup God. He has the greatest of character and spirit. He lead by example, carrying the lord in one hand, yet softly leading you to the lord.

I will miss you my friend, my brother and thou I was able to say good bye. I know I will see you again.

It just right that my favorite book is the book of John

John 1.1 and be hold the work of the lord.

Richard A. Garcia

Richard A. Garcia - July 27, 2024 at 05:26 PM

LW

“ John's faith blazed a path for all of us at Our Lady of Sorrows. Who could turn away from his enthusiasm for God? If he asked for your help, you couldn't refuse.



I will always remember him loudly praising Jesus through his ACTS songs, his clear voice reading scripture and his blessed smile and cheery greetings.

We were very blessed to have him as long as we did. With "guitar in hand," he now sails to heaven to prepare for all of us who hope to follow.

He will be missed by many. My condolences to each family member and friend who must remain, while treasuring the memory of the days we had him here with us.

Linda Wilson - July 22, 2024 at 12:03 AM

KC

“ Sylvia and Monica prayers of healing during this time for the family



Karen Christianson - July 21, 2024 at 04:44 PM

LK

“ Love, Robert & Kim purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of John G. Covarrubia.



Love, Robert & Kim - July 20, 2024 at 10:39 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of John G. Covarrubia.*



July 20, 2024 at 05:51 PM



“ *John was a true friend, I called him “Johnny Angel” because when we met at Juvenile Detention Center, I was overwhelmed as a new nurse there when it was my turn to do desk duty, he must have seen that I was anxious, and took it upon himself to sit right by my side and show me “the ropes”! I was so grateful at the end of our 12 hour shift and told him that he was an Angel!! Only one of many beautiful memories we shared... my heartfelt condolences to Sylvia, his daughters and All his family and friends who love him dearly! I will miss you tremendously my Angel!! Rest in Peace in Paradise until we meet again! Love, Yoli*

Yolanda Mireles - July 19, 2024 at 03:51 PM



“ *It was my honor to play with John at OLS one more time after 2020. I will always cherish that memory and I'm grateful for any and all of our time together. May he and his family feel God's blessing. Rest in peace and music!*

Sylvia Schmidt - July 19, 2024 at 02:44 PM

MS

“ My condolences to the family, May the Lord receive John with this open and loving arms, and May the perpetual light shine in this soul. Amen I met John at Retreats and many bible sharings. John was always a beloved servant of Christ. God Bless my Brother.
YBIC: Mark A Sanchez Sr.

Mark A. Sanchez - July 19, 2024 at 09:20 AM

DA

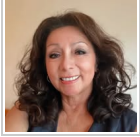
“ God's love shone through John on us all! John brought smiles, comfort and joy to all who were lucky enough to know or meet him. We couldn't help but love him. Thank you John for your song and devotion to God and us 🏡

Diana Adler - July 19, 2024 at 09:15 AM

GK

“ Our condolences go out to all the family. Gerie and I have many fond memories of Uncle Johnny. From him going out of his way to help organize our daughter's baptism at his church in San Antonio, to having us over to his house when we'd visit from AZ. He was always willing to help and a joy to be around. You will be missed!

Gerie & Pat Kennedy - July 18, 2024 at 04:50 PM



“ My heart goes out to all the family and Uncle Johnny's friends. Yes, he will be missed as he was a very special person. Full of love and compassion, he was always ready to help someone. I feel blessed to have had him in my life for such a long time. Uncle Johnny was someone I could always count on. I know that he is happy where he is because he's got to be in heaven! Say "Hi" to my Mom and Dad, Grandma & Grandpa. Uncle Johnny, you will always have a special place in my heart.

Your niece, Trish Champion Pajares (Machie)

Patricia Champion - July 18, 2024 at 01:52 PM

RP

“ Robert and Norma Peche purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of John G. Covarrubia.



Robert and Norma Peche - July 18, 2024 at 01:51 PM

FM

“ Francisco & Marta Martinez purchased the Simple y Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of John G. Covarrubia.



Francisco & Marta Martinez - July 18, 2024 at 10:36 AM

OH

“ Our condolences go out to Sylvia and John’s entire family for your loss. May the memories of John’s life bring you comfort and peace. John and I attended Lowell Middle School together back in 1965 through 1967. John was a great friend and a very kind person to everyone who was around him. John you will be dearly missed.

Oscar & Diane Herrera

Oscar & Diane Herrera - July 17, 2024 at 10:28 PM

TF

“ My Mother met John while working at the Juvenile detention center. And then later as a Parishioner at Our Lady Sorrows He was a Great Guy willing to help anyone. He was Kind, Giving, and had a big smile to welcome you. John will be missed. He touched many lives. Sending prayers to his family during this time of sorrow. May God give you strength in the days to come and comfort .



The Courchesne family - July 17, 2024 at 08:12 PM

JK

“ I never saw John without a smile, quite a feat at Juvenile Detention, where I worked with him. Always upbeat, always happy, always ready to laugh, especially when he & I would recount the event where I spoke at length - about John - with a lovely lady I thought was his beautiful Sylvia, but wasn't. I know John is bringing joy & smiles still, where he is now. Rest peacefully, sweet friend. Jan



Jan Keller - July 17, 2024 at 05:44 PM

YV

“ John was one of the most compassionate people I have ever known. He was an incredible nurse who always demonstrated kindness to the juveniles at JDC. John was incredibly (+) and a true joy as he really was a friend to all!

YOLANDA Lucia VALDEZ - July 17, 2024 at 05:01 PM

SO

“ We are so sorry to hear of John's passing. He was always so cheerful and willing to help with anything. It is a great loss for Our Lady of Sorrows where he served for so long. We will miss him. Our condolences to all of the family. May he rest in peace. Suzanne & Kermit

Suzanne ONeal - July 17, 2024 at 04:53 PM