



John Amos Longoria Jr.

November 25, 1969 - March 12, 2019

John A. Longoria, Jr. passed away unexpectedly on March 12, 2019, after a brief illness. Born in San Antonio, Texas, on November 25, 1969 to John A. and Patricia W. Longoria, John dedicated over 32 years to public safety in the San Antonio area as a radio operator, dispatcher, EMT, Fire Fighter, Peace Officer, and Arson Investigator for various agencies in and around Bexar County.

John was a graduate of the Central Catholic High School Class of 1988 where he was a proud member of the Mighty Button Band. During that time he also joined Explorer Post 700, a radio communications service group. There, he became an active amateur radio operator earning a General class license, N5MYL, which he used to provide vital communication links within the south Texas community during numerous natural disasters beginning with Hurricane Gilbert in September of 1988.

John began his professional career right out of high school as a traffic reporter for Traffic Central which then led to a 14 year career with the City of Alamo Heights and Bexar County Fire Alarm. There he was a 911 dispatcher, communications supervisor and reserve officer. He also served as a peace officer for the City of La Vernia Police Department and as a Bexar County Deputy Constable.

John was perhaps most proud of his association with the Sandy Oaks Volunteer Fire Department where, over the course of 23 years, he served as a fire fighter, EMT, Lieutenant, PIO, and President of its Board of Directors.

Wanting to share his passion for emergency services, personnel and equipment online, John co-founded the sanantoniofire.org website in 2001. At that time, only a handful of Texas fire departments had any presence on the internet. John assembled a group of enthusiastic experts to share information, photos and real-time news of critical events in and around the city of San Antonio. When the sanantonioFIRE webteam moved to Facebook in 2012, its audience exploded and the page is now viewed by thousands of viewers each day, ensuring that John's public safety legacy endures.

John is survived by his parents, paternal grandmother, Carrie G. Longoria, siblings, George E., James A., Lisa L. Gonzales (Seth), Lydia (fiancé Benedicto Carrion), beloved nephew, Gabriel T. Gonzales, numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, friends, and members of his public safety family.

Visitation will take place on Monday, March 25, 2019, at 5:00pm with a Rosary following at 7:00pm, both at St. Leonard's Catholic Church, 8510 S. Zarzamora St., San Antonio, TX 78224.

A Funeral Mass will be held on Tuesday, March 26, 2019 at 10:00am, also at St. Leonard's Catholic Church. Interment will follow at San Fernando Cemetery II with full Fire Fighter Honors.

Funeral Arrangements made through
Mission Park South Funeral Home
1700 SE Military Dr.
San Antonio, TX 78214

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAR 25. 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

St. Leonard's Catholic Church
8510 S. Zarzamora
San Antonio, TX 78224

Rosary

MAR 25. 7:00 PM (CT)

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Memorial Mass

MAR 26. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Leonard's Catholic Church
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Tribute Wall

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“ Sending my heartfelt sympathies to my cousin Carrie Longoria, John Amos, Patricia and the entire family for the passing of John Amos Jr. May John Jr. rest In peace and may our Lord bless and comfort the entire family during this time of grief.

Victoria P. Escobedo

Victoria P. Escobedo - March 28, 2019 at 11:34 AM

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“ Jesse Casanova & family purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of John Amos Longoria Jr..



Jesse Casanova & family - March 25, 2019 at 10:18 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Amos Longoria Jr..



March 24, 2019 at 05:58 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of John Amos Longoria Jr..*



March 24, 2019 at 05:15 PM



“ *Condolences to the family . RIP John we met at Gardendale fire Dept . I was unit 107 working with BCSO in the late 80's .*

Juan Delgado - March 24, 2019 at 12:19 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of John Amos Longoria Jr..*



March 22, 2019 at 10:26 AM



“ *James, So sorry for the loss of your brother. My condolences to you and your family. So glad that you have so many wonderful memories to cherish. Take care,
Love,
Your Friends
Mary Parker and Bruce Van Hoose*

Mary Parker - March 20, 2019 at 12:35 PM

YK

“ *Your Brother in Blue, Charles Krachala purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of John Amos Longoria Jr..*



Your Brother in Blue, Charles Krachala - March 18, 2019 at 11:03 AM

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“ *John, I'm at a loss. You were a great friend and I'll never forget meeting you at Sandy Oaks VFD. Our time in La Vernia as police officers was very memorable. You and Mike taught me so much about public service. You and Mike encouraged me to broaden my horizons in Law Enforcement. In 1994 I moved on to Sugar Land PD and you were always very supportive of my police career. We kept in touch but I sure wish we had spent more time together. "Choir practice" will never be the same now without you and Mike. We will meet again on the other side. I do find comfort in knowing that you are in Heaven with Jesus. I love you brother,,,,,Charles Krachala*

Charles Krachala - March 18, 2019 at 10:58 AM

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“ *Sorry to hear the sad news of John's passing. I meet John in person only one time but we visited many times over the years on ham radio and on the phone. his dedication to public service will be missed.*

*Wes Hutson N5SKB,
DPS communications San Antonio retired*

Wes Hutson - March 17, 2019 at 09:03 PM

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“ *John was a great man and a great firefighter. He will be greatly missed by all. Prayers for the family.* ”

Janet Snow - March 16, 2019 at 08:42 AM