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John Orville McKay Jr., born on July 18, 1944 went to be with the Lord on September 12, 2018; at the age of 74. John proudly served his country in the United States Marine Corps for 20 years from 1962 to 1982 before he retired as Master Sargent. After which, John McKay served as a Baptist minister from 1981 – 2001 in Texas City, San Antonio, and Hondo, TX. He is survived by his loving wife Faith McKay, children Doree Mae McKay Jarrett and Shane G. McKay, brother Robert Shawn McKay Sr., grandchildren Brittany Morrison, Tanner McKay, Dayton McKay, daughter-in-law Jenni McKay, brothers-in-law Guy Williams and wife Sybil, Hank Williams, Drew Williams and wife Nancy, along with numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father John Orville McKay Sr. and mother Augusta Lee Pinn McKay. Before he joined the Marine Corps, John was drafted by the Cleveland Indians organization as a catcher. John McKay served his country with multiple tours in Vietnam and further spent time in Australia, Japan, and Norway. Additionally, he was stationed in San Diego, Camp Pendleton, Bridgeport, CA, Danville, IL, Hawaii, Camp Lejeune, NC, and retired in Galveston, TX. While in the Marines he was an avid runner and completed multiple marathons. He was an exceptional leader of many Marines and his congregation. He loved his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, his family, fishing, the Dallas Cowboys, Los

Angeles Dodgers, and his beloved United States Marine Corps.

Semper Fidelis – Always Faithful.

Visitation will begin on Monday, September 17, 2018 from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at Mission Park Funeral Chapels South. Funeral service will be held on Tuesday, September 18, 2018 at 9:30 a.m. at the funeral home. Interment will follow at Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery.

For personal acknowledgement, you may sign the online guestbook at [www.missionparks.com](http://www.missionparks.com) in the obituary section.

# Cemetery Details

## Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery

1520 Harry Wurzbach  
San Antonio, TX 78209

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 17. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels South, Cemeteries & Crematories  
1700 SE Military Dr  
San Antonio, TX 78214  
(210) 924-4242  
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

## Funeral Service

SEP 18. 9:30 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Then GySgt McKay was the company Gunny of my Company A, 1stBn, 3rd Marines in 1975-76. He was an exceptional leader, teacher and skilled Marine. As a new company commander, he taught me many important lessons in leadership, and he was highly respected by every Marine who knew him. I am indebted to his example, and proud to have known him. Larry Zinser, Col, USMC ret

larry zinser - November 28, 2023 at 12:07 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of John Orville McKay Jr. .



September 17, 2018 at 02:51 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of John Orville McKay Jr. .



September 17, 2018 at 10:43 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John Orville McKay Jr. .*



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September 16, 2018 at 09:52 PM



“ *When we were growing up, we were always glad to see John when he came home on leave from the Marine Corps. He would tell stories about his time in the Viet Nam war that were interesting (but not the kind that would scare us kids.) The most memorable was the time he was able to give us a close-up picture he had taken in Tokyo. It was a picture of the Beatles!! I kept that picture until it disintegrated! As time went on, we grew apart and went our own ways. It's sad to lose someone, especially someone from your own family. I'm praying God's love will comfort Faith, Doree, Shane, and their families during this difficult time. Please know that our love and thoughts are with you too. Love, Jeanette*

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**Jet Vanbeek** - September 15, 2018 at 03:14 PM



“ *I have so many memories of John. When the family came to Luling, he would mostly hang with my brother Thomas Holcomb and Robert and I would hang around. Over the years we visited whenever we could get together. We were first cousins once removed or second cousins (whatever) but it was more like first cousins. Lots of good times. I last saw John when he, Robert, my daughter Monica and I ate at a Papisitos in Houston. Now my daughter and John are both gone. My condolences to the entire family.*

*Susan Holcomb Cobb*

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**Susan Holcomb Cobb** - September 15, 2018 at 01:12 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of John Orville McKay Jr. .*



September 14, 2018 at 06:38 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of John Orville McKay Jr. .*



September 14, 2018 at 06:32 PM



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**Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemetery** - September 14, 2018 at 01:44 PM