



John Harley Millsaps Jr.

September 15, 1925 - April 20, 2017

John H. “Johnny” Millsaps Jr., a lifelong resident of San Antonio, passed away peacefully April 20, 2017 after a gradual decline in health. He was born in San Antonio, Texas September 15, 1925 to John Harley Sr. and Florence (Schonert) Millsaps. He attended Fox Tech High School where he excelled in electronics. He is preceded in death by his parents, son Donald Millsaps, and sisters Irene Krueger, Hazel Davis, and Margie Steubing. He is survived by his wife of 69 years Lottie (Hendrick) Millsaps, daughter Carol and husband Gary Williams of Beeville, TX, grandchildren Randall Williams of Austin, TX and Carrie Williams of Paonia, CO, numerous nieces and nephews, plus a host of friends.

The family will receive friends for visitation from 5:30 to 8 pm at Mission Park Funeral Chapels North on Sunday, April 23, 2017. The funeral service will be held at Oxford United Methodist Church on Monday, April 24, 2017 at 10 am, followed by interment in Mission Burial Park North. A reception at the church will follow interment. The family thanks the staff of Brookdale Patriot Heights for their compassionate care during these past three months.

Cemetery Details

Mission Park Funeral Chapels and Cemetery Dominion

20900 IH 10 W
San Antonio, TX 78257
(210) 698-5252
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **23**. 5:30 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels Cherry Ridge
3401 Cherry Ridge Dr
San Antonio, TX 78230
(210) 349-1414
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

Funeral Service

APR **24**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Oxford United Methodist Church
9655 Huebner Rd
San Antonio, TX 78240

Tribute Wall

MP

“ *Lottie-
I'm so sorry for your loss! What a wonderful man he was! You and
your family are in my thoughts and prayers.
Myra Pilant, TMN and NPSOT*

Myra Pilant - April 24, 2017 at 12:17 AM

AC

*My condolences to a wonderful family. Cousin Johnny will be missed
by many.*

Alicia Cook - May 01, 2017 at 02:08 PM

AH

“ *Amy H. purchased the Country Basket Blooms
for the family of John Harley Millsaps Jr..*



Amy H. - April 23, 2017 at 11:04 PM

AN

“ *John was always your friend, open and jolly.
He and Lottie were both Master naturalists in
fact and practice. It is never fun to lose
someone who always had a smile and a
handshake for you.*



Anron - April 23, 2017 at 10:57 PM

AM

Cousin Johnny I still can't believe you are gone! RIP

Alicia Millsaps - May 01, 2022 at 10:36 PM

CF

“ *Curtis Krueger and family purchased the Basket of Joy for the family of John Harley Millsaps Jr..*



Curtis Krueger and family - April 23, 2017 at 12:08 PM

MJ

“ *Mary Frances, David, Mark, Kathy, Lisa and J.J. purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of John Harley Millsaps Jr..*



Mary Frances, David, Mark, Kathy, Lisa and J.J. - April 23, 2017 at 02:45 AM

BD

“ *John and Lottie are among the first people I met at a NPSOT meeting the first month I moved to the area over 20 years ago. John was always a soft spoken, but intelligent individual who I remember for all the pictures he took. Sometimes plants we were trying to learn (Well, I was trying to learn what Lottie described!) and sometimes birds. Both sets of photos were very helpful for checking our facts as we tried to describe the fine details. He always welcomed me with a smile and a kind few words, and I've missed seeing him in the last couple of years. My thoughts and prayers are with you, Lottie and your family, as you move through this trying time.*

Betty Dunn - April 22, 2017 at 04:48 PM

JG

“ Dearest Lottie and Family,
We are so saddened to hear of the loss of your loved one. I enjoyed reading the memories that niece Elizabeth shared. It was a beautiful glimpse of how the two of you interacted and shared your passion and time with the children in your life. Whether it's your children, nieces, nephews, or grandchildren—they will all serve as shining examples of the great job that both of you did in raising them or spending time with them and will be a constant reminder of his love and influence on them. I only got to see John as the dedicated, kind-hearted, helpful, quiet, but always smiling man alongside you at various Alamo Area Master Naturalist events, but it was apparent that the two of you had a very special bond and that you both loved each other so much. I know this will be a very tough time for you and your family, but please know that the Master Naturalist friends are here for you. Please don't hesitate to call on any of us if you need something or just want to have some companionship. --Judith and Carl Green



Judith Green - April 22, 2017 at 09:50 AM

TG

“ While Tom and I were new to Native Plant Society, we learned quickly to appreciate John and his quiet support and involvement and his support and help unloading and loading the goodies you brought to share. He will be missed, but remembered as kind and generous. May your loving memories of 69 years bring smiles and peace each day. Tom and Gail Johnson.

Tom and Gail - April 22, 2017 at 08:58 AM

“ My Uncle Johnny was truly a remarkable, fun loving, gentle, kind and selfless man. In my younger years while grandma still lived in San Antonio I'd go for visits he always made sure to make a presence too. Wendy trips for Large frosty were a common novelty and we'd go see Aunt Lottie Millsaps at their home and catch lightning bugs. My grandma died when I was 19 and my heart broke and I never thought that pain would ever get better. Time does help but 14 years later I fiercely miss her and regret that she wasn't able to meet my husband (she would of said he had a old calm soul) and my little girls (she would of ate them up). Yet that pain was truly softened because of the increased presence Uncle Johnny and Aunt Lottie had in our lives. They truly stepped more into the role of grandparents. My sister lived with them for a while when attending college. I moved to attend college and our relationship blossomed like it does when you become an adult. Their home was always open for visits and my friends were welcome as well. We'd ride the bus up and then have great adventures. Uncle Johnny made me a wood mantel for my fireplace, a coffee table, and spice rack. just because he loved me. I used to go sit with him in his shop while he tinkered away on some electronic he was fixing. He fixed a few of my electronics too. In his working days he fixed air plane radios. But even after he retired he was always picking up jobs to bring home an do. He didn't like to sit around. I am very like that too, always a project, staying busy. I remember going on trips with him to the old airport so we could go see his friends and chat. They always had their little get together. Wed go to the home depot and wonder around or this old electronic store and he'd look at all these electronic pieces i had no idea what they were. lol I still love to wander around home depot and find that smell to be comforting. Aunt/Uncle would go on grand adventures both loving the wild nature. They'd come back and we would watch slide shows of all the sights. He loved to take pictures and part of my love for plants and nature comes from being with both of them. When I lived in San Antonio I was always there bugging them so much so that he built



danny (my dog) a run so he'd stop catching fish in their ponds. They had a 60 gallon tank in the shop where he would have guppies and others and then transfer them to the ponds. A couple years ago it became to much for him and he gave me the tank. I updated it some but now it sits in the office busy with all the fish swimming around and I remember are times sitting around talking. All this comes down to, I will miss you Uncle Johnny. I loved you and I know you loved me. You impacted. many lives with your kindness and selflessness and I selfishly wish I could turn back time and keep you here. So you could sit at the table and tell me the gruesome stories you heard on the radio last night. I cherish are time together and my heart breaks knowing that chapter is closed. love you forever, give grandma my love....

Elizabeth Black - April 21, 2017 at 09:13 PM

RC

“ *Lottie:*

You and your husband have been such an inspiration. You are the reason so many of us began showing up early for Native Plant Society monthly meetings at Lion's Field. You have been so sorely missed as John's health made it difficult for you to travel to community events. Even then, you have continued to inspire with dedication to each other.

Any frustration a person experiences in dementia is also met with exhaustion for the caregiver. You are well-loved by friends. Now that John has entered into rest, I pray for restoration and God's rest for you in this lifetime. We always look forward to seeing you again.

Rachel Cywinski



Rachel Cywinski - April 21, 2017 at 07:49 PM

FR

“ I still remember when Kim and I move in next door just 5 years ago. I loved hearing his stories and looking at the wonderful things he'd created like his custom made crossbow. We will miss him and his clever wit and wisdom.

Frank & Kim Rocha - April 21, 2017 at 04:24 PM



“ Love's Tapestry was purchased for the family of John Harley Millsaps Jr..



April 21, 2017 at 02:47 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Harley Millsaps Jr..



April 21, 2017 at 02:30 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Harley Millsaps Jr..



April 21, 2017 at 01:20 PM

TV

“ *Lottie & family,*

You're in my thoughts & prayers.

I will always remember my first trip to Big Bend. You & John were my trail guides & taught me so much about that beautiful place. I hold dear the many memories of our trips out there. John loved to tell stories & I enjoyed listening to him tell of the many adventures the both of you had. He will be missed.

God bless you all.

Toni Villarreal - April 21, 2017 at 12:55 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of John Harley Millsaps Jr..*



April 21, 2017 at 11:59 AM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of John Harley Millsaps Jr..*



April 21, 2017 at 08:30 AM

RK

“ *Lottie, Carol and Gary,*

Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Johnny meant so much to us. I remember swimming in the above ground pool when I was a little boy and coming over to the house to watch slide shows and hear the stories of trips to North Carolina and Big Bend. Johnny and I got to bow hunt together several times and though we didn't get a deer on those trips, we sure had fun trying!

*Ryan, Jennifer, Matthew and Stephen Krueger
Helotes, TX*

Ryan Krueger - April 21, 2017 at 08:00 AM

NF

“ *Nancy&Earl Jonas, Chris&Kim Thompson & Family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of John Harley Millsaps Jr..*



Nancy&Earl Jonas, Chris&Kim Thompson & Family - April 20, 2017 at 11:02 PM



“ *Sunny Memories was purchased for the family of John Harley Millsaps Jr..*



April 20, 2017 at 07:18 PM