



## Johnny A. Garza

August 2, 1930 - April 4, 2009

### GARZA

John Alfonso Garza died Saturday, April 4, 2009 of cancer. He was 78 years old, and lived all his life in San Antonio, Texas. John Garza graduated from Fox Tech High School in 1949. He joined the San Antonio Fire Department and retired with 20 years service. He joined the United States Marine Corp where he fought in the Korean War. After working with the SAFD, he had many careers but the most gratifying career was a Home Builder where he built his own and his children's homes. John Garza graduated from Southwest Texas State University. His greatest passion in life was playing golf. He loved attending the annual Marine Corp reunion where he was able to see all his buddies he served with. He was preceded in death by his brother, Edward Garza. He is survived by his beloved wife, Shirley, his five children Yvette Smith, Brenda Reinemund, Annette Griffin, Juanita Fitzpatrick and his only son, John I. Garza, and has 10 grandchildren, and 3 great grandchildren. John has three surviving siblings: Rita Sarbach, Henrietta Zepeda and Richard Garza. Donations may be made to the Pilgrim's Center of Hope. Semper Fidelis Daddy. Rest in Peace.

### SERVICES

Visitation will begin at 5:00 PM until 9:00 PM with a Rosary at 7:00 PM on Monday, April 6, 2009 at Mission Park Funeral Chapels North. Funeral Procession will depart at 12:15 PM for a Mass at 1:00 PM on Tuesday, April 7,

2009 at St. Matthew's Catholic Church. Interment will follow at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery.

# Tribute Wall

JF

“ *In Memory of my Loving Daddy  
John Garza, my Hero and my Best Friend...You are deeply missed.  
Love Your Fav Dtr...  
Semper Fi Daddy*

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**Juanita Garza Fitzpatrick** - May 19, 2009 at 12:00 AM

PC

“ *We are so sorry for your loss. Know that he is heaven organizing a reunion for all his comrades. It was a pleasure and an honor to serve with this great man.*

*Sincerely,  
Philip & Louella Cruz*

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**Philip Cruz** - April 19, 2009 at 12:00 AM

VK

“ *I am Rita's sister in law and want to share how important her family is to her. I can imagine the loss you all feel for Johnny. He was special.*

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**Vicki Sarbach Karlin** - April 16, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ *Shirley and family, Carlos and I was so sorry to hear about John. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. We remember the reunion he planned in San Antonio. It was great. He was a wonderful person. Love to all of you, Carlos and Gladys Haynes*

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**Carlos & Gladys Haynes** - April 08, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ I am very sorry to hear about your father. I know you will miss him, and continue to think about him as I do mine. remember the good times, that keeps you going. Luv to you, see you soon.

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**celia carranza** - April 07, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RP

“ Yvette, Juanita & Family,  
I'm so sorry about your Dad. He was a wonderful and well-accomplished man. I hope that you can have some peace in knowing that he is in heaven, now. You are all in my prayers. Love,  
Rose

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**Rose M Perez** - April 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LI

“ Shirley and Family  
Johnny and I were friends since elementary. We never lost touch. I will miss him very much.  
Please accept our condolences . May the peace of the Lord be with all of you. Louie & Carmen Imperial

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**Lius Imperial** - April 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ Our deepest condolences to the Garza Family. We know Mr. Garza is at rest with the lord. May God Bless and keep his family in his care. We were so blessed to have known him. Love, Tony, Lita and Tony III Segovia Lisa's aunt

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**Tony & Lita Segovia** - April 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RP

“ Although I only knew Mr.Garza for a few short years I knew that he was a good son a great brother an awesome husband a fabulous father and the greatest of Grandfathers he will be missed by all those whose lifes he touched heaven is a better place becasue

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**Ruben M. Pena** - April 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM

FM

“ Another marine from First amtracs in Korea.Rest in peace ole buddy and semper fi./Frank

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**Frank Morong** - April 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TB

“ Gabby and family,  
We feel for you in the loss of your grandfather. We are praying for comfort in this challenging time.  
Much love, the Bannowsky family

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**Tate, Kristi, and Laith Bannowsky** - April 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RI

“ I'd like to extend the sympathies of all your cousins from the Eastern Shore of Maryland, to the entire Garza Family. I'd also like to pass those of the entire ISGS research group, et al. Your cousin, Bob Ireland

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**Robert S. Ireland** - April 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ To my dear friend John, I extend to you my sincere condolences and to your entire family.

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**David Anguiano** - April 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BA

“ John was a good friend and I consider him One of the nices men that I have meet. He had a good sence of humor and he was fun to be around. I always enjoyed talking with him. He served his country proudley and well.He was proud of his family and I applaud

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**Bobby & Dorothy Aycock** - April 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ I am sorry that I never got to meet Mr. Garza. My son Brad has, and he has shared how neat a person Mr. Garza was. I know Brad spent many fun times visiting with him. Our family sends our sincerest condolences.

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**Diane Williams** - April 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ *Juanita:*  
*I am deeply sorry for your loss. I know he will be missed. My prayers are with you and your family.*

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**Julia Castillo** - April 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ *Dear Shirley and Family,*  
  
*I am so sorry for your loss. We were Marine buddies.*  
  
*Vaya con Dios Johnny Boy!*  
  
*Semper Fi MARINE.*  
  
*Un Amigo,*  
  
*Joseph Morales*

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**Joseph A. Morales Sr.** - April 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ Dear Yvette & Family

*I'm thinking of all of you in this time of loss. John was a great person  
He was respected and will be missed by many in his life. You are all  
in my prayers.*

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**Steven S.** - April 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ *I feel confident that Johnny is now guarding the heavenly gate  
representing the United States Marine Corps as one of God's  
precious angels. During this time of grief and mourning, we should  
also remember his life as he lived by celebrating his life as he*

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**Johnny Lopez** - April 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM

EN

“ *Yvette,  
I am so sorry for your loss. My prayers are with you and your family.  
Elena Neis*

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**Elena Neis** - April 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RR

“ *To Yvette and the entire family: Our prayers are with you. Lisa and I  
are very sorry for your loss.  
Roy and Lisa Richard*

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**Roy Richard** - April 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ Because of John and the kind of Man he was and what he stood for love of God, family respect for others , Love of country, integrity, a true friend, to all of us who knew him and his family consider ourselves privileged and fortunate to have been associ

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**Jim & Sylvia Hardy** - April 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Our deepest sympathy and condolences for you and yours.  
The Springer Family

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**John J. Springer and Family** - April 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ Our sincere condolences to your family. We are all Garza's, your Husband, Dad, Grandfather, Great Grandfather was a cousin to my Dad, Louis C Garza, Jr. I will always have fond memories of Mr John Garza, always a happy man. He is and will always be a grea

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**James Garza** - April 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ Our sincere sympathy for all the family. It was time for him to rest.

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**John & Anna Lee Tucker** - April 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SJ

“ May the good Lord give you peace and comfort during these days of sorrow, as well as the days to come. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time of sorrow. Semper Fi.

Saul & Mary Louise Juarez

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**Saul C. Juarez** - April 05, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RL

“ Though we’re never ready for the final farewell, and knowing he is in a much better place, he is finally at peace. Hopefully this will help in some small way to ease the loss you bear. Our prayers are with you and your family.

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**Robert and Irene Lozano** - April 05, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TP

“ Juanita and Shirley, im so sorry to hear of the loss of your beloved father and husband John, but he is at peace now and is surely in the presence of god. He must have been a wonderful man because he raised a wonderful person in his daughter. John served

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**Trace Pharis** - April 05, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ Dearest Garza Family,  
I am sorry for the suffering Mr. Garza endured. May you find comfort in knowing that he is resting in peace in His Father's Arms never to feel pain again.

Take care,  
Love,  
Debra & Alex Sanchez  
Nic & Ryan Villarreal

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**Debra & Alex** - April 05, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ I only knew John for the last two years of his life,he was a very nice man to be around with a warm smile. His family is so truly blessed to have such a wonderful father/husband.I saw first hand the love that his kids have for him,his legacy will live on

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**Bill McGinnis** - April 05, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RY

“ *Our Dearest Girlfriend Juanita & Family,  
Please accept our deepest and most heartfelt condolences. From  
your Fatherless friends who understand all to well your pain and  
agony; we offer you a reminder that as Christians we are blessed  
with the promise of*

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**Rob & Letty Ybarra** - April 05, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ *Shirly and children, we know you will greatly miss John. We all will,  
expecially at the reunions. You will be remembered in our thoughts  
and prayers. Please stay in touch. Love & Prayers,*

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**Lloyd & Nadine Bennett** - April 05, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ *John a GREAT man to know and admire  
Semper Fi*

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**Jack/June Moriarty** - April 05, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MJ

“ *Johnny was a wonderful person. I will always be grateful to him for  
visitng my Dad when he was alive. My Dad always loved Johnny's  
visits. Johnny was very kind and a loving cousin. Our deepest  
sympthy to all the family on their great loss. Our prayer*

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**Mickie and Manuel Ruiz Jr.** - April 05, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CN

“ Baker Co., 3Rd. AmTrac Bn.  
United States Marine Corps  
Camp DelMar, CA. 1953-54.

*My condolences to the family.*

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**C. L. Nellie Nelson** - April 05, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KT

“ Our heartfelt sympathy to Shirley & the family. John will be greatly missed. He was one of the ones instrumental in getting our Marine Reunions started.

God bless  
We love ya,  
Ken & Barbara  
Prov. 3:5&6

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**Ken & Barbara Tettleton** - April 05, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ Caring thoughts are with you and family at this difficult time. In deepest sympathy. Semper-Fidelis Jack & Dee.

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**Jacl & Dee George** - April 05, 2009 at 12:00 AM

EG

“ OUR PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU AND YOURS.

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**E T AND ALICE GUIDRY** - April 05, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JN

“ Extending our heartfelt condolences on the loss of your loved one.

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**Julian Cruz & Staff at Mission Park Funeral Chapels North** - April 05, 2009 at 12:00 AM