



Johnny Reyes Jr.

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Johnny Reyes, Jr., beloved husband and father, loyal friend and patriot, known by many as “Chief Reyes,” was called Home by our Lord on May 4, 2020. He was born on January 28, 1940, in San Antonio, TX, to the late John Reyes and Oralia Guerra Reyes. Johnny is survived by his wife, Gail Reyes; children, Yvonne Reyes Wheeler (significant other Jeffery Mahan), Michael Reyes (Cristin) and Elizabeth Bowlin; grandchildren, Madison Wheeler, Ashland Reyes and Zachary Reyes; sister, Gloria Gutierrez; and former son-in-law, Scott Wheeler. He is predeceased by his spouse, Elizabeth Reyes and brother, Ralph Reyes.

Johnny’s love for his family was closely followed by his love for his country with 33 years of proud military service, initially as a United States Marine (Vietnam War) and concluding as an Air Force Reservist and Command Chief Master Sergeant of the 433rd Military Airlift Wing, Lackland AFB, TX (Operation Desert Storm). Mr. Reyes cherished the many friends and colleagues in his military career, in his years as an engineering technician, and in his community, most recently at Salem Lutheran Church in Tomball, TX.

In lieu of flowers the family has requested donations to TOMAGWA Healthcare Services in Tomball where Johnny and Gail had volunteered.

For everyone's safety during the COVID-19 pandemic, in accordance with CDC safety precautions, we will have private services. Please feel free to sign the online guest book and leave your condolences at www.missionparks.com. Online Streaming of the services will be available, please contact a family member for more information. During the viewing please practice Social Distancing, mask are required and please refrain from shaking hands or hugging the family. To extend Condolences, please place your hand over your heart and give a gentle head nod to acknowledge the family. Thank you for your understanding.

For personal acknowledgement, you may sign the online guestbook at www.missionparks.com in the obituary section.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 14. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels South, Cemeteries & Crematories
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Tribute Wall



“ *Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemeteries created a Webcast in memory of Johnny Reyes Jr.*



Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemetery - May 12, 2020 at 10:55 AM

RJ

“ *I was fortunate to serve as a young First Sergeant during Chief Reyes tenure as Chief Enlisted Advisor/Command Chief of the 433rd Airlift Wing. He consistently demonstrated the Air Force's Core Values: Integrity First, Service before Self and Excellence in All We Do. Long after his retirement from the Air Force Reserve, I contacted him in 2007 about attending and making a few comments at my retirement ceremony. All he requested was the date, time and place. This was the type of individual Chief Reyes was. Always caring and concerned about his fellow airmen. My accomplishments in my career at the 433rd is attributed to the mentoring I received from Chief Reyes. My heartfelt condolences to his family and friends.*

*Reuben Knape, CMSgt
Retired First Sergeant
433rd Air Base Group
433rd Logistic Support Squadron
433rd Maintenance Squadron*

Reuben F Knape, Jr - May 13, 2020 at 10:55 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Johnny Reyes Jr. .*



May 12, 2020 at 07:56 PM



“ *Gail, my sympathy on the loss of your Johnny. Johnny said he was "just helping" when you served refreshments before Bible class.*
Renee Hardaway

Renee Hardaway - May 12, 2020 at 06:49 PM



“ *It was an honor to serve with Chief Reyes. He was an amazing leader who always took care of people. Even after he retired, he was still keeping in contact to make sure you were doing ok. He lived life to the fullest. Praying for peace for the family. Proverbs 3:5-6.*

Dave and Princess Miller

Dave & Princess Miller - May 12, 2020 at 03:33 PM



“ *My condolences to the Reyes family. I served with Chief Reyes at the 433rd from 1973 until his retirement. He was an excellent mentor and a great friend. He was from the old school and offered firm guidance..He was a true marine. God Bless!!*

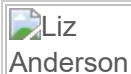
Richard Aves - May 12, 2020 at 01:46 PM



John
Shroyer

“ Chief Reyes was my first First Sergeant at the 433. He was my inspiration to become a "Shirt" he taught me what it meant to take care of the people. When he was notified that he had been selected to be the Wings Senior Enlisted Advisor, i interviewed for his First Sergeant position. Though not selected when I received my feedback from him towards the end of the interview he took out a set of Chief stripes and slid them across the desk and said, "hold on to these, someday you are going to need them." That was the start of a 30+year friendship. The Air Force was better because of him. I will miss him terribly., and I will never forget him, his smile and how he respected everyone .

John Shroyer - May 12, 2020 at 10:21 AM



Liz
Anderson

“ I well remember and respected Chief Reyes' leadership and interpersonal skills. He was always a true gentleman and excellent mentor to many of the enlisted force in the unit. My deepest condolences to his family and friends.

*Liz Anderson, Col (ret), USAFR
Former 433AW member*

Liz Anderson - May 11, 2020 at 11:55 PM



CB

“ What a true gentleman with a huge heart, caring for all who came in contact with him. Many wonderful memories were made with everyone who became his friend. Johnny was a true patriot who loved his family and his country. A friend who will be missed by all who knew him, but God has gained a new angel. Our prayers will continue for the entire Reyes family.

Chris and Lanelle Boyd

Chris Boyd - May 11, 2020 at 09:45 PM

CG

“ Chief Reyes was a caring man and excellent mentor. He was respectful and respected by all he encountered. His style of leadership and his legacy will continue through those still serving. My prayers for his family.

CPT W GrayEagle - May 11, 2020 at 01:33 PM

JB

“ Sincerest condolences for your loss. Prayers for peace and strength going up for all.

Jeri Brewer-Martin - May 10, 2020 at 10:03 PM

BH

“ Chief Reyes was a special person. I Always enjoyed working with him at the 433rd Airlift Wing.

Sorry to learn of his passing.

*Buster HORLEN
Col Retd
USAFR
404/433CLSS*

Buster Horlen - May 10, 2020 at 11:17 AM

SC

“ Gail, thanks for sharing Johnny with our family. He was enjoyed and will be missed. Love ya, sister, Sharon.

Sharon Cruz - May 09, 2020 at 06:20 PM

PA

“ *My thoughts and prayers go out to Gail, Yvonne, Michael and family on the passing of my dear and good friend of over 60 years. My wife and I first met Johnny while we were in high school and then again when we started working at Kelly AFB. For several years we were in the same Nondestructive and Testing section and served in the USAF reserves at Kelly. I will miss my good friend. May he Rest In Peace , God Bless.*

Pete & Elida Aguilar

Pete Aguilar - May 09, 2020 at 12:46 PM

JS

My sincere condolences to the family of my good friend for over 40 years. May God bless you at this difficult time. Rest in peace Johnny.

Jesse salazar - May 11, 2020 at 12:06 AM

BU

I served with Johnny in the 433rd. He was a good man. Bill Umphlett. CMSgt, Retired

Bill Umphlett - May 11, 2020 at 09:32 PM

GR

“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



Gail Reyes - May 08, 2020 at 11:40 AM

CS

A beautiful loving & caring couple!

carol Smits - May 10, 2020 at 09:34 AM

LK

Chief Reyes is one of our best providing leadership, support, and friendship to the members of the Wing. His professionalism is noteworthy. He is now a Chief Advisor for the Lord. May he rest in peace!

*LtCol Harry Kilgore
USAF Ret
A 433d Ex*

LtCol Harry Kilgore - May 10, 2020 at 02:54 PM

JV

Special prayers to your family. Chief Reyes was a leader and friend to many in the 433d Airlift Wing. We will all remember his wonderful leadership and guidance.

MSgt Judy Vogel

USAFR Retired

433d

Judith Ann Vogel - May 10, 2020 at 11:13 PM

 Dan Daniel

A good heart has stopped beating, a good soul ascended to heaven. Please accept our condolences and may our prayers help comfort you and your family. God IS Good ... YBIC

Dan Daniel - May 10, 2020 at 11:27 PM

AS

Rest in Peace, Johnny Reyes. A good friend and co-worker at Kelly AFB. My condolences go out to the Reyes family and may the Lord give you comfort and peace. A. Sanchez

A. Sanchez - May 12, 2020 at 12:09 AM