



Johnny Joe Salazar Jr.

February 10, 1983 - September 6, 2023

Johnny Joe Salazar Jr., at the age of 40, went to be with the Lord on September 6, 2023. He was born February 10, 1983, in San Antonio, Texas to his parents Martha and Johnny Salazar Sr.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 13 years, Jennifer Marie Salazar, his children; Johnny Joe Salazar III, Xavier Rey Salazar, and Andrew James Salazar, his parents; Martha G. Salazar and Johnny J. Salazar Sr., his sister; Nancy Jean Salazar Esquivel (Edward Esquivel), Nieces; Victoria, Allison and Emily Esquivel, and maternal grandmother; Yolanda G. Garza, Goddaughter's Victoria Kristen Esquivel and Karissa Garcia and God parent's Mario and Elva Z. Salazar; Mother in law Norma Garcia, Father in law Andrew Garcia and brother's in law Ernest, David and Nick Garcia and their spouses, and numerous aunts and uncles, nephews, cousins, and many great friends.

He is preceded in death by paternal grandparents; Angelina R. Salazar & Ruben T. Salazar, and maternal grandfather; Jesus V. Garza. Aunts; Maria Eloisa Barraza, Maria Elena Vieira- Branco.

Johnny Joe graduated from South San High School class of 2001 and continued his studies at Palo Alto College as well as St. Philips Culinary College. He was the proud (small business owner) of J's Prime Time Bar-B-Que Catering and loved feeding people. He did many volunteer events and

that made him feel good. He never forgot his roots. He loved the South side where he was raised and met his lifelong friends.

His pride and joy were his children and his wife and family.

He joined the USMC in 2001 and dedicated his time in the Marines serving his country and fighting for our freedom. He was a Stinger gunner, Martial Arts instructor and was a Corporal in the Marine Corps. He received Combat Action ribbon (Iraq), Marine Core Good Conduct Ribbon (2nd award) Campaign Medal, Sea Service Deployment Ribbon (2nd award). Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Certificate of Commendation, Rifle Marksman Badge, Certificate of Appreciation.

Most of all he loved his family deeply and would do anything for anyone. He had a heart of Gold.

He will forever be loved and missed and live in our hearts. And we will carry his legacy by honoring him in the way that he lived and served the community.

In Lieu of flowers please donate to his family's go fund me account. Fort Sam Cemetery will only take 3 wreaths of flowers.

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/johnnys-wife-and-kids>

Cemetery Details

Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery

1520 Harry Wurzbach
San Antonio, TX 78209

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **19**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

Holy Rosary

SEP **19**. 6:00 PM (CT)

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Final Viewing and Procession

SEP 20. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Funeral Mass

SEP 20. 11:30 AM (CT)

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

Tribute Wall

AM

“ You will be missed brother. I'm sorry I didn't stay in touch more. Semper Fi my brother. Love you.

Adam Mays - October 10, 2023 at 01:30 PM

LF

“ Johnny and family...I want to express my deepest condolences. I never was able to meet your son, but definitely got to taste his wonderful BBQ and heard so many stories about him and his beautiful family at work from Johnny (CLI). Continued prayers, God bless Lisa from CLI



Lisa Farr - September 20, 2023 at 10:20 AM



“ My condolences to Jennifer and the family, what can I say about Johnny that most of you don't know he was a amazing person always laughing and joking. I had the pleasure of meeting him and Jen at Chilis, where I was a bartender his presence and joyful spirit was contagious.. he loved his cowboys and his spurs! I used too call him the mayor of the southside because he always ran into someone he knew or was constantly making new friends. May he rest in paradise and live on in our memories.. I love you buddy!

Marleen Cano - September 19, 2023 at 05:32 PM



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



September 17, 2023 at 03:43 PM

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“ (If Junior had a voice right now)
I'M FREE
Don't grieve for me for now I'm free,
I'm following the path God laid for me.
I took His hand when I heard Him call:
I turned my back and left it all.



I could not stay another day
To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way;
I found my place at the close of day.

If my parting has left a void
Then fill it with remembered joys.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Ah yes, these things I too shall miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow:
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I savoured much;
Good friends, good times, a loved ones touch.

Perhaps my life seemed all too brief:
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and share with me;
God wanted me now, He set me free.

You will be missed by ALL, Junior. You were gone too soon. I wish
we had more time.

♥ Your Primo Nando

Ernest (Nando) - September 16, 2023 at 12:03 PM

CS

“ My condolences to Johnny’s family. He was such a good person. I was referred to him by word of mouth and boy my family was hooked. Thank you for sharing your talent with all of us, you were so appreciated. May you rest in peace. Big hug to his wife and kids. Please know your Dad was a cool guy!

carol shaw - September 16, 2023 at 02:46 AM

VS

“ My beautiful primo, Johnny Jr. I’m so sorry you had to leave us so early. There’s nothing more we want than to just hug you one more time and tell you how much we love you. I know you’re resting and your pain is gone, but losing you has been so hard. We love you primo.

Vanessa Solis - September 16, 2023 at 02:12 AM

SC

“ You are all continuously in my thoughts and prayers during this most difficult time. God Bless. RIP Devil Dog!

Scott - September 15, 2023 at 02:45 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Johnny Joe Salazar Jr..



September 14, 2023 at 04:11 PM

AG

“ Johnny Jr. You gained your wings and left unexpectedly leaving a void and a broken heart. You will be missed but never forgotten. Rest in heavenly peace. Love you Tia Alma and family.

Alma Garza-Rodriguez - September 14, 2023 at 07:54 AM

AC

“ Johnny Jr. we will miss your beautiful smile and giving heart. May you rest in eternal peace. All our love, Tia Ana and Family.

Ana Maria Garza Cortez - September 13, 2023 at 11:24 PM

MS

“ While I never met him personally, me and Johnny met on Facebook after he called me a boot on some group we were both in. As any combat infantryman would I immediately let him know what I thought about that comment. We talked some shit but after talking a bit found out we both had a lot in common and neither were “boots”. We friended each other and I’ve kept up with him over the years. I love smoking pork and chicken that’s my thing, but was always in awe of how good he made that brisket look. He was an inspiration whether he knew it or not. I recently started my own business and watching his story gave me just another reason to do so. I feel for his family and just wanted y’all to know that he was a friend to a stranger from Alabama that he never even met. 12/5 Marine. Teach me to cook brisket when I get up there.

Martha Salazar - September 13, 2023 at 12:15 AM

KS

“ *Primo I love you so much...you left me with a broken heart!..wish I could of got at least a Goodbye!.My heart is broken in millions of pieces!.All the memories we had when we were little will always be in my heart!..Tell Grandma I said to not leave you alone at all!..I promise primo I will take care of your Dad and your boys!..Till we meet again primo!..Love you so much!..💔🙏🙏 #Dallas #cowboys #salazar*

Kelly Salazar - September 12, 2023 at 07:15 PM

MC

“ *Johnny, you were an incredible human & friend. I will miss you, your humor, jokes, & friendship. I will never forget you and how you helped my mom and I when my dad passed. Rest in peace my friend ❤️*



Mary Ann Calderon - September 12, 2023 at 06:55 PM

HS

Love and Miss you forever, mijo. Show g'pa the real way yo make brisket.. Huge hug, you'll I always have be a big part of my heart. Love you mijo. RIP in Paradise 🙏❤️

Hector Salazar - September 14, 2023 at 07:31 PM

RM

Semper FI Brother!

*Rowland Martinez
SgtMajor USMC*

rowland martinez - September 15, 2023 at 06:26 PM

SE

“ Johnny you will forever be remembered for your humble ways of always thinking of others and putting them first. No matter what you were going through you always had a smile on your face and always had good jokes to go along with that smile. You always kept it real. I will forever cherish that last in person pick up when you were busy busy and you even had Jenn working hard. We talked about how excited you were for you boy to be playing football. You will forever be in my heart my friend we go way back and all though life went on and we only spoke every now and then I was blessed to see what an amazing man you had become raising amazing boys with the love of your life. Rest easy marine. No more worries, thank you so much for never forgetting where you came from and of course thank you so much for your service. Lots of Love and prayers to the entire family. Mom and dad Salazar, Nancy, Jenn and the boys

Sabrina Elias - September 12, 2023 at 04:45 PM