



## MSgt. Jon Wesley Hoffman (USAF, Ret.)

July 27, 1947 - April 23, 2024

Jon Wesley Hoffman joined his Lord on April 23, 2024 in San Antonio, Texas. He was born on July 27, 1947 in Burlington, Vermont to Wesley Hoffman and Muriel Metcalf Hoffman. He entered the U.S. Air Force in April 1967 and spent most of his career as a Special Agent with the Office of Special Investigations (OSI) and earned numerous commendations including the AF Commendation Medal w/ 2 Devices. He did a tour in Vietnam where he earned numerous medals to include the Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Device. Jon was preceded in death by his parents and his brother-in-laws, Andy Gnoza, Daniel Cardenas and Gary Cardenas. He is survived by his loving wife of 46 years, Gloria Cardenas Hoffman; daughter, Sara Wallen (Ron); sons, Tom Keefer (Heather), John Hoffman, Wesley Hoffman; sisters, Karen Gnoza and Tracey Hempstead (Tom); brother, Mark Hoffman; and grandchildren Jordan and Ethan Chamberlin, Jasmine, Madison, William, and Skylar Keefer.

- With great sadness and pride a Graveside Service will be held on Friday, May 3, 2024 at 9:45 a.m. at Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery, with Full Air Force Honors. In lieu of flowers you can make a donation to:

Casa De Amor Homecare  
8822 Lost Bend  
San Antonio, TX  
78240

For personal acknowledgement, please sign the online guestbook at [www.mis](http://www.mis)

sionparks.com in the Tributes section.

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# Cemetery Details

## **Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery**

1520 Harry Wurzbach  
San Antonio, TX 78209

# Previous Events

## **Graveside Service**

**MAY 3.** 9:45 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

KE

“ Uncle Jon used to scare me a little when I was little. That gruff voice, that mustache and sort of stern demeanor. That is, until he smiled and chuckled. He was always so gentle and sweet with my sisters and I, as a kid and as an adult with kids of my own. I remember riding around in the cabin of the bed of his truck, us all bouncing around like maniacs, and how much patience he had with us. My sisters and I were as wild as could be back there, but he seemed unphased...well, unless Wes did something like stick his head out the window. Ha.

The last time I saw him was standing next to him in his driveway when Kris and I went to go pick up a puppy in early 2021. He and I stood there talking, and I hung onto every word. He was just so funny and such a teddy bear. He even had a sense of humor about himself each time he had to say “huh?!” because he couldn’t hear me. And while he’d scold me for the box of cigarettes in my hand, he’d say “smoke ‘em if you got ‘em”.

Every time I saw Uncle Jon I just knew he loved me because he just seemed to show his heart on the outside, at least to me and my girls.

Every late fall and December in my house growing up involved my mom’s diligent preparation of a cured fruitcake just for him. I’ve never known anyone to like fruit cake but him and my Nanny. Must be a northerner thing.

Uncle Jon was sure one tough man. Frankly, I was pretty sure he was going to outlive us all based on that toughness alone.

I’m so sorry for my aunt and cousins. Grief like this hurts. But what a privilege to have had him. I’m sure his spirit will live on in JR and Wes and the way they live their lives and love other people. Uncle Jon will be missed but the memory of him will be with me forever.

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Kellie - May 04, 2024 at 01:35 PM

GH

*So very sweet Kellie! Love ya!*

**Gloria Hoffman** - May 20, 2024 at 11:35 AM

PK

“ *Gloria, I will always cherish our friendship when you, Jon, Gary and me were brought together when Jon & Gary were OSI agents together at Robins Air Force Base in Georgia. Our time was short but everlasting. I pray for your family going through this tough time. Jon was a true patriot and wonderful person. God bless all of you!*

**Pat Kiphart** - May 01, 2024 at 10:04 AM

GH

*Thanks Pat. We had some good times! I hope you can make it to San Antonio at some point after the heatwave of summer. Love ya!*

**Gloria Hoffman** - May 20, 2024 at 11:37 AM

SC

“ *Some memories that I will always remember of my uncle Jon. He had the strongest handshake that I have ever known. I used to try to hide the pain that my hand was experiencing after shaking uncle Jon's hand. You would just hope he did not hold on too long or you would have to wait that much longer to unravel your fingers since they were squashed together like soft clay. He was a big Washington Redskins fan, so twice a year we see him with his Redskins hat as they played the Dallas Cowboys. I also remember him sitting with my kids around a fruit and veggie trays at the family parties just talking to them. I was hoping that he was Not shaking their little hands to avoid a visit to the doctor. LOL*

*Going to miss you uncle Jon.*

*Stephen A. Cardenas*

**Stephen A. Cardenas** - May 01, 2024 at 09:15 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of MSgt. Jon Wesley Hoffman (USAF, Ret.).



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April 28, 2024 at 07:02 PM



“ Love your A2 Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of MSgt. Jon Wesley Hoffman (USAF, Ret.).

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Love your A2 Family - April 28, 2024 at 07:02 PM



“ Jon was married to my oldest sister Gloria and my best memories of him was on Christmas Eve he seemed love those times. Both of us retired from the Air Force so we would tell each other stories. Jon also loved a good poker game and had his share of winnings. He was a great American and he will be missed. My best wishes to all his survivors.

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Stephen R Cardenas - April 27, 2024 at 06:02 PM



“ Heidi H. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of MSgt. Jon Wesley Hoffman (USAF, Ret.).

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Heidi H. - April 27, 2024 at 11:13 AM

SA

“ Jon was my brother-in-law. He was a strong man! He went through a lot of medical procedures and never really complain!!!! He will be missed! My love to Gloria, JR and Wesley.

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**Sabrina** - April 26, 2024 at 10:34 PM

SD

“ Steph D. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of MSgt. Jon Wesley Hoffman (USAF, Ret.).

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**Steph D.** - April 26, 2024 at 03:13 PM

DA

“ From your VN Bro with love. Dan & Mary Addington.

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**Dan Addington** - April 26, 2024 at 02:58 PM

WH

“ You were the biggest driving force in my career. Being able to say that I was also a Master Sergeant, to say I was Retired Air Force, was to be more like you. The tales we told each other always made me smile. You fought your hardest all the way until the very end. I'm just relieved you're not hurting anymore and I know I'll be seeing you again one day. You will always be loved and remembered.



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**Wesley Hoffman** - April 25, 2024 at 07:35 PM

SD

*Jon was my friend I'm heartbroken to hear he is gone. He and Phil Pender were a pair and always had great times with them. I will think of the memories I have of him. Jon was a great person. Loved his family, was down to earth and had great outlook on things. We haven't seen each other for a while but I always kept him in my thoughts and prayers. He will truly be missed. My sincere condolences to his love Gloria and family. As I will do please keep the awesome memories of him in your heart. ❤️❤️🙏🙏 Jon you will be missed!*

Steph Davis - April 26, 2024 at 03:05 PM

TR

*Very nicely said, Wes ❤️*

Tracey - April 28, 2024 at 07:10 PM

TS

*“ So many memories growing up with him. Lots of love, thanks and hugs to Gloria for your many years of care. Jon will definitely be missed. I hope he's sharing in God's heavenly kingdom with our mom and dad.💔*

Tracey Hempstead, sister - April 25, 2024 at 06:02 PM

GL

*“ I miss you already. You will forever be with me wherever I go or whatever I do. We had our ups and downs of life but we we made it until death parted us. You are the toughest guy I've ever known. You have been through so much and complained very little. I will treasure memories of you until we meet again. I'll love you always babe.*

Gloria - April 25, 2024 at 04:21 PM