



## Lawrence Samuels Stovall

December 30, 1936 - August 5, 2023

### LAWRENCE S. STOVALL

December 30, 1936 – August 5, 2023

Lawrence “Pete” Samuels Stovall made his journey to Heaven on Saturday, August 5th, 2023. He was 86 years old. A 6th generation Texan, Pete was born on December 30th, 1936, in San Antonio, Texas. He was the first child of the late A.W. Stovall and Jane Samuels Stovall. His Grandfather, Lawrence Samuels, who founded Samuels Glass Company, nicknamed him “Pete” because he wanted a cowboy. After graduating from Alamo Heights High School, he received his business degree from St. Mary’s University. In 1960, Pete married his one true love Rita Alvarez and had five children. Pete loved to hunt, ski and scuba dive, passions that have been passed down to his great grandchildren. Pete and his father started Janal Wholesale Florist Company in 1964. In 1968, Pete started Crown Research and Chemical Corp. in La Coste, Texas, where he invented a fresh floral preservative called “Crowning Glory” which is still sold worldwide. Pete was a founding parishioner of Holy Spirit Catholic Church where he was involved with the St. Vincent de Paul Society and was a member of the Order of Alhambra. He was an avid horse enthusiast and bred and raised thoroughbred racehorses which he ran at Bandera, Sunland Park, and New Orleans Fair Grounds to name his favorites. Pete and Rita enjoyed traveling, especially to Europe and their oh-so-often trips to Las Vegas.

Pete is survived by his beloved wife of 63 years, Rita Stovall, their five

children and spouses, Lawrence and Elizabeth, Michael and Becky, Robert and Melanie, Rita and Harry Moeller, and Patricia and Tra Hoak. Pete leaves behind 18 grandchildren and 26 great grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his parents A.W. and Jane Stovall and his sister Hazel Stovall Lander. He was a testament to the family man.

A Rosary will be held on Friday August 18th, 2023 at 9:30am immediately followed by the Requiem Mass at 10:00am at Holy Spirit Catholic Church, 8134 Blanco Rd., San Antonio, Texas 78216.

For personal acknowledgement, please sign the online guestbook at [www.missionparks.com](http://www.missionparks.com) in the Tributes section.

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# Previous Events

## Rosary

AUG 18. 9:30 AM (CT)

Holy Spirit Catholic Church  
8134 Blanco road  
San Antonio , TX 78216

## Funeral Mass with Rosary

AUG 18. 10:00 AM (CT)

Holy Spirit Catholic Church  
8134 Blanco Rd.  
San Antonio, TX

# Tribute Wall

JZ

“ *Janie Zamora purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Lawrence Samuels Stovall.*



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**Janie Zamora** - August 18, 2023 at 04:02 PM

MD

“ *Pete Stovall - what a Legacy. His beautiful wife Rita of 63 years, five beautiful children & spouses, 18 grandchildren and 26 great grandchildren. Prayers and condolences to the entire family - our neighbors for so many years. Truly wish we could be in town for the service tomorrow.*

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**Mark Donohue** - August 17, 2023 at 08:23 PM

CL

*Rita, we were saddened to know of Pete's passing. We knew you only from seeing you at Hannah's office, but had such a fond feeling for the two of you. What a remarkable life Pete had! Blessings to you, Christine and Don.*

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**Christine Loebbaka** - August 21, 2023 at 04:03 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Lawrence Samuels Stovall.*

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August 17, 2023 at 09:53 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Lawrence Samuels Stovall.*



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August 17, 2023 at 09:53 AM



“ *R.I.P. old friend. Hope that your future path will be as rewarding as the one in which you are leaving. Very Best to you and all of your family.*  
*Sonny Collins*

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**Edward E. Collins III** - August 16, 2023 at 10:36 AM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Lawrence Samuels Stovall.*



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August 16, 2023 at 10:09 AM



“ *Condolences to the family from the Charles Bridges family.*

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**Charles Bridges** - August 15, 2023 at 10:38 AM

JK

“ *Lawrence and Robert, I am so sorry for your loss. Judging from the two of you, your father was a man of true character.*  
*Jeff Kuglen*

Jeff Kuglen - August 15, 2023 at 10:31 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Lawrence Samuels Stovall.

August 15, 2023 at 04:34 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lawrence Samuels Stovall.*



August 15, 2023 at 04:34 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Lawrence Samuels Stovall.

August 15, 2023 at 04:23 AM



“ *Divine Light was purchased for the family of Lawrence Samuels Stovall.*



August 15, 2023 at 04:23 AM

Jl

“ *Adios Pete! My friend since grade school. may your soul rest in peace.*

John J Kuntz III - August 13, 2023 at 07:39 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Lawrence Samuels Stovall.

August 12, 2023 at 07:14 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Lawrence Samuels Stovall.*



August 12, 2023 at 07:14 PM

JC

“ *Prayers to the Stovall Family. Sorry for your loss. Treasure the good memories that were made.*

John Cox - August 12, 2023 at 01:53 PM