



## Miles James Johnson

June 16, 1928 - May 26, 2023

Pops was a personality to be reckoned with.

Miles James Johnson, left this earth to join his mother (Eva Helena Faske), father (Miles Lucas Johnson), sister (Margaret Louise) and brother in law (George Stanley Tylus, Jr) in heaven.

Born in Trenton New Jersey on June 16, 1928, he lived there until he joined the Air Force in 1950, just before the draft. He served 21 years in the Air Force, retiring as Master Sergeant in 1971 to raise his children in his home country.

Pops travelled to many places in his early years in the military, including Japan, Korea, Germany and Spain. In the Air Force Base of Zaragoza, Spain he met the love of his life, Maria Gloria Garcia Garcia, in 1958. Gloria was working at the BX with her best friend, Conchita, where they hoped to hone their English. Pops bought an Omega wrist watch from her then, which he continued to wear until his last day. He wooed and wowed her American style, sending dozens of yellow roses with a single red one to represent his love. They married at Nuestra Senora del Perpetuo Socorro in Zaragoza on May 14, 1960.

Pops and his lovely new wife moved to Westover AFB Massachusetts that October where they gave birth to Gloria Maria and Maria Rosario. Two years

later, they moved to Offut AFB Nebraska, where their sons John Francis and Joseph Miles were born.

In 1967 the whole family moved back to Spain, where Pops was stationed in Torrejon, Madrid. We lived four glorious years there amongst our beloved Spanish family. He considered his years in Spain the very best of his life. I suspect he is now with his brothers Angel, Pepe, and Luis...as well as George...chewing on cigars and sipping cognac.

In 1971 he moved his family to Texas, where he would live the rest of his years. He loved photography and used this talent in the Air Force Intelligence, as well as in his post-military civil service job with Audie L Murphy VA Hospital as their medical photographer. He understood every part of the magic of photography. He worked at the VA until his retirement in 1992.

Pops was also expert in the workings of the combustion engine, electricity, clock mechanics, etc. He was exceptionally intelligent, learning and truly understanding all of this on his own. Pops appreciated the importance of tools and the appropriate use of the right one for any given task. Until his last day he could ask you for the tool he needed by its proper name, explain its purpose, and tell you exactly where to find it in his workbench area. Pops took excellent care of all of his things, always cleaning his tools before stowing them in their proper location. Many of his tools belonged to his father, even now in perfect condition. Pops still has our 1965 blue-green Ford Country Sedan station wagon; this very day it looks like it was just driven off of the new car lot.

Pops loved working with his hands, whether woodworking, maintaining the car engines and lawn equipment, or gardening his piece of turf. Even as he loved these things, his certain frustration (he was famous for his short and explosive fuse) would give rise to a flurry of the most colorful and entertaining, albeit

often offensive language. That was pops.

Pops loved music; Glenn Miller, Elvis Presley, Herb Alpert. He always credited and cherished his high school for having dedicated time each morning to music appreciation. As much as he loved dancing...he even took classes...his wife had absolutely no rhythm.

Pops has many nieces and nephews whom he loves dearly, but Kathy was his favorite. She moved to San Antonio to be with her favorite tios, helping them immeasurably for many of their last years. I'm certain she no longer drives without hearing pops tell her which route to take or where to park the car.

For all of his many peculiarities and varied idiosyncrasies...he was one of a kind... he loved his wife and he loved his children. He welcomed each of his children's spouses with open arms and no bias. And for that most of all, pops, I love you forever and always.

# Cemetery Details

## Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery

1520 Harry Wurzbach  
San Antonio, TX 78209

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 16. 8:15 AM - 9:15 AM (CT)

St. Luke Catholic Church  
4603 Manitou Dr.  
San Antonio, TX 78228

## Funeral Mass

JUN 16. 9:15 AM (CT)

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## Interment

JUN 16. 10:45 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

GD

“ Pops was the best storyteller. I will sure miss his stories and his ready answers with many questions I had about history or mechanical things.

Gloria, eldest daughter - June 19, 2023 at 11:17 AM

KC

“Pop’s” was a man full of love, integrity, inspiration, intelligence and was one in a million. I feel very Blessed to have known him. Thank you Pop’s for making this world a better place.  
Kimberly Cooper



Kimberly A Cooper - June 16, 2023 at 01:26 PM

JL

“ Johannes & Marlis Lisiecki purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Miles James Johnson.



Johannes & Marlis Lisiecki - June 14, 2023 at 06:33 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Miles James Johnson.



June 14, 2023 at 03:12 PM

DR

“ Goodbye dear friend and neighbor of 25 years. We so enjoyed the many, many get togethers over the years. The good food, great deserts and most of all, the conversation and friendship. Rest in peace. Love, Shirley and Dave

David and Shirley Rechkemmer - June 13, 2023 at 03:53 PM

SD

“ Shirley and Dave purchased the Pink Potpourri Bouquet for the family of Miles James Johnson.



Shirley and Dave - June 13, 2023 at 03:41 PM

GC

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and the family, from our hearts to yours, "Dios lo tiene en su Santo Cielo", with love Claudia and Gloria .

Gloria and Claudia - June 13, 2023 at 03:25 PM

RS

“ Had breakfast with him and Gloria after church for about four years, never missed wishing we had some SOS. I believe he would have traded a T-bone steak for some SOS! Many conversations about , autos and local politics  
Bob & Stella Saunders

Robert Saunders - June 05, 2023 at 07:41 PM

FJ

*Although we didn't see each other as much in recent times, we certainly do miss visiting you and talking about pretty much anything & everything. Always looked forward to and enjoyed time with you. Appreciated your hospitality, your views, but most of all certainly valued our friendship.*

*Love you...Frank & Sylvia*

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**Frank Hickman Jr** - June 14, 2023 at 02:54 PM