



## " Y.A." Virgil Y. Niemietz

January 4, 1966 - April 27, 2024

Virgil Y. Niemietz, known as Y.A., sailed his way into heaven on April 27, 2024, at the age of 58. He was born in San Antonio Texas on January 4, 1966 to Gladys & Virgil Niemietz and lived a life that was full of love, laughter, and kindness. Y.A. was a graduate of McCollum High School, where he enjoyed playing football and where he met his life-long friend and 'brother', Ben Brown. He had a passion and talent for many things; he was an avid Cowboys fan, he was very handy and could build or fix anything, he enjoyed hunting, fishing at the coast, having a cold beer and a laugh, and of course cooking. Y.A. found an immense passion for cooking at a young age and he was damn good at it, proof being in the many barbecue, gumbo, and chili cook-offs he won. He was a self-proclaimed pit-master and the "Chili King", and no one could argue with that!

And he enjoyed doing things with or for his family and friends. If someone needed something they knew they could call Y.A. and he would be there as soon as he could be to help. The time he spent hunting and fishing was always with friends and family. And the only thing he loved more than cooking was sharing the food he made with any and everyone, loved ones or strangers, and seeing them enjoy what he had created. Which was a good thing because Y.A. always cooked for a crowd! He never went a day without a smile and made a friend pretty much everywhere he went. Y.A.'s approach to life was simple: be kind and helpful, enjoy moments with your family and

friends and have a cold beer while you're at it.

As we bid farewell to a great man, loving father, the sweetest brother a sister could have, wonderful friend, and AMAZING chef, let us remember Y.A. not with sadness, but with the joy and care he so generously spread. He left the world just as he lived in it—on his own terms. We know everyone that knew him will miss him dearly, but this is not goodbye, it's "See ya later". And in that spirit, let's celebrate the life and laughter he shared with us all. Y.A. is preceded in death by his mother & father, Gladys & Virgil Niemietz. He is survived by his daughter Tamlynn Niemietz, sister Melonie Bishop, girlfriend Cynde Crittall (& family), nieces Ashliegh Jeneby (husband Thomas Jeneby, great niece and nephew Kallie & Max) & Dancee Bishop (husband Adrian Escobar), Aunt/Godmother Betty Jean & Uncle Rudy, Ryan, and countless other family and friends. In lieu of flowers Y.A. would have wanted you to lend someone a helping hand and to enjoy your favorite meal at your favorite restaurant with someone you cared about.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 6. 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/>

## Rosary

MAY 6. 6:30 PM (CT)

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*Services conclude after Rosary.*

# Tribute Wall



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of " Y.A." Virgil Y. Niemietz.*



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May 06, 2024 at 02:27 PM



“ *Golfer Dave planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of " Y.A." Virgil Y. Niemietz.*

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**Golfer Dave** - May 06, 2024 at 02:27 PM



“ *YA was a larger than life character, we will sincerely miss his presence in the gumbo cookoff alley. Kountry Kitchen's gumbo was appreciated by many,they loved the big calderon they cooked in. Sincere condolences to his family. YA will never be forgotten x*



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**Michelle Reichle** - May 06, 2024 at 01:47 PM

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“ Jeff & Melinda purchased the Simply Elegant Spathephyllum for the family of " Y.A." Virgil Y. Niemietz.



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**Jeff & Melinda** - May 05, 2024 at 02:08 PM

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“ Melinda M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of " Y.A." Virgil Y. Niemietz.

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**Melinda M.** - May 03, 2024 at 09:56 AM



“ A true wonderful person. We are so happy to have known YA. So many laughs and memories at Port A, and at the beer joints. Rest in peace, you will never be forgotten.

*Randy & Carolyn Harris*

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**Randy Harris** - May 02, 2024 at 11:04 AM

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“ It was an honor to know Y.A . he was a kind and selfless man. I will surely miss his stories and just the way he told them. I will be forever thankful for his presence at our wedding and helping us with all things food ! His ideas were always just perfect , he would say “oh let me do it , it’ll be great you’ll see”. And great it was . It actually was grand because Y.A. Was greatness as a human. We send Our Condolences to the entire family as Y.A .was a big part of husband’s life & heart , I’m grateful that he became part of mine . We will forever miss him & never forget him .  
-Eric & Dominique Dunn



Dominique D Dunn - May 02, 2024 at 10:08 AM

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“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Melinda( Mindy) Maples Murdoch - May 01, 2024 at 08:54 PM

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“ YA was always kind and funny. Ben and YA were always joking me.



Melinda( Mindy) Maples Murdoch - May 01, 2024 at 08:51 PM