



## Johnny A. Palasota

December 26, 1942 - January 6, 2018

Johnny Anthony Palasota Born Dec. 26, 1942 Died on Jan. 6, 2018 with his family by his side at home. John was born in Houston Texas to John and Frances Palasota He is preceded by his parents,, sister, Susie Podraza, nephew, David Podraza. He is survived by his loving family, Brother Pete and wife Kathy, Sister Theresa and husband Ed Philpot, Wife Kimberley, children Tik and Jay Laxina, April and Louis Flores, Kally and Robert Evans, Kolwyn and Shannon Palasota, and Sierra Palasota, Grandchildren Alisha and Jenna Laxina, Hope, Faith, Vincent and Dakotah Flores, Maeghan and Baylee Evans, and Lyla Haight. Nieces and Nephews Keith and Stephanie Kercho , Jennifer and Mat Miller, Eric Kercho Kristen Collins and Heather Palasota and many great nieces and nephews, as well as many cousins aunts and uncles. John attended Reagan High School in Houston Texas after which he joined the military service of the Air Guard, then active duty in the Army. After his military career, he entered into the vending and gaming business until his recent retirement.

John was an active member of the American Legion in Willis Texas. He served his post in numerous offices including Post Commander, 7th District Chaplain and Commander, Division Commander and held many Department of Texas committees. He was a 21 year member and "Paid up for Life" member. It was thru the American Legion that he met and married Kim. They traveled all over the state of Texas and attended and cooked in many cook-offs. John was a champion of Veterans and could strike up a conversation

anywhere. He never met a stranger and encouraged volunteerism to all.  
You are invited to leave a written condolence on our website at [www.shmfh.com](http://www.shmfh.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN **9**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Willis  
10129 FM 1097 Rd W.  
Willis, TX 77318  
(936) 890-0454  
greg@shmfh.com

## Rosary

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## Funeral Service

JAN **10**. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Joseph Catholic Church  
101 Elmore Street  
New Waverly, TX

## Interment following service

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JAN 10 (CT)

Willis Cemetery  
Cemetery Rd  
Willis, TX

# Tribute Wall



“ Johnny A. Palasota

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ Johnny and I spent many nights together with Willie Denney and Jerome Josewick(SP) chasing women, racing our cars up and down N. Shepard drive, living off Prince's hamburgers. Fighting with the Waltrip high deserters. Galveston every weekend in the summer. Making sure we stopped by his momma and daddy's house to check and see what great Italian food his mom had cooked up. His little sister Susie was my first love. She was stunningly beautiful and I was so shy she had to ask me out first. When I met Johnny at Prince's one Friday night, we hit it off immediately. The four of us, Johnny, Willie, Jerome and I were inseparable. Rest peacefully sweet friend, rest peacefully and give Susie a hug for me. I know she's there with you.

Love,  
MOON

Walt mulMull - June 18, 2020 at 06:32 PM



“ You came into my life. I wasn't prepared for all of the goodness and love you shared. You accept me and my daughters as your own. Even when 2 more kids came into the picture, I tried to let you off the hook. You said no. Our love grew as our family. I only hope that others ate as blessed as we were. Never a fight, never an argument. Our life was good. I will miss you everyday. I love you.

Kim Palasota - January 12, 2018 at 08:42 PM

“Daddy~

*Today we lay you in your enteral resting place next to Grandpa Bob. Two great men together, one I had never really got the chance to know and one who stole our hearts so many years ago. We have all come to understand that no matter how hard we try we still will never have you back in our lives, but we will always have your memories and a guardian angel by our sides. This wasn't something any of us expected but we know God gives his toughest challenges to those he knows can handle them. Losing you has not been easy on any of us but it has also been the hardest on mom, Aunt Theresa, and Uncle Pete. None of us have truly figured out how life will be without our father in it. We all know it will never be the same. We know you would be disappointed with some of the way things have been handled and how some of us have acted. But I would hope you would be proud of how most of banded together for mama when she needed us the most. We all are losing our bestfriend, confident and a father you never had to be. We loved you from the start and we will all always love you. You will forever be apart of all of us daddy. As we embark on this last journey with you today I hope it can bring many of us peace to know you are happy. You are probably playing poker with Papo while aunt Mary beats you with a slipper for cheating. Up there with grandma telling stories of who could only guess or cooking your favorite meals. Guess what dad, no more diets, medicine or insulin. You are finally free of all of that. So eat all the sugary sweets you want because you can have them all. Especially our special "sugar free" Italian Cream Cake. You have no more worries and you can watch over all of us on our different paths in life. Make sure to keep an eye on April, Louis and the kids as they try to start a whole new book. Watch over your son , Kolwyn, and Shannon as the embark on new job endeavors and a family later in life. Guide Blake and I as we start this new chapter in life with your beautiful little granddaughter Lyla. Help me raise her right dad because I can already hear your voice in my ear. Watch over Tik, Jay and the girls as they continue life in California. Also watch over Kally, Robert and the girls. Please watch over and let mama know you are still with her in spirit because she feels empty*

*without you by her side. She misses you like crazy and loves you more than I have ever seen anybody love. Y'all's love is something to strive for. We know our lives will always have you in them with things that we do and that's a motivation to keep us all going. We all miss you more than you could ever know. We all will Forever love you Daddy. Rest easy my sweet father and save us all a place next to you.*

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**Sierra Haight** - January 10, 2018 at 09:34 AM

“ I may not get to read this so.. to you dad. love you!

*When I met John Anthony Palasota I was 14 years old at a cook off and I had no clue that for 18 years he would become the most influential man in my life, My dad. He was constantly around at the same cook offs with his uncle Pete, right next to my grandmother. There was never any rivalry between the two only friendship. They were a cook off family and we were all “their” kids. Getting fed when we were hungry... HEY BABY WHAT YOU NEED... and getting scolded when we were acting like... well you know.*

*I was extremely protective of my mother and I was not the nicest person when they started dating. Truly another man would have ran for the hills, but not dad. He won me over little by little. Our lunch dates and conversations about life were a much needed, cherished constant in my life. Ooh the stories! He had some stories, between the reason his ears were so long (Nuns), waxing hard wood floors, dog sized shuffle board wax eating rats, his crew, antics with his teachers, and many more. I am starting to wonder if uncle Milt and him helping me get my first Teaching job was so they could pick on me for the rest of their lives. And No Dad, I am not wearing a dress right now, because, if I did I could just hear your voice getting on to me about me not wearing pantyhose, and blinding you with my legs.*

*Dad helped me with my colorful vocabulary, and taught me to drive. I wanted a Red truck with muscles so bad I could taste it but, he said no... because he taught me to drive. \* side note he was my “muscle” to help me buy my red truck I have now.\* He was constantly teaching me about life and when I had a problem, he would make me solve it but, he would be right there. My dad became the dad of the Willis Sweethearts, because he was a constant figure at football games and dance competitions. Ooh and did he learn the rules. If you lost you spot or had a missed count he would tease you about it later. He was the most well versed dance dad ever. Probably, why he liked dancing with the stars and so you think you can dance so much.*

*He taught me how dates should treat me, walked me down the aisle, and was there for the birth of my daughters. He was even the first at the hospital when I hemorrhaged and in that room until I was safe, strong for me even with tears in his eyes. He loved his grandbabies and loved shopping for them even more as long as there was no headbands on the outfits. Baby headbands ended up as sling shots just like a few other things of mine if I left them in the dryer. Dad also supported my Barrel racing, he only touched my horse for a "forced" total of 5 seconds but, he loved to watch the rodeos. He always talked about meeting Reba and her coming up to his cook off camp at the prison rodeos. He also loved to pick and tease me when things did not go my way at these said rodeos. But, truly that was to get me out of my mood and smile. He truly did more for me then could ever go on paper.. And lord help this world now, because he was the only man to be able to calm me down when I was madder than a bull or lower then low.*

*I could probably go on and on about the many things he did for veterans, and the community, but none of that mattered to me. Because he was my hero just as he was. Because, he was there for me, he loved his children and grandchildren, he was the dad he didn't have to be. He was my Dad.*

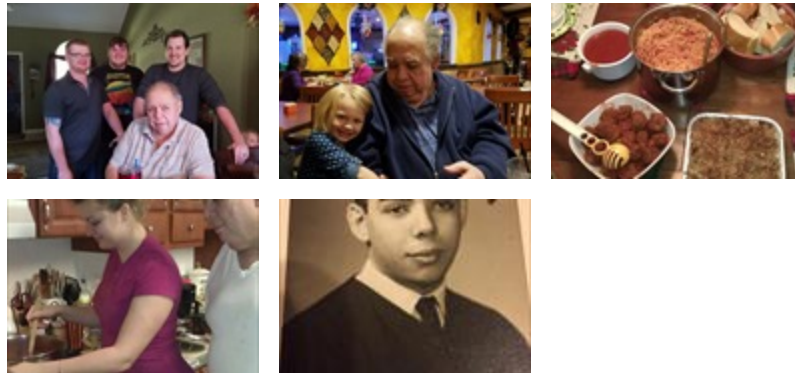
*Your Ever Loving Daughter,  
Kally Anne Evans*

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**Kally Evans** - January 09, 2018 at 03:30 PM

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“ 23 files added to the album *New Album Name*



**Kally Evans** - January 09, 2018 at 11:58 AM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of *Johnny A. Palasota*.



January 08, 2018 at 09:54 PM

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“ *The GEOS Family* purchased the *Lovely One Sp  
athiphyllum Plant* for the family of *Johnny A.  
Palasota*.



**The GEOS Family** - January 08, 2018 at 02:35 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Johnny A. Palasota.*



January 08, 2018 at 01:44 PM



“ *Johnny and Diane Garcia purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Johnny A. Palasota.*



**Johnny and Diane Garcia** - January 07, 2018 at 03:08 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Johnny A. Palasota.*



January 07, 2018 at 02:42 PM



“ *My condolences to the family of Mr. Johnny Palasota. May you find comfort in Jesus' promise...."Do not be amazed at this, for the hour is coming in which all those in the memorial tombs will hear his voice and come out". Your loved one is safe in God's limitless and unfailing memory.*

**M. Jones** - January 07, 2018 at 08:23 AM

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*Dear Kim and Family-*

*We are so very sorry for your loss. John was a good man, devoted to his wife and family, all of his fellow Veterans, and the American Legion. He will be greatly missed.*

*May God's grace and blessings give you courage and strength, and may His comfort settle peace on your hearts.*

*Georgiann Christopher and Carl Overton*

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**Georgiann Christopher** - January 08, 2018 at 02:02 PM