



Johnnie Gamboa Jr.

January 6, 2016

Johnnie Gamboa, Jr., 75, of Spring, Texas passed away at home Wednesday, January 6, 2016 surrounded by his loving family. He was born on September 28, 1940 in Waco, Texas to Johnnie and Mary Gamboa. Johnnie is survived by his loving wife of 28 years, Diana Gamboa; Brother-in-law, Douglas Dickson; sons, Ray Miller, Jeff Miller and wife, Rosa, Robbie Miller, Ryan Miller, and Nicholas Gamboa; daughters, Dr. Elizabeth (Gamboa) Paschinyk and husband Rob, Jacqueline (Gamboa) Wall and husband, David, and Denise Miller; 19 grandchildren; 6 great-grandchildren; and numerous other relatives and friends. He is preceded in death by his parents and son, Johnnie (John-John) Gamboa III.

Johnnie attended Baylor University in Waco and began his working career at Lacey Feeds of Waco until he was hired at the Waco Post Office. In 1980, Johnnie was part of the zip code team that created our zip codes until he transferred to the Conroe Post Office in 1981, as the managing Supervisor of Mails. Both, Johnnie and his wife, Diana, became well known advocates for Postal Workers throughout the entire Postal Service. Johnnie retired from the post office in 1992. In 1999, Johnnie began working for Lowes Home Improvement Center in the appliance department. Johnnie was well known by his customers who returned again and again because of his caring customer service. Johnnie would want to thank Lowes for all the wonderful consideration shown to him during his illness.

Johnnie began his fight against cancer in June of 2008. Johnnie had four

surgeries and multiple courses of chemotherapy and radiation in his fight against this disease. Johnnie was truly a warrior in this battle and did not let it stop him from returning to work each time or going on any of their travels. December of 2014, doctors told him he should retire from work and work on his “bucket list”. Johnnie and Diana traveled to Florida, Iowa, Colorado and Florida again, traveling 10,000 miles by car. December 2015, Johnnie and Diana made their last trip together to their Florida home before returning home to Texas.

Johnnie was a consummate fisherman and taught his son, Nicholas, this same love. Their other sons also loved to fish with Johnnie. Johnnie loved to play the lottery and go to the casinos, watch baseball games and football games. Johnnie and Diana always watched the Houston Astros games together.

Johnnie played semi-pro baseball in his younger years and was a noted “exceptional” catcher. Johnnie was a founder of the Waco Missions Recreational Club where he participated in teaching college students from Baylor, Texas A & M, UT Austin about baseball. He loved to teach baseball in youth league baseball and was known for his calm and cool demeanor during the games.

Johnnie’s greatest love in sports was the “Cowboys”, “America’s Team” as he would say. He has his truck tricked out in Cowboy decorations and decals. He had his Cowboy blanket and slippers as well as other clothing items. Johnnie loved his Cowboys.

As the grandchildren began coming, Johnnie truly enjoyed interacting with them. Johnnie, known as “Pop” to them, was truly loved and cherished by all of the grandchildren.

Johnnie would take any opportunity to teach life lessons to our young people. Johnnie commanded respect from people of all ages and was loved by people of all ages which was evidenced by all his many friends. Johnnie always had a smile and positive attitude and never met a stranger. Johnnie’s graciousness to people is unsurpassed and recognized by all that were blessed to cross his

path.

Tribute Wall



“ *Johnnie Gamboa Jr.*

July 20, 2022 at 05:14 PM



“ *Denise Miller lit a candle in memory of Johnnie Gamboa Jr.*



Denise Miller - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ *Jan 07, 2016 9:46am*
I, like my brother, have spent hours thinking about this. I can usually write with ease, the words flow freely from my fingers to the keys. Not this time, where do I start? How do I start? What do I say? How do we put the Honor Pops de

Denise Miller - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ *Vanessa Thompson lit a candle in memory of Johnnie Gamboa Jr.*



Vanessa Thompson - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ Jackie and Elizabeth, I am saddened by the loss of your father. Our fathers were lifelong friends, and I know they are together joking around and probably playing baseball. God bless all your family and all who loved your father.

Becky Morris - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

BM

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CW

“ Cozette Woodliff lit a candle in memory of Johnnie Gamboa Jr.



Cozette Woodliff - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

SA

“ Diane and family please accept our most deepest condolences, We are very sorry for the loss of such a great man. Johnnie was without a doubt one of the most amazing human beings I've ever met, kind hearted and always a smile on his face. He will forever b

saportela - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ Our condolences Diane to you and your family. We are so sorry for the loss of your husband. Kenneth knew both of you while he worked at the North Houston Facility post office.

Kenneth, ODIE, MIKE THORNTON
Waco, Tx,

Thornton Family - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ I send my deepest sympathy to DIANA and family in the loss of such a great person JOHNNIE GAMBOA, JR. I know he will be greatly missed. JOHNNIE and my husband ROGER BRUNING were the best of buds and I lost ROGER in July 2014, I know the two of them are

pat bruning - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ Mary Hargrave lit a candle in memory of Johnnie Gamboa Jr.



Mary Hargrave - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ My condolences to you, Dianne and the rest of the family for your loss. Johnnie and I played baseball at Waco High together and summer ball as well. He was a great competitor and always had a smile for everyone. He will be missed.

Buzz Foster - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

BF

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