



Johnny Heitman

July 7, 1938 - July 17, 2015

Johnny Heitman 1938-2015 After a short, but brave fight with a sudden illness, Johnny Heitman passed away on July 17, 2015, surrounded by his wife, daughter and son-in law. Johnny was born on July 7, 1938, in Sugar Land, Texas, to Henry Heitman, Sr., and Frances Trojanowski-Heitman. Johnny attended Sugar Land High School graduating in 1957. Upon graduating high school, Johnny began a very long career working as a mechanic for the Imperial Sugar Company in Sugar Land, Texas, giving 46 years of service before the Sugar Land factory closed in 2003. Johnny served in the Army Reserves for four years. He was also a lifetime member of the Knights of Columbus St. Basil Council 4204 in Sugar Land. Johnny loved to hunt and fish; loved playing softball, bowling and golf. In the prime of his life, if there was a sport being played at a family gathering, he was going to be right in the center of the action. He was a family man, always there for his wife and daughter, enjoying summer family vacations which consisted of road trips all over the country. He also had a love of vegetable gardening, eating what he could and giving the rest away to neighbors and friends. He loved to be outside in the yard, mowing his lawn, trimming his trees and also helping his daughter with yard work at her house. Father and daughter bonded over dirt under the nails, many days of hard work and Wednesday chicken pot pie lunches at Cracker Barrel. He loved riding the bus to Louisiana with family and friends, playing the slot machines at numerous casinos and when he came home, he would give you an ear full about all the good food. Any time he ate a

good meal he would let people know about it.

Johnny is survived by his wife of 51 years Dolares, their daughter, Melinda and son-in-law, Steven Schleicher; his beloved "grand" birds as he called them, Shamrock and Oliver; his brothers, Frank Heitman, Sr.; Henry Heitman, Jr., and wife Helen; Carlos Heitman and wife Jeanette; his sisters, Josephine Anderson, and husband Leon; and Peggy Kenvin, and husband Ken. He is also survived by aunts, numerous nephews and nieces. Preceding him in death are his parents, his sister Sofie Rapoza; nephew Frank Heitman, Jr., and niece Karen Mehlenbacher.

A Funeral Mass will be held Wednesday, July 22, 2015 at 10:00 A.M. at St. Theresa's Catholic Church in Sugar Land. Burial will follow in Greenlawn Memorial Park in Rosenberg. Visitation will be Tuesday, July 21, 2015 from 5-8 P.M. at St Theresa's Catholic Church with a Rosary at 7:00 P.M.

Tribute Wall

SM

“ We have been out of town and when we came back today,were saddened to hear of Johnny's death. You hold a special place in Clarence's heart because yours was the first wedding he photographed I believe your anniversary is Oct. 26th. Remember that death leaves a heartache no one can heal, but loves leaves a memory no one can steal. Keep your mourning short and your memories long. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.

Shirley and Clarence Myers - July 22, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ Rest in PEACE Gator ! Enjoyed working beside you at Imperial !!! Also enjoyed playing dominoes !!! May God guide your family through this tough time !

Doug Wasicek - July 21, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ *"Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted."* I was deeply moved to read the obituary of a noble and good person, who was a noble and good classmate six decades and back in Sugar Land High, and I know sadness at his passing will come to be replaced by pride and gratitude to God that you had such a great guy for a husband, father and grandfather.
David Armstrong, Austin

David Armstrong - July 21, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ *May the hurt in your heart by every breath you take be shared by me that it console you.*

What a gift from God to me to have known Johnny as a coworker and friend for many years at Imperial Sugar

God be with you

Sam and Alma Flores

Sam Flores - July 21, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CA

“ *Oh Melinda, we are so sorry for the loss of your father. You were really blessed to have such a close relationship with him. May God comfort and sustain you and your mom.*

Candice and Alfonso - July 20, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LP

“ *Our condolences to you at this sad time. Johnny was a wonderful man; he always had an amazing smile and the most beautiful blue eyes. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers.*

Brian, Linda & Tyler Petrosky

Linda Petrosky - July 20, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ *Delores/Melinda - I'm so sorry to hear about Uncle Johnny's passing. Death is never easy, no matter what the circumstances are. May God bless you and Melinda in the days to come. I will keep you lifted in prayer.....Godspeed Uncle Johnny.*

Bridget Fountain - July 20, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TG

“ *Dolares, Melinda and the Heitman family, our thoughts and prayers are with you. Johnny was a special person as anyone can tell you and he will be missed by his family and friends. I really enjoyed working with Johnny at Imperial and will miss the good times and laughs we had playing golf. "Gator" will be missed. He is in a better place today. Travis and Gloria Gandy*

Travis Gandy - July 20, 2015 at 12:00 AM