



## Craig R. Johnson

January 21, 2026

On January 21, 2026, Craig R. Johnson left this world to go to his reward in Heaven. He was a good husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle and a loyal friend. He was kind to animals, charitable and known for knowing everything. He never had an argument he didn't win., (or so he believed) and could sell you a piece of the moon even though he never owned any of it. He was dependable though and if he said he was going to do something he would do it, sometimes to his chagrin. Above all, Craig adored his grandchildren and cherished time spent with his family, especially when he was behind the grill, proudly cooking BBQ and bringing everyone together. Born October 19, 1951, to Karl and Elenore Johnson, he lived the majority of his life in South Texas. He graduated McAllen High School and attended college. He worked as a general contractor, and was an entrepreneur, running Blazing Pickles, until it was sold.

Craig is survived by his wife of 48 years, Kathleen Johnson, his son Mike (Alice) Johnson, daughter Shawna (Michael) Kennedy and three grandchildren, Gideon (Teya), Julia and Krystin and his sister Terri (Donald) Drefke and sister-in-law Cindy Johnson.

Services will be held on Saturday, January 31, 2026 at Kreidler funeral Home from 12:00 to 2:00 pm.

# Previous Events

## **A Celebration of Life and visitation**

JAN **31**. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ 4/25/26

*Today I decided to call Craig....we hadn't talked or seen each other for a few months and I just wanted to touch base. We've been friends for a long time, 55 years I think. When his phone rang and immediately went to a recorded message about no longer in service.....I got a panicky feeling in my gut because this wasn't normal. He was on one of my speed dials...so this time I dialed the number myself....same thing. So I got online and googled him.....and there it was. My old friend had passed three months ago. I feel so saddened and sorry for his family, but I feel even worse for myself. there aren't many left in our circle of friends from the "old" days and I will miss him. Craig was a damn good guy and a fountain of knowledge. Know-how that will definitely be missed at some point in the future by those who relied on him. So rest in peace Craig....with a little luck and God's Grace we'll meet up again.*

*Duane Snowden*

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**Duane Snowden** - April 26 at 07:08 PM

MJ

“ *I will miss you dad. Today was one of the most difficult days but the love of family and friends made it possible. Thank you to everyone who showed up, gave flowers, food, and prayers. We appreciate everything. My best memory was the last day I saw him. We worked out at the gym on a beautiful cool morning and had a great conversation. He will be missed.*

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**Mike Johnson** - January 31 at 06:48 PM

SL

“ Sending our heartfelt condolences to the Johnson family. Love, Roger & Sindee ♡

Sindee Lopez - January 31 at 01:02 PM

DW

“ I met Craig through my brother Greg Keller+ Craig was truly a dear friend to all and always showed up. I'm truly saddened to learn of Craig's passing but know he and Greg are compadres in paradise.

Please accept my deepest and most sincere condolences 🙏🕊️❤️

Debbie Keller Wood

Debra Wood - January 31 at 12:26 PM

AJ

“ Thank you for your generosity and for always making me feel so welcomed. I truly enjoyed our conversations and will miss our traditional Christmas breakfast ... your famous biscuits and gravy (hands down the best ever). You will always be remembered. Love - Alice Johnson

Alice Johnson - January 30 at 05:06 PM

AJ

“ I miss and love you grandpa - Krystin J.



Alice Johnson - January 30 at 05:01 PM

PP

“ Rest in peace, fellow bulldog. Patricia (Baker) Power



Patricia Power - January 30 at 01:45 PM

CH

Heaven is a better place. Such a nice guy. My condolences to all the family.

Craig Holland - January 30 at 07:05 PM

AG

Condolences to the Family and Friends. Rest In Peace My Friend. You will be Miss. Arnulfo Garcia R.G.C.

Arnulfo Garcia - February 02 at 09:07 PM

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Duane Snowden

Duane Snowden - April 25 at 01:06 PM