



Douglas Edward Johnston

March 29, 1930 - March 3, 2021

Douglas Edward Johnston of McKinney, Texas died peacefully at home on March 3, 2021 at the age of 90. He was born on March 29, 1930 to James Douglas Johnston and Helen Catherine (O'Grady) Johnston in Stockton, California. After graduating from Benicia High School in 1948, he entered UC Berkeley and earned a BA in history in 1952. On June 7, 1958, Doug was united in marriage to Dorothy Frels in El Campo, Texas, and they enjoyed 56 years of marriage before her passing in 2014. They were always at each other's side.

From 1952 to 1963, Doug served his country proudly as an officer in the United States Army. He was stationed in Korea, Germany, France, and the United States, and he attained the rank of Major. Doug then had a rich and fulfilling career as a faculty member in the Social Sciences Department of San Antonio College from 1964 until his retirement in 1998. In 1973, he earned his Ph.D. in Education from UT Austin. As a history professor, he greatly influenced the lives of his students. Many of his former students would recognize him with his wife and family in public and stop and take the time to thank him. While they were living in San Antonio, the Johnston family attended St. Matthew Catholic Church, where Doug played the church's magnificent pipe organ for every 12:30 Sunday Mass. After he and Dorothy moved to McKinney in 2001, they were devoted members of St. Gabriel Catholic Church.

Douglas is survived by his sons, Douglas Johnston, Jr. and wife, Jenny of Fort Worth, Texas; Steven Johnston of Houston, Texas; daughter, Susan Cameron and husband, Michael of McKinney, Texas; grandchildren, Jeffrey Cameron of Austin, Texas; Brian Johnston of Houston, Texas; Christian Johnston of Goodrich, Texas; Sarah Mason and husband, Ryan of Pflugerville, Texas; and Doyna Diane Johnston of Houston, Texas; great-grandchildren, Lucian Saldana and Julian Flores; and a host of other loving family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Dorothy Frels Johnston; parents; and sister and brother-in-law, Diane and Harold Wassmann.

A funeral service will be held at 11:00 a.m., Wednesday March 10, 2021 at St. Gabriel The Archangel Catholic Church, 110 St. Gabriel Way, McKinney, Texas 75071. Douglas will be interred with Military Honors at 11:15 a.m., Monday, April

5, 2021 at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery in San Antonio, Texas.

Livestream link for the service of Douglas Johnston <https://www.stgabriel.org/funerals-online>

A "come and go" visitation will be held on Tuesday evening from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at Turrentine-Jackson-Morrow Funeral Home, 2525 Central Expressway North, Allen, Texas 75013. A rosary service will begin at 7:00 p.m. Only a limited number of guests will be allowed to enter the funeral home facility at any one time to maintain social distancing.

The family would like to thank his caregivers from Visiting Angels, especially Yvonne, Yemi, and Julie.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that monetary donations please be made to St. Gabriel The Archangel Catholic Church to help the parish provide financial assistance to its students attending Pope John Paul II High School.

Memorials

We so enjoyed helping to care for your dad in your home Susan. I loved watching his celebration of life video too. Douglas enjoyed the same food groups as me ... cake and chicken fried steak. That's good living! I know how much you loved him and he was lucky to have you as his daughter. May he rest in peace.

LISA VONDERSCHMIDT , MARCH 16, 2021

I have such fond memories of both Doug and Dorothy from our time together at San Antonio College. My deepest sympathy to the family and may God comfort you with his peace & love.

BRENDA FRANCKOWIAK, MARCH 15, 2021

I met Doug through my sister, Pat Koppa, as they were next door neighbors in Muirfield. Doug and I shared some comon interets in organ music, old cars, and good food. In his years in San Antonio, we found we had a mutual friend by the name of "Max". He and Doug were associated through the Universiity and Max was my best friend and best man at my wedding. When visitng my sister, I usually included a walk next door as I always looked forward to a visit with Doug. Because of the COVID restrictions, I am still attending Mass at St. Gabriel's virtually and will be there this morning for the Celebration of Doug's life. My prayers and love are with Suzan, her brothers and their families.

RICH CLAYTON, MARCH 10, 2021

Accept my condolences for your loss my friend Douglas Johnston Jr. My

prayers are with the entire Johnston family in this time of grief. Take heart all of you.

GABRIEL ANORUIGWE, MARCH 9, 2021

Doug, My thoughts are with you at this sad time. --Laura Vetro

LAURA VETRO, MARCH 8, 2021

Mr Douglas will be missed I truly enjoyed him as I was a caregiver from Visiting Angels fly High go rest on that mountain Watch over all your love ones !!!

CASSANDRA GILL, MARCH 8, 2021

So sorry for your loss. Doug was such a special person, he will be missed.

SHELLY AND CHRIS, MARCH 6, 2021

Much love to my cousins and their spouses and families. Uncle Doug is now joining Aunt Dorothy and my Mom and Dad. I wonder if they are taking a ride on the wine train in heaven?

GREG WASSMANN, MARCH 6, 2021

Doug and Dorothy were a pleasure to know. Their devotion to each other was quite endearing. After Dorothy passed away, Doug kept his flame of devotion for her glowing. He also loved his children and grandchildren and was always ready to share photo albums of them at various family celebrations. Doug had a wonderful sense of humor and an infectious laugh which often shook his whole body. I'm sure he was an inspirational professor. I feel quite grateful to have known him and feel confident he is happy to at last be with the "love of his life". Rest In Peace, dear Doug. Karen

KAREN STONE, MARCH 6, 2021

Dear Uncle Doug, you were a wonderful Uncle, I will always treasure the times you spent at our house and the times I spend at your house in the summer, I will always remember the summer camp that you took Douglas and I to at your college one summer. I will miss you until I see you again. Love and prayers for your family.

CYNTHIA BAIRD, MARCH 6, 2021

Mr Johnston was such a kind and gentle man. My most special memory of him

was when I lived across the street from his daughter Susan and Mike, he would come over and sit with me to talk while I was doing yard work. I am a better person for having known him and watching my dear friends Susan and Mike lovingly care for him in their home for the past few years. God got a good one when he welcomed him home. May God surround you with His peace and love as you grieve your loss. In Him, Leann

LEANN AGNEW, MARCH 6, 2021

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