



Janos "John" Schell

July 9, 1941 - March 15, 2020

Janos "John" Schell, 78, of Rockdale, beloved husband, Daddy, and Papa, passed away at home on Sunday, March 15, 2020. A graveside service is planned for 2:00 p.m. Thursday, March 19, 2020 at Forest Grove Cemetery in the Forest Grove Community.

Janos was born in a small Hungarian village, Paszto, on July 9, 1941. He grew up in Budapest, Hungary. He escaped Soviet-controlled Hungary at age 15 in 1956 during the Hungarian Revolution, with his brother and cousin. After living in an Austrian refugee school, he emigrated to the United States at the age of 18.

He joined the United States Army and shortly thereafter, met the love of his life, Patricia Collins, and married her three weeks later, on October 9, 1963. Janos and Patricia were stationed in France, and later moved back to the United States, where Janos took a job as a machinist for ALCOA in Rockdale, TX, where he worked for 32 years until his retirement in 1998. While working, he attended Texas A&M University, majoring in Political Science with a minor in German.

Janos was enthusiastically active in community theater, performing in numerous local productions. He was an avid photographer, both professionally and recreationally, with a keen eye for the types of things most

people overlook, and an intuitive and gifted artistic understanding, and was almost never without a camera.

Janos had an unfailingly generous disposition and never hesitated to help anyone who needed it. He loved people, and they loved him back. He was a soft-hearted animal lover as well. He loved to have his dogs by his side and his cats curled in his lap, and never let his many bird feeders go empty.

Most of all, Janos loved his family. He was a playful, affectionate, funny, and involved father, a devoted, loving husband, and as a Papa he was, as his granddaughter Kayla put it, “magical.”

Janos is survived by his wife, Patricia Schell; son, David (Lesli) Schell of Austin; three daughters, Jennifer (Greg) Mireles of Taylor, Amanda (Will) White of Taylor, and Ilona (Victor) DeLeon of Belton; grandchildren, Kristen, Isaiah, Brooke, Kayla, Arabella, Benjamin, Tristan, Aubrey, Eva, Grayson, and Jack; several nieces and nephews, and his loving sister, Ilona Kurdi Tiborne.

He is preceded in death by his granddaughter, Alise; sisters, Eva and Ibolya; brother, Sandor; and his parents Janos and Ilona.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to Samaritan's Purse, through which Janos loved sending Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes to children around the world every Christmas. Samaritanspurse.org

Previous Events

Graveside Service

MAR 19. 2:00 PM (CT)

Forest Grove Cemetery
8902 South Highway 77
Rockdale, TX 76567

Tribute Wall



“ *Light Blue Rose with White Daisy was purchased for the family of Janos "John" Schell.*



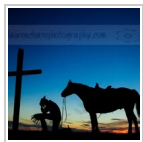
April 07, 2020 at 12:09 PM



“ *Pat - so sorry to hear of John's passing. Pray you are o.k. in this bad times. We miss you at Heavenly Treasures and hope to see you when we re-open.*

Pat Watson

Pat Watson - March 25, 2020 at 05:09 PM



“ *My heart broke when we heard of the passing of our good ex neighbor, John!! He was such a sweet man! Steve worked with him at Alcoa! So sorry and God bless the family!! Steve & Kathy Bright Burnet, Texas*



Kathy Bright - March 25, 2020 at 02:01 PM



“ *Denisa Page lit a candle in memory of Janos "John" Schell*



Denisa Page - March 22, 2020 at 12:34 AM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Janos "John" Schell.*



March 19, 2020 at 11:26 AM



“ *Pat,
We have memories of that soft spoken man. JD worked with him and has memories of the stories he told about coming to America. Take care and you have our sympathy .
JD and Madeline Kovar*

Madeline Kovar - March 18, 2020 at 10:09 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Janos "John" Schell.*



March 18, 2020 at 12:48 PM



“ *Janos was an active member of our Milam Community Theater. He was a joy to work with and such a great actor. We have so many wonderful memories of this kind, gentle, grateful man. My heart is heavy with this loss but I am so grateful that our paths crossed. He made life richer for the people he knew. Rest in peace.*

Monica M Schiller - March 18, 2020 at 10:10 AM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Janos "John" Schell.*



March 18, 2020 at 06:38 AM



“ *Heaven gained an awesome angel. John was an inspiration to all. Hugs and prayers. 🙏🙏*
🙏 Sheila and Charles Wadlington



sheila wadlington - March 17, 2020 at 08:34 PM



“ *John took our wedding pictures for us, May 2, 1992, will be 28 years ago. He will always be remembered and missed.*

Patricia & Manuel Doud - March 17, 2020 at 05:48 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Janos "John" Schell.*



March 17, 2020 at 01:18 PM