



# Milan "Miles" Castle Johnson

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**M**ilan "Miles" Castle Johnson, 91, passed away peacefully on August 5, 2025. Born in Cleveland, Ohio, on September 28, 1933, Miles lived a life marked by curiosity, innovation, and deep devotion to family, friends and country.

Raised in North Olmsted, Ohio, Miles was the son of the late Milam and Nelda Johnson. He grew up with his beloved sister, Nancy Wimmer, who passed in January 2025.

Miles met the love of his life, Elizabeth "Betty" Hughes, in Cleveland, and they were married on September 10, 1960. Their enduring partnership spanned nearly 65 years, filled with shared journeys, laughter, and love. Together, they enjoyed their family immensely. Sons Miles (wife Alysia) and Dean, and grandchildren, Cooper and Hope, all carry forward his zeal for adventure.

Miles served honorably in the U.S. Army from 1954 to 1962, a period that shaped his discipline and commitment to excellence. He earned his Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering from Ohio State University in 1961, where he was a proud member of the Triangle Engineering Fraternity and made lifelong friends.

His professional journey led him to Lockheed Missile & Space Company, beginning in 1962 at Vandenberg Air Force Base in Santa Maria, California. By 1965, he had relocated to Sunnyvale, California, where he spent nearly four decades driving innovation in aerospace. Miles played a pivotal role in satellite design, production, and launch programs, ultimately retiring as Vice President of the Space Systems Division. His leadership helped shape the future of American space exploration.

Miles was a man of many passions. From childhood, he was drawn to building models and electrical toys, a spark that ignited a lifelong love of engineering. He excelled academically and athletically, leading his high school on the track & field high jump team. His mind was always active, analyzing, organizing, and solving problems with boundless energy and enthusiasm.



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He had a sharp wit and a warm heart. He found joy in spending time with family and friends, travel around the globe and fine food and wine. An avid golfer, he achieved a cherished milestone with a hole-in-one in 1998, as witnessed by his son Miles.

Miles leaves behind a legacy of discovery, humor, and love. He will be deeply missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him.

Graveside service will be held on Saturday, August 16, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. (EST) at Sunset Memorial Park, North Olmsted, Ohio (Section 1B, Lot 140, Space 1). Please meet at the Sunset Memorial Chapel, 6245 Columbia Road, North Olmsted, Ohio 44070 no later than 10:45 a.m. to process to graveside service together. Fellowship to follow at the Burntwood Tavern, 5600 Great Northern Blvd, North Olmsted, OH 44070.



# Events


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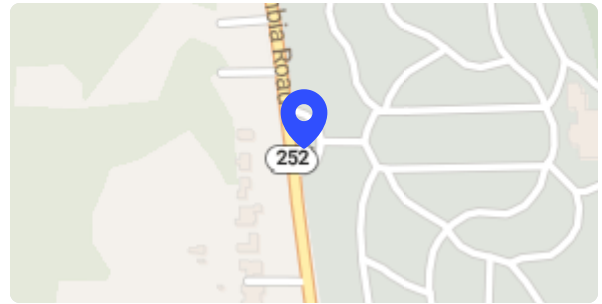
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### Graveside Service


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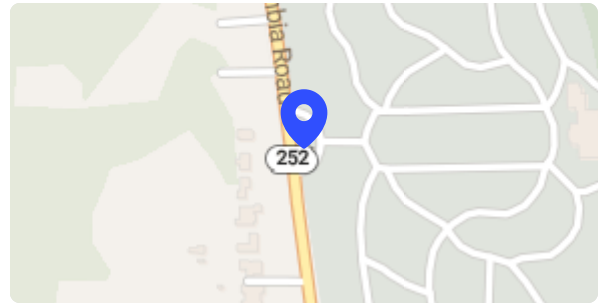
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 **Sunset Memorial Park**  
6265 Columbia Road, North Olmsted OH 44070



### Cemetery Details

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## Tribute Wall

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**Anonymous** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Milan "Miles".



August 15 at 2:15 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Lily and Rose Tribute Spray to the Johnson family.



August 12 at 9:38 PM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Milan "Miles" by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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