



Abel Roy Cavazos Jr.

August 10, 1948 - November 17, 2016

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On the evening of November 17, 2016, Abel passed away at University Hospital in San Antonio, TX of natural causes. Abel was being visited and comforted by family members at the time of his passing. Family stayed by his side and took great care of him. Abel was 68 years old.

Abel Cavazos was born in the city of San Antonio, TX on August 10, 1948. He was the third child and second son of Edna Cruz and Abel R. Cavazos Sr.

From his youth, Abel knew his calling in life was to be a police officer. After graduating from Palacios HS, he pursued a collegiate career in criminal justice at Sam Houston State University while working at the Walls unit in Huntsville.

Abel enjoyed a fulfilling career with the Houston Police Department. He worked in many units varying from patrolling to specialty investigations. After retiring with honors from the City of Houston after 30 years of service, Abel continued his career in law enforcement with Trinity University Police Department and the University of the Incarnate Word Police Department.

Abel enjoyed fishing, ball games, and yardwork. Above all else, Abel enjoyed spending time with his family.

Abel is survived by his loving wife, Maria; son, Abel III; daughters, Jessica and Rebecca. His sisters include Rosie Llanes and Mary Nunez; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Abel is preceded in death by his mother Edna, father Abel Sr., and brother Raymond.

A visitation for Abel will be held at Mission Park Funeral Home North on Tuesday, November 22, 2016, at 6 pm with a Rosary to follow at 7pm. The funeral will begin at 10 am on Wednesday, November 23, 2016, at St. Luke's Catholic Church. The burial will follow at Resurrection Cemetery @ Cordi Marian.

Cemetery Details

Resurrection Cemetery at Cordi - Marian

11624 Culebra Rd.
San Antonio, TX 78253

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **22**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels Cherry Ridge
3401 Cherry Ridge Dr
San Antonio, TX 78230
(210) 349-1414
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

Rosary

NOV **22**. 7:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels Cherry Ridge
3401 Cherry Ridge Dr
San Antonio, TX 78230
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<https://www.missionparks.com/>

Mass

NOV **23**. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Luke Catholic Church
4603 Manitou Drive
San Antonio, TX 78228

Tribute Wall

KK

“ I just heard about Abel. So sorry for his passing. We went to high school together. I saw him this past September at the all class reunion in Palacios. We ran into each other in the hotel lobby at the reunion and had about a five minute talk, and caught up on things. Had not seen him since high school back in 1967. My condolences to his family.

*Ken King
Houston, Texas*

Ken King - March 13, 2017 at 01:02 PM

EQ

“ I went to school with Abel and am so sorry to hear of his passing. My condolences to his wife and children.

Elma Quintanilla

Elma Quintanilla - December 01, 2016 at 01:48 PM

LS

“ Praying for peace and comfort for Abel's family. He will be missed. He was a great man who cared deeply for others. I was an honor to know him.

*Liz Scardino
HPD Robbery*

Liz Scardino - November 23, 2016 at 10:23 AM

JM

I knew Abel from hpd, a great police officer and a great friend, RIP

Juan Martinez - January 20, 2022 at 06:29 PM

AD

“ i am sorry for your loss. I met Abel 35 years ago. i was a cadet in HPD Academy Class #100. Abel was a class counselor. We met again and worked together on the Hostage Negotiation Team. Over the years we stayed in touch. He was a generous and gentle man. I learned from him what it meant to be a police officer. i will miss him.

Allen DeWoody
Humble, TX

Allen DeWoody - November 22, 2016 at 09:47 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Abel Roy Cavazos Jr..



November 22, 2016 at 03:50 PM

JR

“ I met Abel as an applicant in 1990 when he conducted my pre-employment polygraph examination. He impressed me then as he was thorough, professional, and personable. Some years later, I had the good fortune of working along side him as a member the Houston Police Department's Hostage Negotiation Team. Abel was ALWAYS kind, thoughtful, and a pleasure to work along side. I last saw Abel about 4 or so years ago while we unexpectedly and simultaneously toured the new HPD HNT facility and it was the joy of my day getting to see him. He has always been one whom I have never forgotten / often fondly remembered because he was such an outstanding gentleman. I am truly saddened to learn of his young passing and pray his family and friends. Rest in Peace Abel - Jeff Rosenthal, HPD Retired

Jeff Rosenthal - November 22, 2016 at 03:17 PM

JR

It was actually about ONE year ago. So enjoyed seeing my old friend then!

Jeff Rosenthal - November 22, 2016 at 03:25 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Abel Roy Cavazos Jr..



November 22, 2016 at 11:32 AM

RH

“ Dr. John "Jay" Hall. Abel and I worked in polygraph and burglary and theft. He was a man of integrity and outstanding character. As a rookie in polygraph, Able always mentored me and was willing to help. He understood the importance of helping one another. He will be greatly missed and may others learn from the lessons he taught by he way he lived. Able represented the best in the Houston Police Department. Rest in peace BROTHER.

Retired Lieutenant Hall

Retired Lieutenant Hall - November 22, 2016 at 10:53 AM

BA

“ Betty T Ayarzagoitia purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Abel Roy Cavazos Jr..



Betty T Ayarzagoitia - November 21, 2016 at 06:04 PM

AJ

“ I knew Abel as a co-worker with the Houston Police Department for over twenty years. During those years, I discovered Abel to be a quiet man with a good and warm heart. May his soul rest in peace. My deepest sympathy to his family and friends with the Houston Police Department. May the Lord bless his family who has loss a great man.

RIP

Anthony Ray Jammer

Anthony Ray Jammer - November 21, 2016 at 02:05 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Abel Roy Cavazos Jr..



November 20, 2016 at 11:31 PM

KM

“ I knew Abel when he sat next to me in robbery division. He was an awesome investigator and a good friend. He always spoke about the importance of his family and looked forward to retirement. I am so sorry for your loss. I will pray for peace for your family.

With my deepest sympathy,

Kim Miller

Kim Miller - November 20, 2016 at 10:10 PM