



Alfred Jesus Barrera, Sr.

July 11, 2024

U.S. Army (Ret.) Iraqi war veteran, retired First Sergeant, former Marine, retired School Teacher/ Administrator.

Born January 2, 1948 in Roma, Texas to Trinidad and Ramona Barrera. He passed away Thursday, July 11, 2024 at the age of 76.

His Mother and Father divorced when he was three years old, and as a result, moved to San Antonio, Texas, where he grew up and was raised by his uncle and aunt, Frank and Julia Rodgers.

He is preceded in death by his biological parents, and his aunt and uncle that raised him in San Antonio, Texas and his sister, Marcelina "Margarita".

He is survived by his second wife, Edna Barrera; sons and daughters, Alfred, Jr. (Shana), Melissa (Lawrence), Adrian (Jackie), Jessica and Monica (Loren); daughters, Sonia, Barbara, Patricia from a previous marriage. He is also survived by his grandchildren, Emily and Matthew, Alexia, Alyssa and Alessandra, Makayla, Luke and Madysen, Catalina and Ariana, and Allegra;

also his first wife, Stella Barrera; his brothers and sisters, Victor, Gloria (Rogelio), Eddie (Esther) and many, many cousins.

Alfred Barrera had a long, happy, and busy life filled with many accomplishments. He attended John F. Kennedy and Edgewood High Schools. After his graduation from Edgewood High School, he joined the Marine Corps. Upon completion of his first enlistment, he did an additional two years of Marine Corps Reserves. As soon as he returned from the Marine Corps he returned to his education at St. Mary's University where he completed a degree in Education and became a School Teacher. A few years later, he completed a Master's Degree in School Administration at the University of Texas at San Antonio. He worked as a School Administrator for a few years but returned to the classroom because the pay was higher in the classroom. With five children to raise, the higher pay was important. He also worked at evening jobs in department stores most of his life.

A few years after returning from the Marine Corps, he missed military life and served an additional eighteen years with the Army National Guard, where he retired as a Company First Sergeant and served in Iraq and Bosnia, while he was a school teacher. He earned 28 military medals.

His parents made sure he received a well rounded education and made sure he and his siblings participated in Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, piano lessons, folkloric dancing, ROTC, and boxing.

He was very supportive of his sons and daughters while they participated in all sports and music from elementary school all the way to University level. They

all attended college and universities and graduated. They are now very successful in their chosen professions.

Alfred Barrera credited his long and successful life to his parents great genes and his happiness and rich life to God and his generosity for giving him life his wife, and for his sons and daughters.

Visitation will begin at 5:00 P.M. followed by the Rosary at 6:00 P.M. on Monday, August 12, 2024 at Mission Park Funeral Chapels North, 3401 Cherry Ridge Drive. The Procession will depart the Funeral Home Chapel at 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday, August 13, 2024 for the Funeral Mass to begin at 9:30 A.M. at St. Gregory the Great Catholic Church, 700 Dewhurst. Interment with Military Honors will follow at the Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery, 1520 Harry Wurzbach Road.

Cemetery Details

Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery

1520 Harry Wurzbach
San Antonio, TX 78209

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 12. 5:00 PM (CT)

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

Rosary

AUG 12. 6:00 PM (CT)

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(210) 349-1414
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Procession

AUG 13. 9:00 AM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels Cherry Ridge
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San Antonio, TX 78230
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Funeral Mass

AUG 13. 9:30 AM (CT)

St. Gregory the Great Catholic Church
700 Dewhurst Rd
San Antonio, TX 78213-3416
(210) 342-5271

Tribute Wall

GR

“ *Happy July 4 TOPS
Your service all those years in the military made it possible for us to
celebrate today*

*I can't believe it's going to be a year you left , but in our hearts you
are very much alive .*

I love you Say hi to Mage and the rest of the family

Gkoria Barrera Ruvera - July 04, 2025 at 11:46 AM

GR

“ *Hey Tops
Have a Blessed Veterans Day with the Lord*

*You loved the service and you were proud to serve. And guess what
—your whole family is so proud of you as you served with your
whole heart.*

We honor God for you.

We love you and miss you!!!

Gloria Barrera Rivera - November 11, 2024 at 04:06 PM

RG

*Mr, Barrera was my teacher about 37 years ago. He was a great man.
He helped me to strive to be better. You had a great brother.*

Raul Gonzalez - December 31, 2024 at 10:26 PM

GR

“ *I miss you terribly. I miss your calls even though some times they
only lasted a minute. . I miss your laugh. I miss visits.
I miss my brother.*

Gloria B Rivera - September 19, 2024 at 12:53 PM

AM

“ When I think of Mr Barrera I will always remember him as the coolest teacher at Baskin elementary school 5th grade I was so excited to finally be a 5th grader so I could have him as my teacher ... My family moved away and I went to a new school for 5th grade he always checked on me made sure I was ok and was friends with my parents ..he will be missed

Amber mazurek - August 12, 2024 at 04:08 AM

SC

“ Solange & Courtney purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Alfred Jesus Barrera, Sr..



Solange & Courtney - August 10, 2024 at 02:06 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Alfred Jesus Barrera, Sr..



August 10, 2024 at 10:31 AM

JG

“ Incoming Lord, A Soldier 🙏 is Coming your way. MY Condolences TO THE FAMILY from SSG GOMEZ

JERARDO GOMEZ - August 09, 2024 at 04:58 PM

ER

“ *Missing you so much sweetie.Love you with all my heart always.*
Edna R.Barrera

Edna RobledoBarrera - July 22, 2024 at 08:54 PM

DD

“ *My heartfelt condolences to the family. Mr. Barrera was a very honorable man. My last memory of him was the father- daughter dance he had with Melissa at her wedding. It was beautiful to see him cry with happiness for his daughter. He will be a guardian angel for his family... always. Rest in peace, Sir.*



Dr. Emma Dromgoole - July 17, 2024 at 06:36 PM

JB

“ *Jackie Barrera lit a candle in memory of Alfred Jesus Barrera, Sr.*



Jackie Barrera - July 17, 2024 at 03:04 PM

TR

“ My deepest condolences to Edna, all of Alfredo's sons & daughters and entire Barrera family, and in particular Gloria B Rivera (Rogelio) & family. It was through Gloria, Alfredo's sister, I met Alfredo, Edna & beautiful family. Alfredo was an energetic, intellegent, friendly and family oriented father. He served America with all his heart and I salute Alfredo for his commitment to serve his country. I pray The Good Lord comfort the entire family with the Peace that surpasses all understanding. May you hold on to the beautiful memories you shared with your Beloved Alfredo. Blessings upon Divine Blessings, especially during this time. Respectfully Toni Rodriguez

Toni Rodriguez - July 17, 2024 at 09:27 AM

ER

“ Alfred my love I am missing you deeply. You we're an amazing husband ,friend,father,grandpa. You don't know the tremendous emptiness you left in my heart.I will forever love you and hold our memories forever in my heart.Alwasy and forever sweetie.Love you Edna



Edna RobledoBarrera - July 16, 2024 at 11:59 AM

JB

“ Jackie Bareera lit a candle in memory of Alfred Jesus Barrera, Sr.



Jackie Bareera - July 15, 2024 at 11:54 AM