



## Alfredo Pablo Arias-Xiques

August 17, 1961 - July 22, 2018

Alfredo Pablo Arias Xiqués passed away Sunday morning after living 29 years with a spinal cord injury. Born on August 17, 1961 in Camagüey, Cuba, he emigrated to the United States in 1980 settling in San Antonio, Texas after spending a few short months in Spain. He worked as an Operating Room Tech at the Downtown Baptist hospital and was doing part-time work for an electronics appliance store when he suffered a work injury that left him paralyzed from the neck down on May 31, 1989. Although he could not use his hands or legs and was wheelchair bound, that never broke his spirit. He persevered, having a contagious spirit and a charismatic and funny personality; one that always found a way to make everyone laugh. His love for life and fighting spirit allowed him to defy the odds to live much longer than medical experts thought he ever would. Alfredo was a fan of “pelota” and spoke of going to baseball games with his grandfather in Cuba and often went to see the Missions play in San Antonio and the Astros in Houston. Alfredo was a proud graduate of the University of Texas at San Antonio, having earned a Bachelor’s in Spanish in 1999, and actively attended the Rolling Inspirations support group in San Antonio with other spinal cord injury survivors.

Since his injury, he survived the death of both parents and the loss of his youngest son Luis Angel Arias, who lost his battle with cancer in 2007 at the age of 17. Alfredo is survived by his wife Sonia Hernandez Arias; oldest son Alfredo Pablo Arias Jr. (Rachel), granddaughters Emma Ocean and Stella

Marie; oldest daughter Mayra Alejandra Arias; and his youngest daughter Julia Angelica Arias Mazick (Jordan). Alfredo will always be remembered for being very social and wanting to take a picture with everyone who visited him. He loved music, sorting baseball cards and photo albums, doing genealogy, and loved to travel, from Mexico to California, Las Vegas, St. Louis, and even to Key West. He enjoyed being out in his van, whether for medical appointments, social events, or visiting his son's grave. He had skilled nursing care at home since 1991 and his nurses will always remember him as a patient that was fun, interesting and always on the go. Alfredo was joy to be around, adored by many, and his memory will remain in the hearts of those who loved him, forever.

Alfredo Pablo Arias Xiqués falleció el domingo por la mañana después de haber vivido 29 años con una lesión medular. Nacido el 17 de agosto de 1961 en Camagüey, Cuba emigró a los Estados Unidos en 1980, estableciéndose en San Antonio, Texas, después de pasar unos pocos meses en España. Él trabajó como técnico de la sala de operaciones en el hospital del centro Bautista y estaba trabajando medio tiempo en una tienda de electrónica cuando sufrió una lesión en el trabajo que lo dejó paralizado del cuello para abajo el 31 de mayo, 1989. Aunque no podía usar sus manos o piernas y estaba atado a una silla de ruedas, él nunca se dio por vencido y su espíritu nunca se quebrantó. Él siempre fue una persona perseverante, graciosa, un gran esposo, un gran padre, gran amigo y amoroso abuelo. El amor por la vida y el gran amor a su familia lo hizo salir adelante a pesar de todos los pronósticos de sus especialistas. Alfredo era un fan de la "pelota" y hablaba de ir a los juegos de béisbol con su abuelo en Cuba y a menudo fue a ver al Equipo Las Misiones jugar en San Antonio y Los Astros en Houston. Alfredo fue un orgulloso graduado de la University de Texas en San Antonio, después de haber recibido un Título de Bachillerato en español ganado en 1999, y participó en el grupo de apoyo Rolling Inspirations con otros sobrevivientes de lesiones medulares.

Después de su lesión, sobrevivió a la muerte de ambos padres y a la pérdida irreparable de su hijo menor Luis Ángel Arias, que perdió su batalla contra el cáncer en el año 2007 a la edad de 17 años. A Alfredo le sobrevive su esposa Sonia Hernández Arias; hijo mayor Alfredo Pablo Arias Jr. (Rachel), sus nietas Emma Ocean y Stella Marie; su hija mayor Mayra Alejandra Arias y su hija menor Julia Angelica Arias Mazick (Jordan). Alfredo siempre será recordado por ser muy social y por su gran gusto de tomarse fotos con todos sus seres queridos. Amaba la música, le encantaba coleccionar tarjetas de béisbol y álbumes de fotos, le apasionaba buscar los orígenes de sus raíces (familiares), amó viajar, a muchos destinos de México a California, las Vegas, St. Louis, e incluso a Key West. Disfrutaba pasearse en su camioneta, ya sea para citas médicas, eventos sociales, así como visitar a su amado hijo Luis. Siempre tuvo el apoyo de un excelente equipo de enfermeros especializados en su cuidado desde el año 1991 y sus enfermeros lo recordaran siempre como su paciente favorito porque siempre los hacía reír. Alfredo fue siempre el gran ejemplo de amor, interés y amistad para todos los que tuvieron la dicha de conocerlo, amado y adorado por todos. Su memoria permanecerá en el corazón de todos aquellos que lo aman.

# Cemetery Details

## Mission Burial Park South

1700 SE Military Dr.  
San Antonio, TX 78214  
<http://www.missionparks.com>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**JUL 24.** 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels South, Cemeteries & Crematories  
1700 SE Military Dr  
San Antonio, TX 78214  
(210) 924-4242  
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

## Rosary

**JUL 24.** 7:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels South, Cemeteries & Crematories  
1700 SE Military Dr  
San Antonio, TX 78214  
(210) 924-4242  
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

## Funeral Mass

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JUL **25.** 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Anthony Claret Catholic Church  
6150 Rofl Road  
San Antonio, TX 78253

# Tribute Wall



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Alfredo Pablo Arias-Xiques.* ”



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July 26, 2018 at 05:26 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Alfredo Pablo Arias-Xiques.* ”



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July 24, 2018 at 06:41 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Alfredo Pablo Arias-Xiques.* ”



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July 24, 2018 at 03:41 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Alfredo Pablo Arias-Xiques.* ”



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July 24, 2018 at 11:55 AM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Alfredo Pablo Arias-Xiques.*



July 24, 2018 at 11:24 AM



“ *Was especially grateful that I was able to bring Our Lord to Alfred. I enjoyed my visits with him. I will miss him.*

*David Pearson*



**David Pearson** - July 24, 2018 at 11:04 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Alfredo Pablo Arias-Xiques.*



July 24, 2018 at 08:30 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Alfredo Pablo Arias-Xiques.*



July 24, 2018 at 08:11 AM



“ *Many prayers & sincere sympathies to Sonia & family. HE IS FREE  
!!!! Ruth & Gene Flores*

Ruth Flores - July 24, 2018 at 12:13 AM



“ *Ruth Flores lit a candle in memory of Alfredo  
Pablo Arias-Xiques*



Ruth Flores - July 24, 2018 at 12:10 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of  
Alfredo Pablo Arias-Xiques.*



July 23, 2018 at 10:13 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family  
of Alfredo Pablo Arias-Xiques.*



July 23, 2018 at 07:50 PM

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“ ALFREDO WAS LOVED BY THE BMC SURGERY FAMILY. HE WAS ALWAYS SO HAPPY TO HEAR ANOTHER REUNION WAS AT HAND AND HE ATTENDED EACH ONE OF THEM. WE ALL SAW HOW LOVED HE WAS BY HIS FAMILY AND AMAZED AT THE DEDICATION AND LOVE SONIA PROVIDED HIM. RIP ALFREDO FROM ALL OF BMC FAMILY.

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**ROSE TREVINO** - July 23, 2018 at 06:01 PM

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“ *Sonia, sincere condolences on the loss of your husband. May the LORD give you and your family comfort, peace and strength at this most difficult time.*

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**Aurora Cortinas** - July 23, 2018 at 05:14 PM