



Antonio R. Tony Esparza

August 28, 1918 - October 13, 2015

Antonio R. Tony Esparza was born August 28, 1918 and passed away on Tuesday, October 13, 2015. He was preceded in death by his mother Lena Ruiz Esparza Garza and his father Antonio R. Esparza. He is survived by his daughters Sylvia Benavides Robert and Margaret Schroeder Gregory, and his grandchildren Robert Benavides, Jr. and Rochelle Benavides Kenneth. As a teenager Antonio played sports with the Prospect Hill Triangles, and formed lifelong friendships that he always treasured. He worked as an aircraft painter at Kelly Air Force Base, and retired from there. The family would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to Antonio's friend and physician of many years Joseph A. Marotta, M.D., who guided him through his last days with kindness and compassion, and to his cousin Roland Ruiz, who remained close to him all his life, and came to see him often in the hospital.

Visitation will begin at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 18, 2015, with the Rosary to follow at 7:00 p.m. at Alamo Funeral Chapels. Mass will be celebrated on Monday, October 19, 2015, at 9:45 a.m. at San Fernando Cathedral, 231 W. Commerce, with interment to follow at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery.