



Arthur Estrada

August 27, 1941 - October 17, 2024

Arthur Estrada, a beloved husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather, was called home by the Lord Jesus Christ surrounded by his family singing praise and worship songs, leading him on his journey to heaven on October 17, 2024, at the age of 83. He was preceded in death by his parents, Ramona (Louis) Estrada and Domingo Ybarra; siblings, Homer Estrada, Fr. Domingo Estrada, Max Weltens and Wanda (Jim) Seifert. He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Ruth Estrada; siblings, Jerry (Vickie) Estrada, Virginia Weltens, Catherine Almaraz, Jesse (Sylvia) Sanchez, Sam (Jerri) Sanchez and Yvette Trevino; children, Lawrence (Lisa) Estrada, Michele Lorraine (Oscar) Gomez, Rochelle Estrada and Andrew Estrada; grandchildren, Joshua Estrada, Gabrielle Estrada, Sarah Estrada, Hannah Estrada, John Estrada, Mary Estrada, Abby Gomez, and Micheal Estrada; great grandchildren, Charles Montemayor and Noah Montemayor; and numerous nieces and nephews. Arthur was a father figure to many, and thought of Sonia Alaniz, Larry Cain and Frank Rodriguez as his own children.

Arthur was born in San Antonio, Texas, on August 27, 1941. He first met Ruth in 1960, bonding over their mutual love of dancing and going on to share a long and happy marriage of almost 60 years. He had a lifelong passion for fishing on the coast, loved to tell jokes and stories, and always had a crowd around him laughing. Arthur was a very good cook and was well known for his salsa recipe.

Arthur served honorably in the U.S. Navy and believed in working hard to

support his family. He was among San Antonio's inaugural class of EMS workers and spent 34 years in service to the San Antonio Fire Department. He also worked in various roles at the San Antonio Water Board, Kelly Air Force Base, Rodeway, Sears, Boeing Fire Department and FEMA.

Arthur loved the Lord and was a devout Roman Catholic. He attended Mass daily and was often first to open the doors at St. Leo the Great in the early mornings. He served as a Eucharistic Minister, shepherded more than 30 pilgrimages to Medjugorje in Bosnia and Herzegovina, visited multiple sites around the world where the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared, and prayed all 20 mysteries of the Holy Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet every afternoon at 3 p.m.

A visitation will be held Thursday, November 21, 2024, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at St. James Apostle Catholic Church (907 W. Theo Ave.), with a rosary to be recited at 6 p.m. Funeral Service will be Friday, November 22, 2024, at 10 a.m. at St. James Apostle Catholic Church; interment with military honors to follow at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Joshua Estrada, John Estrada, Michael Estrada, Jerome Estrada, Christopher Estrada, Frank Rodriguez, Michael Rodriguez, Miguel Sanchez honorary pallbearers, Larry Cain and Mark Weltens. All friends and family are welcome.

Cemetery Details

Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery

1520 Harry Wurzbach Road
San Antonio, TX 78209

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **21**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

St. James the Apostle Catholic Church
907 W. Theo Ave.
San Antonio, TX

Rosary

NOV **21**. 6:00 PM - 6:45 PM (CT)

St. James the Apostle Catholic Church
907 W. Theo Ave.
San Antonio, TX

Mass of Christian Burial

NOV **22**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. James the Apostle Catholic Church
907 W. Theo Ave.
San Antonio, TX

Committal Service

NOV **22**. 11:30 AM - 11:50 AM (CT)

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San Antonio, TX 78209

Tribute Wall



“ *Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemeteries created a Tribute Video in memory of Arthur Estrada*



Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemetery - November 25, 2024 at 04:29 PM

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“ *The Crisis Response Services Unit purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Arthur Estrada.*



The Crisis Response Services Unit - November 20, 2024 at 09:25 PM

RC

“ *Arthur,
Was a true warrior in the arena of life. I best remember Arthur as he was fearless trying to rescue and save 3 SAPD officers shot in November 1979.
In what was known as the Bering street incident. While gun fire was still raging Arthur and other SAFD Paramedics raced into a back yard unarmed and carried two wounded officers back to the ambulance. Arthur didn't wait or take cover behind a EMS unit. He ran towards the gun fire. That means something. He was part of a great generation of SAFD and SAPD. Condolence's to the Arthurs family*

Retired Copper - November 20, 2024 at 08:18 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Arthur Estrada.*



November 19, 2024 at 10:11 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Arthur Estrada.*



November 18, 2024 at 03:50 PM



“ *Mr. Bob Colunga purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Arthur Estrada.*



Mr. Bob Colunga - November 17, 2024 at 10:48 PM



“ *From Lilli and the Sanchez Family purchased the Divine Light for the family of Arthur Estrada.*



From Lilli and the Sanchez Family - November 17, 2024 at 10:27 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Arthur Estrada.*



November 17, 2024 at 08:15 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Arthur Estrada.*



November 16, 2024 at 05:00 PM



“ *3 files added to the album Dad*



ROCHELLE ESTRADA - November 15, 2024 at 04:04 PM



“ *Mike & Tish Moore purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Arthur Estrada.*



Mike & Tish Moore - November 14, 2024 at 09:39 PM

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“ **REST IN PEACE MY FRIEND**

Our Lady Queen of Peace Medjugorje will wait for you. She will escort you through the gates of your eternal resting place.

Pater Noster, qui es in caelis, sanctificetur nomen tuum. Adveniat regnum tuum.

Fiat voluntas tua, sicut in caelo et in terra.

Panem nostrum quotidianum da nobis hodie, et dimitte nobis debita nostra sicut et nos dimittimus debitoribus nostris. Et ne nos inducas in tentationem, sed libera nos a malo. AMEN.

Ave Maria, gratia plena, Dominus tecum.

Benedicta tu in mulieribus, et benedictus fructus ventris tui, Iesus. Sancta Maria, Mater Dei, ora pro nobis peccatoribus, nunc et in hora mortis nostrae. AMEN.

Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto.

Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, et in saecula saeculorum AMEN.

Frank & Celia Maspero

Frank Maspero - November 14, 2024 at 09:29 AM