



## Arthur Ray Mahavier

June 5, 1931 - June 20, 2020

Arthur Ray Mahavier, age 89 of San Antonio, passed away Saturday, June 20, 2020.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 55 years, Barbara Ann Hausler Mahavier; father David Anthony Mahavier and wife Lenore; mother Virginia Elizabeth Marshall Mahavier Taylor and husband Tillman; sister Sonja Tjernagel; sister-in-law Gladys Lindemann, brother-in-law Buster Lindemann; sister-in-law Carol Hausler, brother-in-law Vernon Hausler.

Arthur is survived by daughters Shannon Mahavier Mason and husband Tom; Patti Mahavier Karshis and husband Patrick; granddaughter Jolie Amanda Karshis; sister Charlotte Smith (Ed); brother Darrell Taylor (Diana); brother-in-law Lou Tjernagel; and numerous cousins, nieces, nephews and friends.

Arthur attended Beacon Hill Elementary, Mark Twain Junior High School, and graduated from Jefferson High School in 1949 with an athletic scholarship. He received a bachelor's degree from Texas Lutheran University in 1953 and a master's degree in education from Trinity University in 1961. He served in the US Army during the Korean War from 1954 to 1956 as a physical reconditioning specialist. He spent several months at a European base as a member of an army football squad. He traveled with the team to several countries including England, France, and Holland.

Arthur worked for 37 years as an educator for the San Antonio Independent School District. He spent his career as a teacher, coach, vice principal, principal, teacher recruiter and retired in 1993.

Arthur was an avid hunter and fisherman. He went with family and friends on freshwater fishing trips to Medina, LBJ and Travis Lakes as well saltwater trips from Seadrift to Port Aransas. He loved hunting deer, turkey, ducks, quail, dove and wild hogs. He enjoyed telling tales of these outings and they provided many a wild game meal.

The family appreciates the loving care provided by very special caregivers Yolanda Williams, Jose Rubio, LaTrice Ingram, Roger Haggard and many others as well as Dr. Kathleen Owings, Dr. Leonor Rivera, Jerry Buenaseda, RN of the Veteran's Affairs Home Based Primary Care and staff.

#### SERVICES

Visitation will begin at 9:30 A.M. followed by the Service with Military Honors at 10:00 A.M. on Saturday, June 27, 2020 at the Fred J. Tips Mausoleum Chapel at Mission Burial Park North, 20900 IH 10 West. A Private Interment Service will follow.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the San Antonio Chapter of the American Parkinson Disease Association ([www.apdaparkinson.org](http://www.apdaparkinson.org)); Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research ([www.michaeljfox.org](http://www.michaeljfox.org)); Texas Parks & Wildlife Foundation ([www.tpwd.texas.gov](http://www.tpwd.texas.gov)).

You may sign the online guestbook at [www.missionparks.com](http://www.missionparks.com).

**SPECIAL NOTE:** Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, masks and social distancing will be observed.

# Cemetery Details

## Mission Park Funeral Chapels and Cemetery Dominion

20900 IH 10 W  
San Antonio, TX 78257  
(210) 698-5252  
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 27. 9:30 AM (CT)

Fred J. Tips Mausoleum Chapel  
20900 IH 10 West  
San Antonio, TX 78257

## Service

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# Tribute Wall

CZ

“ I worked with Mr. Mahavier, as his secretary, at Irving Middle School for 12 years. He was a great principal and leader. He influenced all around him in a positive way. I always respected the way he put the students' education above all else. My condolences to the family. May happy memories of him carry you through this time of loss.

*Carmen Zapata*

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**Carmen Zapata** - June 28, 2020 at 09:24 PM

PK

*Mrs. Zapata, Thank you so much for your kind words about dad. Whenever we think of Irving, it always includes you.  
Love,  
Shannon & Patti*

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**Patti Karshis** - June 29, 2020 at 01:25 PM

JF

“ I will always remember Mr. Mahavier. I had the privilege of being one of his assistant principals back in the mid-seventies at Irving Middle School. He was an honest forthright person. He always treated me and others with respect and he always supported me. It was a pleasure working for him. My sincerest condolences to the family.

*John Fernandez*

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**John Fernandez** - June 27, 2020 at 03:32 PM

RM

“ My cousin, Arthur Ray, was 13 years older than me and I always looked up to him. I have fond memories of being around him as a kid during trips to San Antonio with my parents to visit Grandma and Grandpa Marshall, Aunt Virginia and Uncle Tillman, Uncle James and Aunt Bessie, etc. I recall a fishing trip to Medina Lake when Arthur Ray was there, always cracking jokes and a joy to be around. He was a fine man and I will miss him. RIP.

*Ray Marshall*

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**Ray Marshall** - June 27, 2020 at 10:54 AM

LS

“ Shannon, Patti, and families. Myself and my family would like to take this time to express our condolences to all in the loss of your dad, grandpa, and a cousin I will never forget. I know he is with your Mom and all of our family that have preceded him on their journey home. I knew him as Bubba, he had a great personality and loved my Mom Aunt Goochie, and his Uncle Babe. sending our love and prayers to all,  
Linda, Ronnie, Greg and Rose Sova

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**Linda Sova** - June 26, 2020 at 07:54 PM

MM

“ Mr. Mahavier was Principal when I attended Washington Irving middle school condolences to his family....

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**Maryann martinez** - June 26, 2020 at 10:58 AM

DH

“ I was Mr. Mahavier's first math department chairman at Irving Middle School. He was a top-drawer principal who was fair, friendly, strict, and super accommodating. Because of his good order and remarkable disciplinary skills, he ran a near perfect school. Because he did not want to be a dictator, he formed the faculty advisory committee to advise him on school matters. His faculty advisory idea was so effective that the whole SAISD adopted it and put it into motion. He would make sure that each student was taken care of at Christmas by providing them with a goody bag of treats. SAISD was so fortunate to have such a gentleman and champion for students in their midst. Mr. Mahavier attempted the impossible: He tried to satisfy everybody, and he didn't fall too far short.

David Harris

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David Harris - June 25, 2020 at 09:22 PM

SH

“ I will certainly miss you Uncle Art. Deer hunting, the stories and more. You would sit in the blind later than any of us and many times it paid off for you. You usually had that little troll doll for luck as well. You would have your thermos of coffee with creamer. The blind that I sit in to this day is still called "Arts Blind". You had a quick smile and were ready to jump in and assist anyone. Thanks for the smiles, the laughs and most of all, the memories. Enjoy heaven and tell everyone there hello. I will see you again.

Stephen

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Steve Hausler - June 25, 2020 at 04:41 PM

RR

“ Art Mahavier was a special friend and hunting buddy. We use to hunt for over 30 years. He loved the outdoors and told me when he was young, he helped at The Duck Club at Mitchell Lake. He would get the boats ready and set up the duck decoys early in the morning. He had many hunting stories, but would always say "Make Hay while the Sun is shinning". He loved hunting so much that during his last days of hunting, he would hunt from a wheelchair. One day he told me, "Roger, if I ever die, I hope it would be while I was hunting". I told him, "Art, don't die on me now". May he rest in Peace and God Bless his family.



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**Roger Rodriguez** - June 25, 2020 at 04:10 PM

RR

“ Roger Rodriguez lit a candle in memory of Arthur Ray Mahavier



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**Roger Rodriguez** - June 25, 2020 at 03:53 PM

ES

“ Art was a great brother, brother-in-law, uncle, father, father-in-law, husband and friend. He will be surely missed. We love you, Art, Charlotte and Ed Smith, Vicki and Brian Breeding and Cheryl and Charles Seymore.

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**Ed Smith** - June 25, 2020 at 03:17 PM

MF

*Enjoyed working with Art in Personnel Srvcs....He was a "good school man" in all the positions he worked. Sympathy to his family. I'll pray for the repose of his soul....Mary Jo Fernandez*

Mary Jo Fernandez - June 26, 2020 at 03:13 PM

SW

“ Dear Patti & Shannon,  
I send my sincere condolences to you.  
George & Art spent MANY hours fishing & hunting together. George always said Art taught him all he knew about successful fishing, and they WERE successful! Photos of their daily catch offered proof, although some friends denied it, saying they were just “dish rags hanging on a line” (Mr Clark). George also served as Art’s vice principal at Irving Their personal & professional episodes could fill this page, but their friendship was never ending. No doubt they are enjoying time together again. Remember, you can’t catch a fish if your hook’s not in the water!  
May they both Rest In Peace!  
With love, Sharon Walling



Sharon Walling - June 25, 2020 at 01:15 PM

LM

“ Lou Tjernagel, Beth, Lars, Penny, Mark purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Arthur Ray Mahavier.



Lou Tjernagel, Beth, Lars, Penny, Mark - June 24, 2020 at 06:26 PM

LT

“ I extend my sincere sympathy to Art's family. In August of 1959 I married his sister Sonja and met Art and Barbara. We hit it off immediately and actually hunted started hunting together that fall. We hunted dove together many many times and Deer together a couple of times. We went coast fishing once using my boat taking his Dad and had a great time. Art was a very caring person and it was always enjoyable to go dove hunting with him. I left San Antonio in 1995 after retiring from USAA. Between the late 70's up through the time I relocated to Nebraska, we probably hunted dove together at least 50 times plus. I was fortunate to have an excellent dove leas in Devine and we probably went there the most. We had many many talk about all of the hunting over the years. You could talk with him about anything. I know his sister Sonja was very proud of him. I know he is now at peace. I extend God's Love to the Family. Lou

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**Lou Tjernagel** - June 24, 2020 at 05:22 PM