



Arturo Bustos Jr.

May 1, 1935 - February 17, 2025

With heavy hearts, we announce the passing of Arturo Silviano Bustos, Jr., affectionately known as “Papa,” who peacefully departed this life on February 17, 2025, in San Antonio, Texas, surrounded by his beloved wife and children. He is preceded in death by his mother Juliana and father Arturo.

Born on May 1, 1935, in Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas, México, to Arturo Silviano Bustos, Sr. and Juliana Martínez, Art’s life was one of determination, love, and unwavering commitment to his family. He received his education on both sides of the border, attending Escuela Primaria Cuauhtémoc in Nuevo Laredo and San Augustine Catholic School in Laredo, Texas.

A Life of Passion and Hard Work

From an early age, Art displayed a strong entrepreneurial spirit. At just 10 years old, he began selling newspapers in Nuevo Laredo, crossing the border to Laredo, Texas, to turn a profit. His ambition and work ethic set the foundation for a lifetime of success.

Art was also a gifted baseball player, competing in the amateur leagues in Nuevo Laredo, the Spanish-American League, and other minor leagues in San Antonio. He tried out for the Cleveland Indians but made the selfless decision to prioritize his growing family over a professional baseball career. He often shared that God gave him a choice between playing professional baseball or building a family, and without hesitation, he chose family.

A Legacy of Dedication and Success

Art found his calling in the auto body industry, starting as an auto painter before working his way up to foreman at General Oldsmobile Auto Dealer in San Antonio. But he had bigger dreams.

On April 21, 1980, alongside his devoted wife, Frances, Art took a leap of faith and opened his own collision repair business, Art's Paint & Body Shop, which became a well-respected and successful establishment. His famous slogan, "You Bend 'em, We Fix 'em!" was known throughout the community.

Even after retiring in 2003, Art kept an office at the shop, proudly displaying a sign that read:

"I'm retired... but I work part-time as a pain in the BUTT!"

A Beloved Husband, Father, Grandfather, and Great Grandfather

Above all else, Art's greatest joy and legacy was his family. He shared 72 beautiful years of marriage with his loving wife, Frances. Together, they built a home filled with love, laughter, and unwavering support.

He is survived by:

- His five children: John, Belinda, Evangelina, Elizabeth, and Javier
- Two devoted daughters-in-law: Irene and Cathy
- One cherished son-in-law: Mario Enrique Flores
- Eleven grandchildren: Rhiana (spouse Kevin), Janelle, Renée (spouse Ian), Steve Jr. (spouse Emily), Jeremy (spouse Alysha), Jackie (spouse Matt), Giraldo, A.J. (spouse Mari), John Michael (spouse Kristal), Amanda (spouse Tanner), and Matthew
- Twelve great-grandchildren: Audrey, Jaxson, Phoenix, Stevie III, Arnold, Ariya, Olyvia, Penny, Cash, Mila, Margot, and Mia
- His brother, Raymond Estrada, Sr.
- And other numerous nieces and nephews

Art was deeply grateful for his family's love, understanding, and support throughout his life. His wisdom, strength, and humor will live on in the hearts

of those he touched.

Forever in Our Hearts

Arturo Silviano Bustos, Jr. was a man of integrity, dedication, and love. He leaves behind a legacy of resilience, hard work, and devotion to family. His presence will be deeply missed, but his spirit will live on in the stories, memories, and lessons he shared.

May he rest in peace, knowing he was truly loved.

“We love you, Papa. Until we meet again.” 🕊️

Cemetery Details

Mission Burial Park

20900 IH 10 West
San Antonio, TX 78257

Previous Events

Family Visitation

MAR 3. 9:00 AM - 9:30 AM (CT)

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

Public Visitation

MAR 3. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Fred J. Tips Mausoleum Chapel
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Holy Rosary

MAR 3. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

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Funeral Service

MAR 3. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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Committal Service

MAR 3. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Arinda Crafts purchased the Simply Elegant Spat hiphyllum for the family of Arturo Bustos Jr..*



Arinda Crafts - March 02, 2025 at 09:45 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Arturo Bustos Jr..*



February 28, 2025 at 04:03 PM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Arturo Bustos Jr..*



February 27, 2025 at 08:08 PM

“ A Tribute in Memory and Honor of Tio Arturo Bustos

Based on Art's endearing, heart-felt Obituary, he was unquestionably an exemplary loving husband, father, and grandfather. His dedication to his family and their loving dedication to their father was a testament to Art's character, integrity, and the values he held close and dear.

To Art, baseball was so much more than a game; it was a lifelong passion. And in his youth, he must've envisioned countless times that he would one day become an accomplished entrepreneur. I imagined Tia and Tio fearlessly and courageously pursuing business ownership, eventually taking a well-calculated 'leap of faith.'

Art's slogan, "You Bend 'em, We Fix 'em!" was undoubtedly an attention-getter and a core service promise. But perhaps Art's inherent character, life experience, and aspirations prepared him to be extraordinarily good at fixing everything from minor bends to severely bent. It's not easy raising a family, so there is always plenty of bending, fixing, appeasing, civility, and compromising within a growing family.

The passing of a loved, highly revered family member is painfully challenging to deal with and accept. And it's of little consolation knowing that our mortality is a part of life. But on Feb. 17, I believe Art ("Papa") rose and met the ultimate, all-time fixer, God almighty. I think it's reasonable to believe God said to Art,
"Well done, my son. I know what it meant to you to bypass professional baseball for the beautiful family I blessed you with. There is nothing more you need to do here; you did everything you were supposed to do. There are no more bends or matters of the heart to fix. In fact, your weary body bent and gave in to illness until it could no more, but I was always with you. Now, the best of you is permanently fixed, my son. No more worries or pain or thoughts of uncertainty. It may seem like your passing has won a victory, but it didn't. I see your family's heavy hearts and endless falling tears, and

my heart breaks for their anguish. But I want them to know that love is supremely greater than death. Their love for you is so profound that their memories and vivid images of you remain ingrained in their mind and soul, so you live within them until you meet again. This love bond cannot be broken, for I love you, and I am love, and I AM THAT I AM. Now, let us go, Art. I have many things to show you."

Alan J Vasquez - February 27, 2025 at 06:40 PM

VG

“ *Victor Robert and Celina Gomez purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Arturo Bustos Jr..*



Victor Robert and Celina Gomez - February 27, 2025 at 01:50 PM

MB

“ *Mike and Amy Brannon purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Arturo Bustos Jr..*



Mike and Amy Brannon - February 27, 2025 at 12:26 PM

GF

“ *Gene & Melanie Watson & Family purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Arturo Bustos Jr..*



Gene & Melanie Watson & Family - February 26, 2025 at 11:52 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Arturo Bustos Jr..*



February 24, 2025 at 11:18 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Arturo Bustos Jr..*



February 24, 2025 at 10:43 AM