



## Arturo Torres Fuentes, Jr.

May 29, 1944 - September 3, 2009

### FUENTES

Arturo T. Fuentes, Jr., born May 29, 1944 in San Antonio, Texas peacefully embraced God on September 3, 2009 at the Audie Murphy VA Hospital, San Antonio, Texas. A loving husband, father, and grandfather, he now joins his parents, Arturo T. Fuentes, Sr. and Rosa R. Fuentes. He is survived by his loving wife of 34 years, Elsa Chapa Fuentes; daughters, Susan Fuentes, Nancy Fuentes Joseph Gutierrez; son, Arthur Fuentes, III; sisters, Rosario Calvillo Fermin, Terry Vargas Henry, Patsy Glover Ron, and Sylvia Fuentes Mike Martinez; brother, Robert Fuentes Dolores; grandson, Aaron R. Gutierrez; granddaughter, Monica N. Gutierrez; also survived by numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and godchildren. " Art" as he was affectionately known by all his friends was the recipient of numerous military awards, some of which are: first award of the Silver Star on 28 February 1967, with 1st Oak Leaf Cluster on

1 April 1967 , and on Flag Day, 14 June 1967, he received the 2nd Oak Leaf Cluster of the Silver Star. Art's three Silver Stars were all awarded during a four month period for military heroic actions against hostile forces in Vietnam. He also is the recipient of the Purple Heart with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters; Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal w/2 Bronze Service Stars and one Overseas Bar; Vietnam Campaign with Device 1960; Parachutist Badge, Combat Infantry Badge, 1st Award, Expert M14 Badge, Gallantry Cross with Gold Star for Heroic Actions and the Good Conduct Medal. Art was an

Honorary Life Member of the Alamo Silver Wings Airborne Association in which he and his wife, Elsa, actively participated in all the fund raising events of the association as well as joyfully assisted with whatever other function and/or event that was conducted for the interest of the San Antonio community. Art also was a member of the VFW Manuel Alvarado Post 9186, the Disabled American Veterans Association, the Military Order of the Purple Heart, Chapter 1836, and the Big Red One Association 1st Infantry Division, Fort Port Riley, KS. The family sincerely appreciates all the nursing care that Art received while a patient in the V A facilities throughout the state of Texas. During his last two years of life his health required daily nursing. His family respectfully thanks all the Veterans Affairs medical professionals and especially thanks those at the Audie Murphy VA Hospital. Arturo " Art" T. Fuentes, Jr. will be dearly missed by everyone who knew him. He has left a tremendous void in many lives.

#### SERVICES

Visitation will begin at 5 :00 PM with a Rosary at 7 :00 PM on Tuesday, September 8, 2009 at Mission Park Funeral Chapels North. Funeral Procession

will depart the funeral home chapel at 12:15 PM for a Mass of Resurrection at 1:00 PM on Wednesday, September 9, 2009 at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, 617 S. Santa Rosa. Interment will follow at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery.

# Tribute Wall

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“ I served with Art in Vietnam with B company 1/16 rangers in 1966-67. And I was with him when he was awarded three silver stars. I treasure our relationship although we reacted to combat differently. Art eye would get large welcoming what ever hell came. We last served and were wounded on June 15, 1967. Toward the end of a three hour battle where alternately we lost vision and Hearning, from fast mover bombs. When the company reconnected I was firing the machine gun disorientated with wounds in shoulders. Art was feeding the machine gun blind. I talk to Art about three times through the years, he wanted me to meet him Las Vegas but it never happened. My condolences to his wife and family, Art... Airborne all the way from, Phillip B Garcia ( phlbg1328@gmail.com)

phillip botello garcia - October 08, 2018 at 04:12 PM

ES

“ To who my have Concern: I have a marriage certifacate that Arturo Torres Fuentes Jr. was married with my mother in March 13 1965 In Los Angeles and was living at 936 S. Record Ave L.A until he was sent off to Vietnam. It could be a possiblity that Mr. Fue

Eric Soza - October 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM

ES

“ To who it my concern, I belive Mr. Fuentes is my sister dad. This is not a joke or prank. I belived my Mother Helen Fuentes was married to a Arturo Torres Fuentes Jr. ss# 465-68-0739. I don't want anything, it's just my sister has been trying to find her

Eric Soza - October 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

WS

“ I will miss you Art ,if for no other reason than we shared a friendship based on respect for our respective families. We also shared that comaraderie known only to former military personnel.  
You were a friendly, caring, loving person who doted on your

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**willie sanchez** - September 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ Dear Elsa and Family,  
We would like to express our deepest condolences to you and your family. We have fond memories of Fuentes Reunions at Roosevelt Park and Conception Park. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.  
From the children of

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**Shannon Esparza Funkhouser** - September 08, 2009 at 12:00 AM

EG

“ Elsa, so sorry to hear about Art. As you recall Art and I worked side by side at Kelly and we talked alot about the war. Our prayers are with you and your family. I have very fond memmories of him.

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**Ed Garcia** - September 07, 2009 at 12:00 AM

EF

“ Elsa and family: Please receive our heartfelt condolences. Our arms wrap you with all our heart. May God be with you during these most sorrowful hours is our prayer. Art will forever be remembered by us all. God Bless.

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**Ed & Hope Fernandez** - September 07, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JN

“ *Extending our heartfelt condolences on the loss of your loved one.* ”

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**Julian Cruz & Staff at Mission Park Funeral Chapels North** - September 06, 2009  
at 12:00 AM