



Carlos Rene Buenteo

August 3, 1949 - September 19, 2019

Carlos Rene Buenteo was called to Heaven on Thursday, September 19, 2019 at MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston after courageously battling acute myeloid leukemia at 70 years of age.

He was born August 3, 1949 in Yoakum, Texas, the youngest of three sons to Evaristo and Josefa (Canales) Buenteo. Carlos Rene was a 1968 graduate of Yoakum High School. He received his Bachelor and Master degrees in Criminal Justice from Sam Houston State University in Huntsville, Texas.

He spent 32 years in public service as an Adult Community Supervision and Corrections Unit Supervisor for Bee, Live Oak, and McMullen Counties. Carlos Rene also proudly served his country for 25 years and retired as First Sergeant in the United States Army Reserve – 352nd Engineering Company.

Carlos Rene met the love of his life, his “rock”, Elda Trejo Buenteo in Alice, Texas in 1970. They were married at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Alice, Texas on August 19, 1972 and were blessed with 47 glorious years together.

He was a devoted parishioner of St. George Catholic Church in George West since 1975. Carlos Rene spent much of his time helping with the food pantry where he took great pride in helping others. He was also a member of the George West Kiwanis Club.

A man of many passions – he loved working in his yard, traveling, grilling, gambling, listening to Czech Polka music, and golf. He was an avid sports enthusiast and enjoyed cheering on the Houston Astros, Dallas Cowboys, and Texas Longhorns.

Carlos Rene was a humble, kind, and generous man. He was a loving and devoted husband and a caring, selfless father who showered his daughters with lots of love and affection. He loved life and had an infectious smile and laugh. His greatest joy was his family and friends.

Loved ones that cleared the path to Heaven for Carlos Rene were his parents, Evaristo and Josefa (Canales) Buenteo; his grandparents, Blas and Victoria Buenteo and Zenon and Catalina Canales; his father-in-law, Cecilio Trejo, Jr.; his sisters-in-law, Maria Zelma “Lita” Buenteo and Lydia Buenteo; and nephew, Roland Buenteo.

Other loved ones that will miss Carlos Rene until they meet again in Heaven are his wife, Elda; his two daughters, Bethany (Glenn LaPierre) Buenteo and Brittany Buenteo of San Antonio; his brothers, Ruben Buenteo of Yoakum and Raymond Buenteo of Houston; his mother-in-law, Olga Trejo of Alice; his in-laws, Nelda Trejo Alvarado, Nelva Trejo, Melva (Clemente III) Gonzalez, and Nilda (Jackson Cox) Trejo McMillan; his nephews, Rudy (Kathy) Buenteo, Russell Buenteo, Keven Alvarado, Adam Gonzalez, and Mark (Janan Sharaf) Gonzalez; great nephew, Trevor Buenteo; and great-great nephew, Luca Buenteo; and many other relatives and friends.

The family would like to thank the doctors, nurses, and staff at MD Anderson Cancer Center for their exceptional care and compassion.

Visitation will begin at 9:00 am at St. George Catholic Church on Saturday,

September 28, 2019 with a Rosary to be recited at 10:30 am. A Funeral Mass will immediately follow at 11:00 am where military honors will be performed. (304 Crockett St., George West, Texas 78022)

Entombment will be held at 1:15 PM on Sunday, September 29, 2019 at Mission Park Funeral Chapels and Cemetery Dominion. (20900 IH 10 West, San Antonio, Texas 78257)

Pallbearers are Gene Chumchal, Ronnie Jurica, Jerry Mika, Rudy Buenteo, Trevor Buenteo, Keven Alvarado, Adam Gonzalez, Mark Gonzalez, Glenn LaPierre, and Jackson Cox.

Honorary Pallbearers include Ruben Buenteo, Raymond Buenteo, Bethany Buenteo, Brittany Buenteo, Clemente Gonzalez III, Michael Sartori, and Michael Orapchuck.

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

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SEP 28. 9:00 AM (CT)

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304 Crockett Street
George West, TX 78022

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Funeral Mass

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Tribute Wall

SG

“ I first met Carlos and Elda in 1974 after I graduated from high school and went to join my sister in Huntsville while she (and Carlos) were finishing their classes in criminal justice at Sam Houston State University. Carlos and Elda, my sister Linda and I were all scraping by while taking our college classes (translation: usually broke, no money, and usually very little food!). Carlos and Elda would invite us over to share whatever they had, which was usually my favorite - frozen pizza. Food never tasted sooo good! We have all come a long way since then in so many ways. I was always kept informed throughout the years about Carlos, Elda and their girls through my sister. Even though our lives went separate ways, I always felt that Carlos and Elda have always been a part of my family because of that time we shared in Huntsville. We may never have had much back then, but if you have friends like Carlos and Elda, then you are rich in all the ways that matter. I know Carlos is probably looking down and laughing at me, and smiling at the memories from the past. I know that he will always be forever with Elda and their girls, watching over them proudly and lovingly in spirit for the rest of their lives. What a precious gift to leave to the ones you love. And thanks to both Carlos and Elda for sharing that part of their life with me, which will always have a special place in my heart.

Susan Garner - September 29, 2019 at 12:17 AM

ST

“ Sending prayers and love to you all. Bethany and Brittany, I loved meeting your dad, working with him during the Thanksgiving With the Troops, listening to him talk so proudly of his girls. He will be missed!



Stefanie - September 27, 2019 at 11:18 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Carlos Rene Buenteo.*



September 27, 2019 at 09:56 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Carlos Rene Buenteo.*



September 27, 2019 at 09:41 AM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Carlos Rene Buenteo.*



September 26, 2019 at 02:00 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Carlos Rene Buenteo.*



September 26, 2019 at 09:48 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Carlos Rene Buenteo.*



September 25, 2019 at 08:48 PM



“ *Homer Escobar purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Carlos Rene Buenteo.*



Homer Escobar - September 25, 2019 at 04:50 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Carlos Rene Buenteo.*



September 25, 2019 at 01:10 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Carlos Rene Buenteo.*



September 24, 2019 at 04:20 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Carlos Rene Buenteo.*



September 24, 2019 at 01:53 PM



“ *Linda Aurit purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Carlos Rene Buenteo.*



Linda Aurit - September 24, 2019 at 01:35 PM

DH

“ I first met Carlos Buenteo when he interviewed for the position of Adult Probation Officer with the San Patricio County Adult Probation Office in 1975. The Governor's Criminal Justice Division had just funded a grant to expand the Probation Department to provide Adult Probation Services to Aransas, Live Oak and McMullen Counties. Carlos was an easy choice and joined the Department as the first professional probation officer for Live Oak and McMullen Counties. Carlos would serve the District and County Courts with distinction for 32 years and was relied upon as a contractor by two succeeding Community Supervision and Correction Department administrations after my retirement in 2008. Carlos was the first person I knew that could drink Shiner Beer, which in 70's was saying something, as Shiner was not the great beer we now can purchase. I only received one complaint on Carlos in those years we worked together. It seems the County Auditor in Live Oak County objected to Carlos working in the evenings. As it were Carlos would take reports from working probationers in the evening so they would not miss work reporting during the day. The Auditor also liked to work in the evenings when her husband was hunting raccoons at night and she was surprised to find our clients in the courthouse at night. We weathered that complaint together and Carlos, ever the diplomat, was able to reassure the Auditor that she would be safe. Carlos was a decent, honest man without fault. He made my job easier and we eventually took the Department from a staff of 7 and four counties to a Community Supervision and Corrections Department serving 5 counties with 67 employees. Carlos was a big part of that process and could not have happened without his counsel and support. I was blessed to have worked with Carlos Buenteo for 32 years. His passing is a loss to us all. Dana J. Hendrick, Director 36th, 156th and 343rd Judicial Districts Community Supervision and Correction Department Retired

Dana J Hendrick - September 23, 2019 at 08:55 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Carlos Rene Buenteo.*



September 23, 2019 at 06:49 PM



“ *We feel so fortunate to have met Carlos last September when we met Bethany and the rest of the family. It was a special time for all of us as Glenn wanted our family to know your family. We were greeted with a Mexican feast in which Carlos had a hand in cooking. The meal was welcoming and delicious! We'll never forget how warm everyone was towards us. We feel honored to have met Carlos and we'll miss him when we visit in March. May he Rest In Peace. Marty Glass and Karen LaPierre Glass*

karen glass - September 23, 2019 at 05:14 PM



Sending condolences to you and your family with prayers will help you cope with the loss of your spouse, father he will be missed may he RIP always the Valadez family

Mr. & Mrs. Carlos Valadez and family - September 23, 2019 at 09:03 PM



*Better for having known him. Super nice man! His wife is amazing. My most sincerest condolences to you and your family.
Debbie Skidmore*

Debra Skidmore - September 24, 2019 at 08:23 AM

LA

Our heartfelt condolences to the Buenteo family for their loss of an exceptional husband and father. Carlos Buenteo's life was well-lived, may he rest in peace. Love lives on and nothing beautiful is ever forgotten. May loving memories console each of you and help through this difficult time.

*God's blessings and peace to you always,
Jeff & Linda Aurit*

Linda Aurit - September 24, 2019 at 12:37 PM