



Carmelo Mendez Jimenez Sr.

May 10, 1946 - October 19, 2022

Carmelo Mendez Jimenez Sr., 76, of San Antonio, TX passed away surrounded by his family, at his home on Wednesday, October 19th, 2022. Carmelo was one of thirteen children born in San Antonio, TX on May 10th, 1946, to Julio and Paulita Jimenez. Immediately after graduating from Burbank High School, he was drafted to the Army where he was later honorably discharged and was awarded two Purple Heart medals and the Bronze Star Medal for his acts of heroism and sacrifice while serving his country. After 26 years of civil service at Kelly Air Force base he retired in 1992.

To name a few things ...He loved doing his crossword puzzles in the morning, watching sports, making his homemade chilé, watching jeopardy, wheel of fortune and he was often tired from winning so much on his scratch off tickets. But most of all he loved and adored his family. His children still remember all the fun summer trips when he would rent a van big enough to fit all their cousins. Everyone had a great time especially during the trips driving to Houston where they would sing country songs together on the ride there and back.

He married his sweetheart, Bertha Reyes in 1994. They spent their time together living life to the fullest, laughing, traveling, dancing and spending time with their family and friends. Many of these times were with his beloved

cousins Juan and Yolanda Mendez. Other times were spent in Houston with the Jimenez Houstonians. They also loved visiting Marcos Jimenez and family in Luling, Texas. Together, they especially loved spending time at the local “libraries” where they had a blast learning with friends. They had an unbreakable bond with all the grandkids and Grandpa’s place was always warm and full of love.

In his younger days, Carmelo was full of energy and was always on the go. He had a beautiful voice, he loved singing and whistling to his favorite country and Tejano songs. He was the lead singer in a duo with his brother Ricky at the backyard BBQ’s.

He had a smile that could light up a room and a witty sense of humor. After 5 minutes with him, he could have you on the floor laughing like a child. He was truly young at heart until the end. He was not the best person to sit next to if silence and seriousness were required because he’d have you bursting out in laughter in a quiet room. In his last years of life, even though his body and health changed, his eyes were full of warmth and love just as they’d always been. His humor was still there, you just had to listen a little closer. When he saw his children and grandchildren enter the room his eyes would light up with joy. And when he saw his sweetheart Bertie he was always filled with comfort and warmth, knowing their love was unconditional and that she would stay by his side until the end.

He is preceded in death by his parents Julio and Paulita Jimenez, his siblings Joe, Julio, Rudy, Josie, Rose, Mary and Elida. His legacy will live on through his beloved wife of 28 years, Bertha Jimenez; his children Tricia (Gerardo), Tracie (Billy), Carmelo Jr. (Elizabeth); his siblings Rick, Emilio, Catarino, Edna and Grace; his grandchildren Breanna, Max, Jerry, Don Michael Jr., Mitchell, Matthew, Nick, Jared, Nicholas, Isaiah, Skylynn, Dylan Jaclyn, Elisa, Leyah; great grandchildren Niko, Leilani, Jazziah, Raelynn, Anaiyah, and Anthony;

sibling in laws Joe (Sandra), George, Richard (Barbara) Reyes and their children Roman, Sabrina, Oriana, Clayton, Matthew and Preston. Not to mention his many nieces and nephews.

He will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him.

The family would like to express their appreciation to the Compassus Agency staff, for the great care they provided.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, November 2, 2022, from 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm with a rosary to be recited at 6:00 pm at Mission Park Funeral Chapels South. The Funeral Mass will be on Thursday, November 3, 2022, at 12:00 pm at Mission Concepción with a funeral procession to depart the funeral home at 11:30 am. Interment to follow at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery. Potluck Reception to Follow at VFW 650 E White San Antonio, Texas 78214.

Cemetery Details

Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery

1520 Harry Wurzbach Rd.
San Antonio, TX 78209

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 2. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels South, Cemeteries & Crematories
1700 SE Military Dr
San Antonio, TX 78214
(210) 924-4242
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

Rosary

NOV 2. 6:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels South, Cemeteries & Crematories
1700 SE Military Dr
San Antonio, TX 78214
(210) 924-4242
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

Funeral Mass

NOV 3. 12:00 PM (CT)

Mission Concepcion
807 Mission Rd.
San Antonio, TX 78210

Tribute Wall



“ *Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemeteries created a Tribute Video in memory of Carmelo Mendez Jimenez Sr.*



Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemetery - November 03, 2022 at 04:36 PM

MR

My condolences to the Jimenez Family. I worked with Mr Jimenez or C J like we used to call him, in the same division at Kelly AFB. Excellent supervisor and very charismatic. May he rest in Peace. 🙏🙏🙏

MARIA ROSALES - November 03, 2022 at 06:35 PM

JL

“ Carmelo, or as I remember you as a child, “Chicho”, rest in peace our lifelong family member, friend and neighbor. Memories I have of you are only ones of fun and laughter. I remember when my mom, Zoila Sanchez, would babysit your son baby brother, Lil Carmelo . You would either bring him or pick him up and you were always so pleasant and happy. I have sweet memories of the gatherings at my sister’s, Terry and Rick’s home with you and Rick laughing, singing Tejano songs and just simply enjoying life. Thank you Jimenez family for including us in Carmelo’s birthday parade. It was such a pleasure honoring him. May the Perpetual Light Shine Upon Him!
With Love, Joe and Annie Ledesma



Joe and Annie Ledesma - November 03, 2022 at 10:58 AM

MR

“ Prima Bertha & Family sending our deepest condolences. We will be praying for God's strength and comfort in the coming days for you and your family. Love and prayers.

*Carlos & Evangelina Reyes
and Family*

Maggie Reyes - November 02, 2022 at 11:47 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Carmelo Mendez Jimenez Sr..



November 02, 2022 at 03:41 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray* was purchased for the family of Carmelo Mendez Jimenez Sr..



November 01, 2022 at 09:31 PM



“ *Annie and Armando Briseno* purchased the *Emerald Garden Basket* for the family of Carmelo Mendez Jimenez Sr..



Annie and Armando Briseno - November 01, 2022 at 10:34 AM

SJ

“ *It is with heavy hearts we send our condolences to Tia Bertha and our cousins. The obit is excellent and captured his essence. Thank you to Tio Carmelo for all the happy memories. You will be sorely missed. We love you. We are very proud of your service to our country and happy you were a part of our lives. Forever, we will remember your singing, your witty sense of humor, your laugh, your love.*

*From the bottom of our hearts,
Sylvia Jimenez, Krystle and Matt Divin
Deer Park, TX
A Division of the Jimenez Houstonians*

Sylvia Jimenez - October 30, 2022 at 07:19 PM

RJ

“ I think the best way to express my feelings are in the words of this song. A tribute to my brother and friend.

*Tu eres mi hermano del alma, realmente el amigo
Que en todo camino y jornada esta siempre conmigo
Aunque eres un hombre a'un tienes alma de niño
Aquel que me da su amistad su respeto y cariño*

*Recuerdo que juntos pasamos muy duros momentos
y tu no cambiaste por fuerte que fueran los vientos
Es tu corazón una casa de puertas abiertas
Tu eres realmente el mas cierto en horas inciertas*

*No preciso ni decir
Todo eso que te digo
Pero es bueno así sentir
Que eres tu mi gran amigo*

*En cierto momentos difíciles que hay en la vida
Buscamos a quien nos ayude encontrar la salida
Y aquella palabra de fuerza y de fe que me has dado
Me da la certeza que siempre estuviste a mi lado*

*Tu eres mi hermano del alma en toda jornada
Sonrisa y abrazo festivo a cada llegada
Me dices verdades tan grandes con frases abiertas
Tu eres realmente el mas cierto de horas inciertas*

*No preciso ni decir
Todo eso que te digo
Pero es bueno así sentir
Que eres tu mi gran hermano.*

Love you brother, Rick & Terry Jimenez

Rick & Terry Jimenez - October 30, 2022 at 09:19 AM

ZG

“ Our sincere condolences on the loss of our friend Carmelo. You are now home with my compadres Paulita & Julio Jimenez. May you rest in peace. Zoila & Gloria Sanchez

Zoila & Gloria - October 30, 2022 at 08:17 AM

MJ

“ Too many memories to count. My cuz and ran around together ever since I can remember and we always had some great times. We always remained close even after we grew up and got married. Bertha, Carmelo, my wife Yolanda and I sometimes traveled in our RV and had some great times going to Reno, Lake Tahoe, Las Vegas. We were always laughing and cutting up because my Cuz was so quick witted and had something funny to say all the time. He retired earlier than I did and he would always ask me, are you still working cuz? He would text me jokes at work and I would start laughing out loud and my co-workers would ask me why I was laughing and I would say, my cousin just sent me a joke. Yolanda and have so many great memories of our times together with him. I don't have enough space here to put them all here. I love you Cuz and you'll always be in my heart. Make God and the Angels laugh up there in heaven as I know only you can. Oh and by way, save me a spot up there close to you because you never know when I may show up there. RIP Cuz. Your Cuz: Juan Mendez

Mendez Juan - October 29, 2022 at 09:17 AM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Carmelo Mendez Jimenez Sr..



October 28, 2022 at 11:13 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Carmelo Mendez Jimenez Sr..*



October 28, 2022 at 08:17 PM



“ *Hi Pops, I will miss you more than my heart can take. Thank you for always being there when I needed you. Thank you for always answering the phone when I called. Thank you for laughing at my silly story of the day, for teaching me how to play cards and love music. Thank you for teaching me how to live life for the day, because you never know what tomorrow brings. I'll miss your jokes, your smile and that darned great hair! Your oldest daughter..*
Gordies



Tricia Gomez - October 28, 2022 at 03:32 PM



“ *I never had the opportunity to meet this good man, but he sounds like a person I would loved to have known. What a beautiful obituary, and a life well lived. My prayers for comfort to my friend Tricia and the rest of the family.*

Morris Ellington - October 27, 2022 at 03:43 PM

BD

We lost a great man, friend, father, with a heart of gold. Carmelo will live on in our hearts. Some of the happiest times were spending time with you and family.

May you rest in peace. Blanca Dávila

Blanca E. Davila - October 28, 2022 at 12:35 AM

LZ

“ *Our deepest condolences to Bertha and family, Many memories with Carmelo and my dad Greg Zamora along with the Reyes family. Prayers for comfort in your time of sorrow.*

*Sending hugs,
Loretta Zamora*

Loretta Zamora - October 26, 2022 at 08:36 PM