



Charlie B. Costello Jr.

July 24, 1948 - July 23, 2025

Charlie B. Costello Jr. was born on July 24, 1948, in one of the first homesteads built by his father on the west side of San Antonio, Texas. The eldest of seven children born to Charlie and Soriada Costello, he grew up alongside his siblings MaryAnn, Adela, Bill, Gladys, Albert, and Frank.

A natural athlete, Charlie excelled at Lanier High School, where he broke city track records and stood out as a running back and receiver on the varsity football team. In 1970, shortly after volunteering to serve in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War, he married Francis Cantu. They coparented their four children: Theodora, Charlie III, Christina, and Michael.

After being honorably discharged from the military in 1972, Charlie returned to work at Kelly Air Force Base. Over the course of his 27-year civil service career, he held multiple positions, spending most of his time as an equipment specialist for Boeing. He retired in 1994 at the rank of GS-11. Alongside his career, Charlie continued his education and earned an Associate's Degree in Criminal Justice from San Antonio College and Southwest Texas.

In 2020, after 48 years together, Charlie married his beloved partner Rebecca. They share a daughter, Melissa. A devoted father and grandfather, Charlie is survived by his children, 10 grandchildren, and 5 great-grandchildren.

He found joy in the simple things—fishing, thrifting with his brothers, cooking for his loved ones, and fixing anything that needed a helping hand. His presence was magnetic; his humor, unforgettable. Charlie was known for his charismatic energy and the lasting impression he left on everyone he met across the Southside of San Antonio.

Charlie passed away on July 23, 2025, just one day before his 77th birthday, after a courageous battle with dementia. Even as his health declined, his warmth and wit endured.

As my father would say, "Moti gratzi."

Memorial Services

Services will be held at Mission Park Funeral Home – Southeast, located on SE Military Drive.

- August 4

- o 4:00–5:00 PM: Private family visitation

- o 5:00–8:00 PM: Public visitation

- o 7:00 PM: Rosary

- August 5

- o 9:30 AM: Vigil service at Mission Park

- o 11:15 AM: Funeral service with burial to follow at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery

Cemetery Details

Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery

1520 Harry Wurzbach
San Antonio, TX 78209

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 4. 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

AUG 4. 7:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels South, Cemeteries & Crematories
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Funeral Service

AUG 5. 9:30 AM (CT)

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San Antonio, TX 78214
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Interment

AUG 5. 11:15 AM (CT)

Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery
1520 Harry Wurzbach
San Antonio, TX 78209

Tribute Wall

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“ Charlie Costello III purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Charlie B. Costello Jr..



Charlie Costello III - August 03, 2025 at 07:27 PM

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“ Melissa, Our Memories of your dad were wonderful, Always full of laughter, I can say he was a great cook, he always greeted us & made us feel so welcome, He was a wonderful grandpa to our grandkids he will be missed!
Richard & Rita Perez

Richard & Rita Perez - July 31, 2025 at 10:19 PM

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“ Richard & Rita Perez purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Charlie B. Costello Jr..



Richard & Rita Perez - July 31, 2025 at 10:05 PM