



## Claude C. Menger Jr.

January 4, 1935 - July 13, 2023

Claude Charles Menger Jr., 88, died peacefully with loved ones by his side in San Antonio Texas on July 13, 2023 .

A lifelong resident of Texas, Claude was born on January 4, 1935, to Helen Babcock Menger and Claude Charles Menger in San Antonio. He graduated Central Catholic High School and began his career as a florist, working for Mac's Flowers. It wasn't long before he started his own business in Alamo Heights, Branding Iron Flowers.

In 1958 he married Cynthia White (1940-1993) and started a lifelong journey, sharing in the love and care of 8 children and their families that followed.

Claude had a gift for seeing the hidden beauty in all things. He was known for creating magical settings for the holidays, reminiscent of a "Christmas Wonderland." He used those talents and expanded his career to become a buyer and designer for MJDesigns in Dallas. It was there that he established lifelong friendships and enjoyed traveling to other countries. His ability to turn any birthday, holiday or event into an experience was a gift and will forever be remembered by his family and friends. Claude enjoyed many trips to the mountains, while part of his heart will always be in Aspen.

Claude was preceded in death by his loving parents Claude Menger Sr. and Helen Babcock Menger, his two children Kristen Menger, Thomas Menger, and their mother Cynthia, his grandchild Christopher Kirtley, his great grandchild, Rowan Fernandez, his siblings Catherine DeRocher, Eddie Menger, and cousin, Eileen Callahan.

He is survived by his children Matthew Morgan Menger, Tammy Kathleen Menger Fernandez, Kimberly Ann Menger Taylor (Patrick), Kerry Katherine Kirtley (Paul), Todd Anthony Menger (Nancy), Shonna Walden Cooper. He is also survived by 16 Grandchildren, Tristan, Jessica, Joshua, Adrian, Hannah, Clay, Emily, Samantha, Thomas, Lindy, Katherine, James, William, Elise, Jackson, and Sophie, and 13 great-grandchildren, as well as many nieces, nephews, cousins and loved ones.

On Wednesday, July 19, 2023, all who wish to pay respects are welcome to join us.

Viewing and Visitation at 10:00 am

Mission Park North Chapel, 3401 Cherry Ridge Dr, San Antonio, 78230

Service to follow at 11:00 am - Mission Park North Chapel

Graveside will follow with a processional to Mission Park North Cemetery at the Dominion,

20900 IH 10 W, San Antonio, 78257

Reception at 2:00 pm

Marriott Northwest, 3233 Northwest Loop 410, San Antonio, 78213

(Near Mission Park North Chapel)

# Previous Events

## Public Visitation

JUL 19. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels North Cherry Ridge  
3401 Cherry Ridge Drive  
San Antonio, TX 78230

## Prayer Service

JUL 19. 11:00 AM (CT)

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3401 Cherry Ridge Drive  
San Antonio, TX 78230

## Graveside Service

JUL 19 (CT)

Mission Burial Park North  
20900 IH 10 West  
San Antonio, TX 78257

# Tribute Wall



“ To the Claude Menger family: As a member of Menger family (Edith Menger Wahne, grandmother and Ferdinand A. " Benny" Wahne my dad) you are in our thoughts and prayers at this difficult time. Your dad always had a smile on his face and cared about all the Menger relatives. He along with Jesus and Mary and other family members are are watching over you from their heavenly home. My apologies for not attending the services.  
With love and prayers,  
Catherine Wahne Halbardier

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**Catherine Halbardier** - July 19, 2023 at 11:56 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Claude C. Menger Jr..



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July 19, 2023 at 08:21 AM



“ The Damm Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Claude C. Menger Jr..

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**The Damm Family** - July 18, 2023 at 04:11 PM

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“ *The Damm Family purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Claude C. Menger Jr..*



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**The Damm Family** - July 18, 2023 at 04:11 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Claude C. Menger Jr..*



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July 18, 2023 at 03:09 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Claude C. Menger Jr..*



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July 18, 2023 at 02:40 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Claude C. Menger Jr..*



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July 18, 2023 at 10:48 AM

SS

“ Sam S. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Claude C. Menger Jr..

Sam S. - July 18, 2023 at 10:44 AM

DR

“ By the time I came along as a first cousin my older cousins were all quite a bit older than I. So when Claude and Cindy were first married, they invited me over when I was about 8 yrs old for a sleepover. Not sure why. Maybe to try the kid thing out? It was a delightful time with their happy sense of fun. I always thought of Claude as Claudie even when it was not cool to call him that anymore and enjoyed the occasional drop in visit to the Branding Iron with all the beauty that he created in there. We will all miss his sense of humor, creativity and kind ways.

Donna Risz-Martin - July 18, 2023 at 10:30 AM



“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Claude C. Menger Jr..



July 18, 2023 at 09:40 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Claude C. Menger Jr..



July 17, 2023 at 09:58 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Claude C. Menger Jr..

July 17, 2023 at 05:39 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Claude C. Menger Jr..



July 17, 2023 at 04:50 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Claude C. Menger Jr..

July 17, 2023 at 04:50 PM



“ Condolences and prayers for the Menger family as they get through this time. Great memories of Claude in various get-togethers and holiday events! Steve & Marian Houser

**Steve Houser** - July 17, 2023 at 04:23 PM



“ Steve &. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Claude C. Menger Jr..

**Steve &.** - July 17, 2023 at 04:18 PM

CB

“ *Cindy Brackeen purchased the Vivid Recollections for the family of Claude C. Menger Jr..*



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**Cindy Brackeen** - July 17, 2023 at 02:47 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Claude C. Menger Jr..

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July 17, 2023 at 01:41 PM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Claude C. Menger Jr..*



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July 17, 2023 at 01:41 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Claude C. Menger Jr..*



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July 17, 2023 at 01:28 PM

HS

“ Years ago Claude taught my boy to call him whiske , he had him with him one day grocery shopping , was at the beer isle when Clay started calling him Whiski , Claude was sure the other shoppers thought the boy was asking for something a little harder than beer.

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**H L Stephenson** - July 17, 2023 at 12:18 PM