



## David Garza Cruz

November 6, 1949 - May 13, 2021

David Garza Cruz passed away on May 13, 2021 due to natural causes. A beloved husband of Isabel Cruz; a loving father of John David Cruz, David Brandon Cruz, Norma Jean Johnson, and son in law Christopher Johnson; a caring brother of Cristina Ortiz, Diana Espinosa, Patricia Serrano, Robert Cruz, and his late brother Joe Jr. Cruz and late sister Silvia Martinez; A devoted grandfather of Michael Johnson, Brandon Johnson, Faith Johnson, and late grandson Angel Lopez.

David Garza Cruz was born November 6, 1949 in San Antonio, TX. A child with a bright future, he enjoyed sports and excelled in academics. After graduating from Fox Tech High School in 1969. Shortly after, David Cruz enlisted in the United States Army on March 4, 1970. He served his nation with honor for one year and eight months. He performed his duty in the Vietnam Campaign for 2 months and was wounded by mortar fire. He received the Purple Heart and was returned home. He was honorably discharged from the United States Army.

Returning to the civilian world he pursued a career in the Department of Laboratory Animal Resources at The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio. Devoted, he was employed from June 1, 1972 to August 31, 2007. During this span of time David Cruz made many memories with those he loved. He enjoyed playing pool at local tournaments always striving for victory. He was also a well-rounded bowler and excellent baseball player. His passion for fishing at the coasts of Padre Island knew no bounds.

He then met his wife in the summer of 1978 wasting no time they married the following year in the Springtime of 1979. During their 42-year timeline of matrimony, they had two children together. The late Vanessa Cruz who passed during childbirth. After some time, they had their son John Cruz in 1991.

After 35 years of employment at the UT Health Science Center he retired with devoted service. Retirement did not last too long for David Cruz, he soon returned to the work force. For a short duration he worked as a custodian at South Park Mall and lastly Southside I.S.D. He enjoyed the rest of his full retirement at home. He would often still play pool, still go on fishing trips, and enjoy the simple pleasures of life.

May he rest in peace, this shining example of a man with love in his heart and sparks in his eyes. Till we meet again, we will dearly miss you.

# Cemetery Details

## Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery

1520 Harry Wurzbach Rd.  
San Antonio, TX 78209

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 1. 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Brookehill Funeral Home  
711 SE Military Dr  
San Antonio, TX 78214  
(210) 923-7523  
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

## Rosary

JUN 1. 7:00 PM (CT)

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## Funeral Service

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JUN 2. 12:30 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ Dave loves fishing they were supposed to go fishing the weekend before he passed away with my brother oscar he he also love gambling kickapoo with coach flores he we be miss we love you til we meet again chavela

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**Isabel cruz** - May 31, 2021 at 04:49 PM

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“ Rest in Heavenly peace cousin. It was fun being kids running around care-free. You will always be remembered, and thank you for your service as well.



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**Ernest Cruz** - May 18, 2021 at 05:57 PM