



Deacon Ernest C. Huizar

September 27, 1950 - November 13, 2012

Deacon Ernest C. "Deacon Ernie" HUIZAR

"A servant of the People of God "

Deacon Ernie was called home by the Lord into eternal rest in Heaven on November 13, 2012, at the age of 62 years after a courageous and well fought battle with cancer. Throughout his battle he always kept his faith and trust in God and lived life to its fullest. He was born on September 27, 1950 to Pedro S. & Tules C. Huizar in San Antonio, Texas. He was the great, great, great, grandson of Pedro Huizar the sculptor of the famous "Rose Window" at San Jose Mission. He was a 1969 graduate of Luther Burbank High School and attended San Antonio College and Assumption Seminary for his Diaconate Studies. He retired from Via Metropolitan Transit as a Bus Operator after 25 years of service, where he made countless friends with his passengers and fellow employees. He was a member of Amalgamated Transit Union Local 694 and served as an officer for 21 years defending the rights of his fellow workers, helping to improve benefits, wages and working conditions for bus operators, van operators and mechanics. He was a member of St. Joseph Knights of Columbus Council 7865. He was a Charter Member and Past Grand Knight 4 years of St. James the Apostle Knights of Columbus Council 7770. While serving as Grand Knight Council 7770, he earned the Star Council award twice. This is the highest honor the supreme council awards a local council. He was Knight of the Year in 1983 and 1994. He was also a past Chief Counselor for the Msgr. Joseph Fr. Joe Nowak Columbian Squires

Circle 3038. Past president of the St. Anthony Day Care Center Parent Teacher Organization for three years, where he was instrumental in raising money to construct a new playground for the children which is still in use today. During this time he acquired his title, "Bingo King," while operating countless bingos to raise money for the playground. Deacon Ernie was ordained a permanent Deacon for the Archdiocese of San Antonio on October 6, 2002 by Bishop Patrick Zurek in his beloved Church, St. James the Apostle, where he has been a lifetime member. As a Deacon, he loved serving the Lord and the people of God teaching baptism classes, baptizing children, celebrating Holy Hour on the First Friday of each month, celebrating quinceañeras, witnessing marriages, visiting the sick and most of all celebrating rosaries and funerals helping to bring the love and compassion of the Lord to families in their darkest moments. He was an avid fan of Texas Longhorn Football, New York Yankees Baseball and the Burbank Bulldogs. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, Deacon and friend to many people. He is survived by his beloved wife, Belinda G. Huizar; beloved children, daughters Sharon G. Huizar, Rebecca Marie "Becky" Huizar, stepson Joe Armando "Pepe" Zapata, his pride and joy his beloved grandchildren Miranda, Joseph, Juliana, Aviana, Oscar "Cinco", Alyssabella and Zoe; his beloved dogs, Diamond "Darling" and Buster "Tito," his beloved cousins, Father and Mother-in-law Gilbert & Lupe Garcia, his favorite sister-in-law Rose Fred Garcia, his favorite brother-in-law Gilbert Ella Garcia, several nieces and nephews and many beloved friends and his loving parishioners at St. James the Apostle Catholic Church. He enjoyed life to its fullest and loved spending time with his family at Medina Lake. A celebration of his new life will be celebrated with a rosary at 7:00 PM on November 16, 2012 at St. James the Apostle Catholic Church, 907 W. Theo Ave, San Antonio, TX. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on November 17, 2012 at 10:00 AM at his beloved church with his very good friends who have touched his heart, and made a special lasting impression in his life. Concelebrating the Mass, his Pastor Fr. Plutarco Belangoy CICM, Associate

Pastor, Fr. Archie "Mijo" Tecay CICM, former Pastor, Fr. Emmet Carolan, Msgr. Lambert Billy and Msgr. James Cashin. Burial will follow at San Fernando Cemetery #2. The family wishes to thank Dr. David Freidman, M.D. and all the staff at Cancer Care Center of Texas especially Lorie, Melissa, Moxie, and Teresa for all the care given to Deacon Ernie. In lieu of flowers, Deacon Ernie has requested that donations be made to the Texas Children's Hospital, P.O. BOX 300630 in Houston, Texas 77230-0630 to help find a cure in the fight against cancer so that no child of God will ever have to suffer the ravages of cancer, a brutal and deadly disease during their life time. "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith." 2 Tim 4:7