



## Diego B. Bernal

August 16, 1938 - March 16, 2026

Diego B. Bernal Jr. passed away at the age of 87, leaving behind a life defined by hard work, determination, and an unmistakable love for family, friends and those he met along the way. Born on August 16, 1938, our dad was a man who combined his professional expertise with a deep passion for helping others and his commitment to making a difference in people's lives. His compassion and generosity left a lasting impact on countless individuals.

Our dad was very proud of his West Side roots. He graduated from Lanier High School class of '57. Our dad grew up with limited means but was driven by a strong desire to succeed. He turned his challenges into purpose. He completed his higher education at St. Mary's University earning a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration and a Master's degree in economics. He was the director of student aid at St. Phillip's College for 44 years, Honorable discharge from the United States Air Force in 1981, active in the 433rd TAW Kelly AFB, retired after dedicating 30 years to the United States Air Force Reserves as Senior Master Sergeant in 1994

Our dad's second passion was coaching CYO baseball for St. Leo's Catholic church for 10 years. He loved the game, but even more, he cherished the opportunity to mentor young boys and watch them grow into fine respectable strong young men and earning the lifelong title of "Coach".

As a father, he was our guide, our protector and our biggest fan. He was our constant source of support, always leading us with unconditional love, wisdom and encouragement. He always lifted us up and stood by us through every moment of our lives.

Diego was a loving father, son, brother, uncle, grandpa and great grandpa. He is reunited in the Lord's House with parents, Diego Pena Bernal, Bertha Barrientos Bernal, brothers, Armando Bernal, Rogelio Sr., and Oscar Bernal. He is survived by his children, Diego J. Bernal, III, Anna Marie Bernal, Veronica Bernal, his grandchildren, Joshua Alcoser (Leeann Sanchez), Jacob Cherry (Nayla Caballero), Emmalise Cutter, and Sophia Bernal, great grandchildren, Joshua Jr. and Juleeanna Alcoser, numerous nieces and nephews and cousins among other family members.

We take comfort in knowing he is at peace, he will be deeply missed. Our dad's life was a testament of compassion, service and love for all. His spirit will leave a long-lasting impact through the lives he touched, the love he gave and the example he set for us all.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 30. 5:30 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels South  
1700 SE. Military Dr.  
San Antonio, TX 78214

## Rosary

MAR 30. 6:00 PM (CT)

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## Funeral Mass

MAR 31. 9:00 AM (CT)

St. Leo the Great Catholic Church  
4401 S. Flores St.  
San Antonio, TX

## Interment

MAR 31 (CT)

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

# Tribute Wall

SJ

“ *Mr. Bernal was a thoughtful and caring person who helped everyone gain access to financial aid because he wanted everyone to succeed in college. It was a pleasure knowing him.*

Santiago Urdiales Jr. - March 31 at 03:32 PM

MI

“ *Thank you for all the lessons on and off the field! Your time, your patience, and your influence were most definitely appreciated even if they were never acknowledged. But I do remember you loved the California Angels and even based our uniforms on theirs. Now you're a REAL Angel - Godspeed, Coach.*

Mike - March 30 at 10:34 AM

MF

“ *Melinda, Camron, Hope, Frank purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Diego B. Bernal.*



Melinda, Camron, Hope, Frank - March 30 at 10:15 AM

FL

“ *Frm the families of Servando&Delia Leal purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Diego B. Bernal.*



Frm the families of Servando&Delia Leal - March 27 at 08:46 AM

JM

“ I will forever be grateful for the help and guidance Mr. Bernal provided me with while I was at St. Phillip’s college. His mentorship and generosity helped shape my education and career path and will always be remembered. Thank you Mr. Bernal❤️

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**Johnny Martinez** - March 24 at 10:39 PM

LW

My deepest condolences to the Bernal family. I had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Bernal through the love of his life & partner Ms. Perez. Mr. Bernal also helped me further my education at St Phillips College. I will continue to pray 🙏 for the Bernal family & friends. 💜💛

LYNETTE WHITBY

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**Lynette Whitby** - March 25 at 03:46 PM

JW

"To the Family of Mr. Diego B. Bernal,  
You Have My Deepest Condolences. I thank God for knowing Mr. Bernal. I first met him in 1969-1970 when I was a nursing student at St. Philip's College. Then I came back to St. Philip's as a co-worker from 1978 to 2005. In all the years I have known Mr. Bernal, I have seen him as compassionate and helpful to everyone he met."

I do thank you (the Family) for being able to be a friend and co-worker to Mr. Diego B. Bernal.

God Bless You All

Rev. Joyce Marie Williams

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**Joyce Marie Williams** - March 30 at 08:03 PM

JS

*Our sincerest condolences to the Family of Mr. Diego Bernal. I first met Diego when were at St. Mary's University. Always a smile to go along with his sense of humor. Later he served on the Harlandale ISD Board when I was an employee of the District. We made contact once again, when he was an administrator at St. Phillips College with the Alamo Colleges District. He was of service to his country, students at all levels, and the community. We offer of prayers of comfort. May he Rest In Peace.*

*Joe Jesse and Minnie Sanchez*

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**Joe Jesse Sanchez** - March 31 at 05:58 PM