



Edmundo M. Zaragoza

March 2, 1944 - December 18, 2022

Edmundo M. Zaragoza, born March 2, 1944, entered into eternal rest on December 18, 2022 at the age of 78. He was born in Del Rio, TX to Ignacio and Josefa Zaragoza. Edmundo graduated from San Felipe High School in 1963 and went on to obtain a B.A. at TX A&I University in Kingsville, TX. After graduation, he moved to San Antonio where he began teaching History and coaching football at Harlandale HS. As a young teacher, he developed what became life-long friendships with some of his students; some of which remained close friends up until the end. In 1970 he married Eloise Rendon and together they had four daughters, which they raised on the Southside of San Antonio in the Harlandale community. He began and ended his career as a public servant showing his true dedication to helping others by working with organizations, such as the Economic Opportunities Development Corporation (EODC) and Southside Neighborhood Assistance Corporation (SNAC) in the early 1970's.

In 1971 he ran for the Harlandale ISD School Board, and became the first Mexican-American elected to that board. He went on to become the Board President. This was the beginning of a life-long career dedicated to the Harlandale and Southside community.

Edmundo was the epitome of a public servant. He loved his community with his whole heart. He was a man of great faith and was dedicated to his church

and to all those he served on the Southside of San Antonio. In 1991, he was appointed as Justice of the Peace to what is now Precinct 1, and was then elected to the position in 1994. He was known for being honorable, dedicated, compassionate, humble and fair. What he loved most about this position was having the ability to help so many people whom always simply referred to him as "Judge". He continued to be re-elected and held his position until his retirement in 2015.

He loved politics and worked tremendously hard on every election he ran in, with or without an opponent. Due to his many supporters and hard work, he never lost one race his entire political career.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Eloise, his beloved wife of 49 years, and his beautiful daughter Veronica.

He is survived by his daughters, Elisa Zaragoza-Garcia (Reggie), Yvette Duarte (Richard) and Dolores Zaragoza, grandchildren: Dominique, Matthew, Valencia, Nathaniel and Alejandra, brothers: Ignacio Zaragoza, Robert Zaragoza and Hector Zaragoza, as well as beloved in-laws, nieces, nephews and cousins. Edmundo has left this earth, but his light and his legacy live on. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you make a donation to St. Lawrence Catholic Church in San Antonio, or to your own preferred House of Worship.

Cemetery Details

Mission Burial Park South

1700 SE Military Dr.
San Antonio, TX 78214
<http://www.missionparks.com>

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **28**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

St Lawrence Catholic Church
236 E Petaluma Blvd
San Antonio, TX 78221-3335
(210) 924-4401

Recitation of the Rosary

DEC **28**. 6:30 PM (CT)

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Funeral Mass

DEC **29**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Edmundo M. Zaragoza.*



December 28, 2022 at 01:14 PM



“ *Jesse Gutierrez & Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Edmundo M. Zaragoza.*



Jesse Gutierrez & Family - December 28, 2022 at 11:47 AM



“ *I had the pleasure of meeting Judge Zaragoza through his daughter, Elisa whom I worked with at Via Metropolitan Transit. Then in January 2006, Judge Zaragoza married me and my spouse in his office, what a blessing to us both. Words cannot express my deepest sympathy during this difficult time and loss. May God bless you and your entire family that grace will sustain you during this bereavement process. Much love to you all, Gayle Pickens*

Gayle Annette Pickens - December 28, 2022 at 11:12 AM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Edmundo M. Zaragoza.*



December 27, 2022 at 10:40 PM



“ *The memory of "The Judge" and what he meant to everyone on the southside of San Antonio shall never die. He was the epitome of Love and Compassion for everyone that came before him as JP even when he had to give a sentence you could see the Love in his eyes. He would say "I am sorry but I have to impose this sentence as required by law." Judge we will miss seeing you drive up to the church before mass. God Bless you and your entire family. Love Deacon Charles & Stella Pope, Sr*

Deacon Charles & Stella Pope Sr - December 27, 2022 at 10:12 PM



The memory of " The Honorable" & meeting him for the first time- as being so nervous- his smiles - making me so welcome in his home changed that. So glad i got to meet him! God bless u & ur family. Always in my prayer. Delores Gibson

Delores Gibson - December 28, 2022 at 09:11 AM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Edmundo M. Zaragoza.*



December 26, 2022 at 03:59 PM

BM

“ Judge Zaragoza was and will always be a beacon of light in the south side community. We pray that everyone who was impacted by him and his good works finds comfort in knowing he is in a better place.
god speed Judge..
- The Metzger Family

Brandy Jane Metzger - December 25, 2022 at 08:36 AM

AJ

“ Edmundo was a hardworking individual that dedicated his life in helping others and we are both very blessed that we got to meet and work with both him and Eloise. He loved his family and his community and although he will be missed we know both him and Eloise have earned their wings and a place with our Lord. May they both RIP. 🙏

Alma and Arnold Esparza Jr. - December 24, 2022 at 01:58 PM

LC

“ Leticia Chavez lit a candle in memory of Edmundo M. Zaragoza



Leticia Chavez - December 24, 2022 at 11:58 AM

DE

“ Condolences to the Zaragoza family. Mundo was my brother's classmate SFHS class of 1963. His entire family are very humble and am grateful to have known him. RIP

Diana Perez Elizondo - December 24, 2022 at 10:44 AM

HE

“Mundo” was my greatest supporter and wanted us to do soooo much for our students in Harlandale ISD! We worked tirelessly together and with the rest of the Board of Trustees to bring programs, honors, successes to our students and the district! He was such a supporter for achievement for ALL students in the HISD! I will miss him and hope his family understands how HE made such a difference for the children in 1985 to the present!!!

Hon. Yvonne Katz, Ed.D.

Superintendent in HISD, 1985 - 1992

Trustee, Alamo Colleges Board of Trustees

210-408-6778

Hon. Yvonne Katz, Ed.D. - December 23, 2022 at 02:34 PM

MM

“ Our sincerest condolences to the family from THE TEJEDA FAMILY MARY ALICE, JUAN, ERNEST ,RICHARD

He was a great person and friend to our brother Frank

He will be greatly missed

May he rest in peace 🙏

MARY ALICE TEJEDA MILLER - December 22, 2022 at 11:22 PM

RL

“ Mr. Zaragoza was an inspiration to all that knew him. He will be missed! RIP sir.

Ray Leyva - December 22, 2022 at 08:22 PM

PM

“ Best Teacher Ever! Sorry for you loss! He was a Great Person! Blessing. Patricia King Menchaca, Harlandale Class of 1973.

Patricia King Menchaca - December 22, 2022 at 07:34 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Edmundo M. Zaragoza.* ”



December 22, 2022 at 04:24 PM



“ *No tengo palabras para expresar lo mucho que lo lamento. Me queda el consuelo de haberlo conocido* ”



karla orozco - December 22, 2022 at 04:10 PM