



## Edward Villa De La Garza

July 1, 1950 - May 23, 2024

Edward was born on July 1, 1950 to Elvira & Ruvencio De La Garza. He was the 4th born and has 2 older brothers, Jesse and Ruvencio, Jr. and one sister, Mary Lou Saucedo. He was preceded in death by his parents; Ruvencio and Elvia De La Garza and one brother, Ruvencio De La Garza, Jr.

He joined the United States Army where he honorably served from 1969 to 1972. Edward served with the 101st Airborne Division in Vietnam in the area of the De Militarized Zone (DMZ). He was severely wounded and transported to Japan by Air Life. Twenty-one days later he was medically discharged from the hospital in Japan and transported by Air Life to the United States. He remained in the hospital state side for 11 ½ months and underwent numerous procedures and treatments at Fort Sam in San Antonio, Texas. On May 25, 1972, he was medically retired as a Sergeant.

During his military career, Edward was honored with numerous awards, to include, 2 Purple Hearts, 1 Bronze Star, Army Commendation Medal, Combat Infantry Badge, Viet Nam Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Sharp Shooter Rifle (M-16), and many more. In 1973, he began his civil service career with the Department of Defense with Kelly Air Force Base. This is when he met the love of his life and the woman with whom he shared his life with, Melba Linda Silva. Edward and Melba were married on August 1, 1986. They have 5 children, Patricia Lutzenberger, Manuel Carlos (Christina) Zertuche, Stephanie De La Garza, Lori (Luis) De La Garza Rodriguez and Edward "Loni" De La Garza. They have 12 grandchildren. Family will be

receiving friends on Wednesday, June 5, 2024 from 2:00 p.m. till 8:00 p.m. with his Holy Rosary to be recited at 6:00 p.m. that evening with Deacon Adam Garza officiating the Rosary. Funeral procession will depart Mission Park Funeral Chapel on Thursday, June 6, 2024 at 8:45 a.m. to St. Lawrence Catholic Church to begin his funeral mass at 9:30 a.m. with Father Arnold Ibarra to officiate the mass. Burial to follow at Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery for arrival time at 10:45 a.m. Serving as pallbearers will be Abraham J. Elizondo (Grandson), Alejandro M. Zertuche (Grandson), Nathan Isaac Rodriguez (Grandson), Edward R. De La Garza (Grandson), Edward De La Garza, Jr. (Son) and Manuel Carlos Zertuche (Son)

# Cemetery Details

## **Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery**

1520 Harry Wurzbach  
San Antonio, TX 78209

# Previous Events

## **Family Visitation**

**JUN 5.** 1:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels South, Cemeteries & Crematories  
1700 SE Military Dr  
San Antonio, TX 78214  
(210) 924-4242  
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

## **Public Viewing**

**JUN 5.** 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels South, Cemeteries & Crematories  
1700 SE Military Dr  
San Antonio, TX 78214  
(210) 924-4242  
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## **A Celebration of a Life Well Lived with Mariachis**

**JUN 5.** 5:00 PM - 5:30 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels South, Cemeteries & Crematories  
1700 SE Military Dr  
San Antonio, TX 78214  
(210) 924-4242  
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

## **Holy Rosary**

**JUN 5.** 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels South, Cemeteries & Crematories  
1700 SE Military Dr  
San Antonio, TX 78214  
(210) 924-4242  
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

## **Funeral Mass**

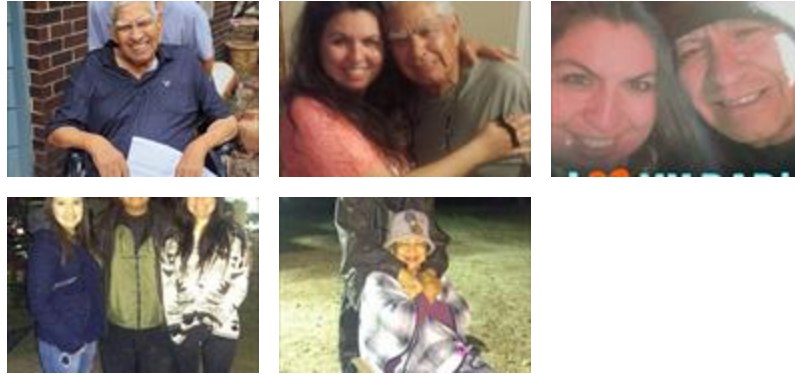
**JUN 6.** 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Lawrence Catholic Church  
236 E. Petaluma  
San Antonio, TX 78221

# Tribute Wall

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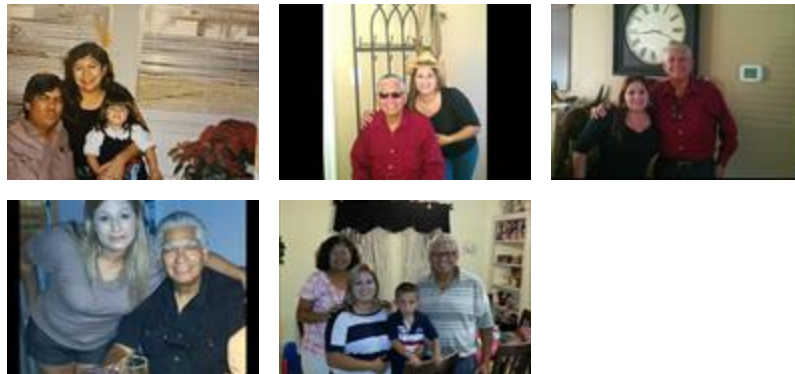
“ 8 files added to the tribute wall



Patricia Lutzenberger - August 29, 2024 at 11:08 AM

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“ 29 files added to the tribute wall



Lori DeLaGarza Rodriguez - July 17, 2024 at 01:00 AM

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Lori DeLaGarza Rodriguez - July 17, 2024 at 12:44 AM

RS

“ Edward was my Mentor and a best friend . We had the greatest of times. He would be first to check anyone without hesitation if they even looked at me crossways. Good by teacher and buddy. Never forgotten. Thanks Bro.



Robert Sample - June 05, 2024 at 10:15 PM

FF

“ Fort Worth Silva family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Edward Villa De La Garza.



Fort Worth Silva family - June 04, 2024 at 09:14 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Edward Villa De La Garza.



June 03, 2024 at 12:24 PM

MR

“ Marguerite R. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Edward Villa De La Garza.

Marguerite R. - June 02, 2024 at 05:29 PM

IG

“ Irene Garcia purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Edward Villa De La Garza.



Irene Garcia - June 01, 2024 at 05:47 PM

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“ Irene Garcia planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Edward Villa De La Garza.

Irene Garcia - June 01, 2024 at 05:47 PM

SF

“ Silva Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Edward Villa De La Garza.



Silva Family - May 31, 2024 at 11:30 AM

TF

“ *The Max Silva Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Edward Villa De La Garza.*



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**The Max Silva Family** - May 31, 2024 at 11:30 AM

SF

“ *He is and has always been my his Grandpa , I respect him more then I can express and I will miss him more then I can put into words 😞 he was the only person I ever got the pleasure to look up to as a father figure and he was a amazing man and an amazing father, friend, soldier and husband nothing is gonna be able to fill this hole that has been created for many of us , me especially, he was always proud of me and he loved my children as his own grandchildren.... He accepted us and me as we were u will never find that in another person anywhere  
I love you Grandpa we all do  
See you later Ol Man ....*

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**Sasha Frazier** - May 28, 2024 at 12:00 PM

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*My sincere condolences to the De La Garza family. May he RIP and eternal light shine upon him. Blessings Melba. 🙏  
Isabel C Licea*

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**ISABEL CAMPOS LICEA** - June 05, 2024 at 11:47 AM



“ *The fondest memory that I had of Edward was the respect and love he had for my dad and our family. And the relationship you and him had. The glow he had when I would see you two together was like a love of no other. You will forever be your daddy’s girl. I love you Prima. We will see our loving fathers again one day. That’s a promise God gave us. That who ever believes in him Shan not perish but have ever lasting life. Mustard seed faith is all one needs. Love you Lori. And my deepest condolences to the DeLaGarza Family.*

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May 28, 2024 at 08:26 AM