



## Emilio Cortez Jr

April 12, 1947 - December 23, 2025

Emilio Cortez Jr. (Milo), loving husband, father and grandfather, was called home to be with the Lord on Tuesday, December 23 at the blessed age of 78. He was born on April 12, 1947, in San Antonio, TX to Emilio Cortez Sr and Josephine Cortez. He joined the US Navy at age 17 serving on a USS Naval Air Craft Carrier. After serving in the Military, Emilio worked at Southern Steel where he met and married his wife Sally. From there, he went to work for 35 years at Southwest Research Institute where he formed many lifetime friendships and fishing buddies. Fishing buddies included Al, Tom, Herman, his dad, Smokey, Josh, Rick, and several others. He is reunited in heaven with his parents and brother Jesse. He is loved and will be greatly missed by his loving wife of 49 years Sally Ann Cortez; daughters Sara Cortez, Annie Cortez, Julie Cortez, son-in-law Jordan Daye; grandsons Logan and Xander; sister Yolanda Rodriguez; brother Mike Cortez; as well as extended family members and dear friends. Heaven has gained a treasured soul. He will live forever in our hearts.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **30**. 5:00 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/>

## Evening Service

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

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JAN **16**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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

# Tribute Wall



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Emilio Cortez Jr.



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December 29, 2025 at 08:56 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Emilio Cortez Jr.



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December 28, 2025 at 02:12 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* was purchased for the family of Emilio Cortez Jr.



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December 28, 2025 at 02:08 PM

AN

“ My Dad said many things to us growing up and throughout our lives, but there are three things he said and taught me growing up that stand out the most; he taught me "never believe what you hear, and only believe half of what you see". He taught me that "a Father always forgives". And he taught me how to fish with shrimp bait. Every summer down in Rockport growing up the whole family would go out onto the pier and bait our hooks with the stinky shrimp bait that my Dad once told me "is what we eat at LongJohn Silvers". To this day I still can't eat shrimp.

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**Annie** - December 27, 2025 at 08:14 PM

DC

My condolences to your family! Ima miss him"He was great about alot of talents but his jokes ims miss. Rest in peace Uncle Emilio i love you and to all yall family

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**Diana Cortez** - December 28, 2025 at 01:35 AM

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God bless Emilio and his family. It was a pleasure to work with him some many years.

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**Tim Fischer** - February 18 at 04:30 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Emilio Cortez Jr.



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December 27, 2025 at 06:00 PM

SA

“ Every Saturday morning, my dad and I would get up and after eating breakfast, we would watch the Bob Ross painting show. We would watch as Bob painted his happy little trees and then it was time to get to work. We would go outside into the garage, set up our own easels, get out our paints and brushes and create our own masterpieces. We collected quite a few paintings over the years that now hang in my parent's house and mine.

Sara - December 26, 2025 at 07:50 PM

AN

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Annie - December 27, 2025 at 07:31 PM

TP

“ Tom & Monica Pastrano purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Emilio Cortez Jr.



Tom & Monica Pastrano - December 24, 2025 at 03:18 PM