



## Epi Alvarado

June 7, 1925 - November 6, 2019

Mr. Epi Alvarado of San Antonio, Texas passed away on Wednesday November 6, 2019 at the age of 94.

Epi was born in Wineville, California now called, Mira Loma, California. His parents were Vicente Alvarado and Refugio Gonzales.

Epi is survived by son's Steven Alvarado and wife Annita, Vincent Alvarado and wife Yvonne, Daughter, Delilah Alvarado, Grandchildren, Erica, Naomi, Vincent, Gabriel, Jeremiah, Troy, and Danielle. Epi has numerous great grandchildren, nephews, nieces, cousins, as well as close friends and neighbors, Stewart and Phyllis Allen. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 45 years, Rosemarie Ferrua Alvarado and daughter Renee, first wife Viva Noonan, and third wife Imelda Gallardo, sister's, Vicky Fuentes and husband Manuel, Alice Villa and husband Frank.

In 1943 Epi worked for 6 months in Federal Service for the Army Quartermaster however, he left his job to join the Navy and in his three years of service, served in the South Pacific. During his time in the service, he served on 5 different ships, the S.S. David Gaillard, S.S. Jose Pedro, S.S. Charles S. Draper, S.S. Camp Namanu, and the U.S.S. Nevada BB-36. While aboard the ships, he served as a Gunner's Mate and barber. After the Navy, he attended Barber College, however the trade did not prosper, so he went on to learn another skill as a watch repairman. His work as a watch repairer led to him being hired as an apprentice Instrument Mechanic for the government. He progressed to the position of Engineering Technician, providing calibration

services to the Fleet Ballistic Missile programs. One project he worked on for four years, was classified top secret that it took him several years later to learn that, he had helped to build the Lunar Module that was used on the moon. Among other things, he originated and submitted 18 different beneficial suggestions for the benefit of his country, but mainly to the Navy. When he retired in 1980 at age 55, he received a letter of appreciation stating his accomplishments to the prestige of the Navy and Standards Center and their ability to serve the fleet. After his retirement, he became a member of NARF Chapter 1594. He was a life time member of the VFW Post 4700, as well as The American Legion Post 0030. Epi has proudly given over 33 years of combined service to his country with honor, courage, and commitment.

# Cemetery Details

## Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery

1520 Harry Wurzbach  
San Antonio, TX 78209

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **19**. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Alamo Funeral Chapels  
624 N Alamo St  
San Antonio, TX 78215  
(210) 554-5000  
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

## Funeral Service

NOV **20**. 11:30 AM (CT)

Oak Island United Methodist Church  
2970 DeVilbiss  
San Antonio, TX

# Tribute Wall



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**Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemetery** - November 18, 2019 at 09:05 AM