



Ernest R. Benavides Jr.

January 20, 1969 - April 26, 2017

Ernest R. Benavides, Jr., born on January 20, 1969, died peacefully surrounded by his family on April 26, 2017. Ernest was a 1987 graduate of Jourdanton High School. He enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1989 where he found brotherhood in the 82nd Airborne and was assigned as a combat medic. He was deployed in support of Operation Desert Storm to the Persian Gulf from 1990 to 1991. Many respected and admired his love for his country and military family. When he was honorably discharged, Ernest continued his protection of his country and began his career as a police officer with the Temple Police Department, Fair Oaks Ranch, Pearsall and Southside ISD. Ernest married his high school sweetheart, Tracy on October 12, 1991. They had three beautiful children that he was immensely proud of. Ernest loved his wife and children. Hobbies included watching baseball, the Dallas Cowboys and the UT Longhorns with his son, gunsmithing and spending time at the gun range.

Ernest is survived by his devoted wife Tracy Benavides, children; Marissa Rene, Ernest James, Megan Yvette and grandson Carter James Graham. Father, Ernest Benavides, Sr., Brother and Sisters; Edward (Christine), Yolanda, Eric, Edmund, Yvette (John) and Joey.

He is preceded in death by his mother, Yolanda G. Benavides.

In lieu of flowers please donate to Megan's 529 College Savings Plan for USAA.

Account #506627821-00

Previous Events

Graveside Service

MAY **26**. 11:30 AM (CT)

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

Tribute Wall



Brandon
Esser

“ I worked with Ej when he was an officer at FairOaks Ranch, he always made it fun on the radio...miss ya brother

Brandon Esser - May 12, 2017 at 09:41 PM



DH

“ I was Ernest's Platoon Sergeant in the 82nd Airborne Division. He was among the best paratroopers I've ever had the pleasure of working work with in my 26 years of service.

He could always be counted on to accomplish any mission and most of all he was a man of his word. I grew to trust that if Benny said it would happen..it would.. always without fail !. I'll always remember the teamwork we shared as paratroopers.

All the way Benny... Airborne!

*Daryl Harris
USA,1SG (Ret)*

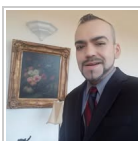
Daryl H - May 12, 2017 at 12:18 PM



Tracy
Benavides

Thank you 1SG Harris.

Tracy Benavides - May 13, 2017 at 11:43 PM



“ Edmund Benavides lit a candle in memory of Ernest R. Benavides Jr.



Edmund Benavides - May 04, 2017 at 06:43 PM



May god bless all of you.

Jodie Parr - May 04, 2017 at 08:06 PM

RC

My deepest sympathy to the family and friends.

Rose Mary Castillo - May 05, 2017 at 11:07 AM

EC

My condolences to you and your sweet family! May God comfort you in this difficult time.

Elsa Coatney - May 05, 2017 at 11:27 AM



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Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemetery - May 04, 2017 at 04:43 PM