



Ernest Campos

April 18, 1954 - August 23, 2022

Ernest Campos, “Ernie” to those closest to him, entered his eternal rest surrounded by the love of his family on August 23, 2022, at the age of 68 in San Antonio. He is preceded in death by his parents, Grace and Diego Campos; sister-in-law Betty Campos; and several aunts, uncles and cousins with whom he shared a special bond.

He is survived by his wife Rita H. Campos; son, Shawn P. Campos; daughter, Gabrielle R. Campos; brothers, Richard and Edward “Eddie” Campos; sister, Susan Contreras; son-in-law, Dreyton J. Oliva; and mother-in-law, Mary R. Reta.

Ernie was proud to be a part of the Jefferson High School Family and enjoyed playing basketball at the Woodlawn Lake gym. He met his loving wife of 36 years, while enjoying one of their favorite past times, bowling and cruising around in his Bronco. They welcomed into this world their 2 children to whom he devoted his life. They will always remember him in his work shirt, jeans, boots, and cap. Although he was dedicated to mastering his profession, he never missed a practice, game, school play, dance, or any other event his children were involved in.

Ernie was a master of his craft, not only building a foundation of love and support for his family but also building their family home with his own hands.

Ernie worked for Metropolitan Contracting Co. for 31 years where he won several awards for his outstanding work in executing multi-million dollar projects. He was an avid classic rock fan often enjoying a cold one on his deck with his wife, children, family, and friends. An avid sports fan, Ernie loved the San Antonio Spurs and the Dallas Cowboys; never missing an opportunity to BBQ and enjoy a game. He loved having his cousins, nieces and nephews, in-laws, extended family, and friends around him. He was proud that the house he built was the hub for all celebrations, especially Christmas!

Ernie's silent strength helped him WIN his 6-year battle with stage 4 cancer. He never let his illness or treatment bring him down, fighting until the end. Ernie spent his last years on earth traveling more than he ever had before; he saw his son get married and graduate college, and his daughter engaged. He lived life to the fullest with his wife, children, family, and friends; some of who never knew he was sick. Ernie's infectious smile and wit will remain in the hearts of those who knew him. He leaves behind a legacy of hard work, compassion, support, and strength.

Visitation will be held Sunday, September 11, 2022, starting at 11:00 A.M. with Celebration of Life starting at 1:00 P.M. Mission Funeral Chapel South. Services will conclude at the funeral home.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 11. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

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

Celebration of Life

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Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ernest Campos.*



September 10, 2022 at 12:20 AM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Ernest Campos.*



September 09, 2022 at 03:05 PM



“ *We love you Uncle Ernie ❤️ you will forever live on in our precious memories of you. The holidays family birthdays and parties we shared together....May you rest now in gods love and peace ☐ 🕊️ Our thoughts and prayers to Aunt Rita, Shawn and Gabby. We love you all ❤️
Sandy, Stephen and family*

Sandra Johnson - September 08, 2022 at 12:42 PM

TF

“ *The Chandler Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Ernest Campos.*



The Chandler Family - September 08, 2022 at 10:15 AM

LR

“ *Rita, Shawn, Gab, and the rest of the extended family. My deepest condolences and prayers go out to you....🙏 My heart is heavy because we lost a great man. But heaven gained an angel. So many great memories to look back on.... But one of my greatest memories of Ernie is when the Spurs finally won their first championship in 99. I'll always remember him coming to pick us up so we can ride in the back of his truck so we can celebrate with the rest of the city! 🏆 I'll never forget the big hug we shared and expressing our emotions. I can remember him saying "We freaking did it!!" That memory stands out for me the most. He was a loving, giving person who always extended his hand and his home.... His house was everyone's home!!*

I'll never forget you Ernie. Say hi to your mom, my parents, my brother Ruben, and of course Tom Landry....#Erniecampos

#Oneofthebest

Lee R.

Lee Ramones - September 03, 2022 at 07:14 PM

NR

“ Rita and family,
We were so sad to hear of Ernie's passing and know he is missed, our deepest condolences to you all. I worked with Ernie for 25 plus years and he was a great superintendent, a hard-working, good man! Our thoughts and prayers are with you always. Love, Nancy and John Robinson

Nancy Robinson - September 03, 2022 at 02:22 PM

DL

“ Debbie Limon lit a candle in memory of Ernest Campos



Debbie Limon - August 30, 2022 at 06:59 PM

DN

“ I will miss you so much. So many memories for over 30+ years. Will miss all your crazy jokes, laughter, caring, love for everyone and you scratching your head when Rita and I hanged out and you were always there with us. You were like a brother to me and a uncle to my children. You will forever be loved and missed. Diana & Pete Naranjo & family



Diana Naranjo - August 30, 2022 at 04:15 PM

CC

“ I have known my cousin Ernie my entire life. Many times we hung out at our family parties and barbques on Darby but there were many more get togethers at the two side by side houses on Elmendorf. We got into so much trouble with Jovita and Tia Nena for playing around at the creek behind the houses and at Woodlawn Lake. My fondest memories of Ernie was when he was older he would bowl at Billy Michell at Kelly Air Force Base near our neighborhood. When it got late or he was too tired to drive home, Ernie would park in front of our house and sleep in his truck. He really thought he was sneaky about it. I enlightened him on one of our family celebrations as he was bragging about how he thought his Aunt Elida never knew what he was up to. I informed him that she knew all along, in fact, one time she was sending us out to wake him up but he had left before we were able to. I really think that she felt good knowing that Ernie was safe in front of her home instead of driving when he shouldn't be. We love Ernie so much and will miss him dearly. He leaves us his legacy of love for family and life.
Celine Burns Chandler



Celine Chandler - August 30, 2022 at 04:01 PM

EC

“ I will forever miss you Too and all the memories I had with you as a child when we lived on Elmendorf. We would go for rides on your Bronco, play outside with Yogi and build snowman's. I'll never forget all the times you got after me for climbing Tia Jovitas Tree next door. I was there when you met your Beautiful Wife Rita and to witness the Love and Dedication you put into your family and the strength that you showed. One of my Tios last few words was "lier lier pants on fire" which he always said when I was young. He also told me he loved me "munchi much"
I miss you daily and I will live on the Rock n Roll tradition RIH and tell my Daddy I'm getting better everyday with the strength you-all instilled in me
Your favorite Niece , Evelyn



Evelyn Cano - August 30, 2022 at 03:08 PM

YC

“ Yvonne Contreras lit a candle in memory of Ernest Campos



Yvonne Contreras - August 29, 2022 at 05:51 PM

YC

“ *My fondest and greatest memories of my Tio were as a child, growing up in my grandmothers home on Elmendorf St. and the anticipation of my uncle getting home from work and taking me down the street to GW Jrs. to buy mini corn dogs and shakes. The cool rides in his bronco with the top down around Woodlawn Lake. The many many backyard bar-b-ques and parties. You will definitely be missed. I love you more than you will ever know. Rest in eternal peace. Till we meet again.*

Your niece

Yvonne Contreras

Yvonne Contreras - August 29, 2022 at 05:49 PM