



## Ernest G. Hernandez Jr.

July 30, 1944 - January 21, 2022

A loving husband, father, grandfather and friend, Ernest G. Hernandez, Jr. went to be with the Lord on January 21, 2022, at the age of 77. He was born on July 30, 1944, in San Antonio, TX. He is preceded in death by his parents, Ernesto and Eloisa Hernandez. Ernest is survived by his loving wife of 52 years, Irene Hernandez; sons, Michael E. Hernandez (Arcelia) and Marc A. Hernandez; 6 grandchildren, Adrian Hernandez, Miranda Hernandez, Jonathan Sandoval, Christopher Hernandez, Stephen Sandoval and Alexis Hernandez; 1 great-grandson, Rylan Sandoval; brother-in-law, Ron Botello (Kathy), and other extended family members and friends.

Ernest's priority in life was his family. He always put his wife, sons, and grandchildren before himself. He retired from Kelly AFB and retired a second time from Boeing. In retirement Ernest had a soft spot for the San Antonio Zoo. He volunteered as a Docent where he enjoyed guiding tour groups of all ages, educating them about the various animals. He was passionate about reading and learning. There were always several books going at one time. This love for learning translated to the many home projects he would take on. Once a mistake was made, which there always was at least one, he would read the directions or look for a book to show him how to do it correctly. He also taught himself how to play the harmonica, Amazing Grace was his go to song, and he loved to tinker with watches. Another passion of his was photography, always the photographer and never the subject. He also enjoyed

bird watching, bowling, and shooting skeet.

His love for his wife was evident through many projects he would selflessly allow himself to be pulled into. Whether driving around Texas to find the perfect quilt shop, making centerpieces for an event Irene volunteered for, or sealing envelopes for someone else's Christmas cards. Ernest was always a willing participant, though sometimes begrudgingly. Ernest's legacy will be the two boys he raised who have followed his example of family first.

Visitation will be Monday, January 31, 2022 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. with a Prayer Service to begin at 6:30 p.m. at Mission Park Funeral Chapels South. Funeral service will be on Tuesday, February 1st, at 9:00 a.m. at Mission Park South. Interment to follow at San Jose Burial Park.

# Cemetery Details

## San Jose Burial Park

8235 Mission RD  
San Antonio, TX 78214  
(210) 923-0272  
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**JAN 31.** 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/>

## Prayer Service

**JAN 31.** 6:30 PM (CT)

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## Funeral Service

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FEB 1. 9:00 AM (CT)

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1700 SE Military Dr  
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# Tribute Wall

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“ I volunteered on occasion with Ernest and worked some with him thru the Ed Committee at the zoo. He will most definitely be missed by all his fellow docents.

Diane Pascoe - February 07, 2022 at 12:09 PM

MB

“ Ernest was such a warm, wonderful man. He spent many hours photographing zoo biofacts to help with education materials for his fellow docents. I miss him. My condolences to your family.

Michele Benoit - February 02, 2022 at 04:53 PM

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“ Ernest is also survived by his only brother Larry G Hernandez and wife Sonia and nieces Marnie and Wendy Hernandez. I understand that they haven't seen or spoken to each other in many years, but they're still brothers. My dad does exist. We all lost touch and went our separate ways when grandpa and grandma (her name was LOUISE) passed away but regardless we're still family. Isn't it "all about family"? My condolences and sympathy go out to my Aunt Irene, my cousins Michael and Marc and their families. Uncle Ernest was a good man and he will be missed.

Wendy L Hernandez - January 31, 2022 at 02:43 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ernest G. Hernandez Jr..



January 31, 2022 at 01:25 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Ernest G. Hernandez Jr..*



January 30, 2022 at 09:46 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ernest G. Hernandez Jr..*



January 29, 2022 at 03:41 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Ernest G. Hernandez Jr..*



January 29, 2022 at 11:15 AM



“ *Rachel and Bob Long purchased the In Memory - Angel Figurine, 8.25 in for the family of Ernest G. Hernandez Jr..*



**Rachel and Bob Long** - January 29, 2022 at 12:22 AM



“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



**Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemetery** - January 28, 2022 at 01:48 PM

LP

*My heart is broken. I will miss his hugs and his smile. Prayers to Irene and the family.*

**lisa perezporter** - January 29, 2022 at 11:29 AM

MF

*When there are no words to ease the pain may your spirt be touched with " LOVE " so that what surrounds you will slowly heal the pain. Our condolences to you and your family. His kindness and smile will be missed. Mr. & Mrs. Ray Gonzales and family.*

**Mr. & Mrs. Ray Gonzales & Family** - January 30, 2022 at 01:16 PM

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*Prayers for you and family Irene.*

**David Frazier** - June 04, 2023 at 02:37 PM