



Ernest Hernandez, Jr.

April 14, 1941 - March 25, 2023

Ernest Hernandez, Jr. age 81 of San Antonio passed away on Saturday, March 25, 2023. He was known to most as “Ernie” or “Ernie Bird” was loved by all who knew him. He served in the U.S. Army, was a long time member of the Lions Club but was popularly known for running Thrift 7-11 for 34 years with his wife, Rosie. Ernest established, owned and operated the second self-service gas station ever in San Antonio. He became the neighborhood social stop making hundreds of friends and customers. His love for sports was known to all as he talked to anyone who walked in the door. His passion to serve was felt by all. He is already missed.

Ernie is preceded in death by his mother and father, Blanca Alice Hernandez and Ernest C. Hernandez and his two brothers, Richard and Robert Hernandez. He is survived by his wife, Rosita; his son, Rick Hernandez and his wife, Teresa and their children, Zachary, Nathaniel and Hailey; his stepchildren, Manuel Martinez, Roland Martinez and Rosana Johnson and her husband, Brent; his sister, Elvia Cavazos and her husband, Arthur and their son, Robert Thomas and his wife, Allison; his brother, Gilbert Hernandez and his wife, Terry; and his sister, Mary Kruse and her daughter, Katrina.

SERVICES

Visitation will begin at 6:00 P.M. followed by the Rosary at 7:00 P.M. on Thursday, April 13, 2023 at Mission Park Funeral Chapels North, 3401 Cherry Ridge Drive 78230. The Funeral Mass will begin at 9:30 A.M. on Friday, April 14, 2023 at St. Paul Catholic Church, 350 Sutton Drive 78228. Interment with

Military Honors will follow at the Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 13. 6:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels Cherry Ridge
3401 Cherry Ridge Dr
San Antonio, TX 78230
(210) 349-1414
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

Rosary

APR 13. 7:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Mass

APR 14. 9:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Rosie and family, Nellie, Dan and I are so very, very sorry for your loss. Although we had not seen Ernest in a long time, we remember him as a kind and loving person. May he rest in eternal glory.

Nellie Gonzalez Chaney
Anna Gonzalez Smith
Dan and Peggy Gonzalez

Anna Smith - April 15, 2023 at 11:52 AM

DH

“ At his gas station, Ernest really showed a personal interest in his customers. He was also very informative, and kept you attuned to the happenings of the day. He maintained such a friendly atmosphere filled with love and friendship. To Rosie, Elvia, and the family, our most sincere sympathy go out to you from my brother, Robert, and me. Ernest was a very refined gentleman. I am glad he came my way. He enriched my life.

David Harris

David Harris - April 13, 2023 at 11:59 AM

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“ Laura and Amber Garza and Family purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Ernest Hernandez, Jr..



Laura and Amber Garza and Family - April 11, 2023 at 06:51 PM



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



April 11, 2023 at 09:36 AM



“ *Ernie was always a delight to talk to at his convenience store and service station at the corner of Furr and Fredericksburg. He knew everything that was going on. I saw him and Rosie a few times at Methodist Specialty Hospital where I practiced. The neighborhood's not the same without him.*

Joe Simpson - April 09, 2023 at 07:16 PM



Sorry to hear about Ernie. I lived down the street from his store and would visit many times. My son played his first video game there. Ernie was always such a warm and friendly individual. My condolences for your loss. Hector J Cardenas

Hector J Cardenas - January 04, 2024 at 10:53 PM