



Ernest Buquor Hernandez

February 22, 1920 - February 9, 2014

Ernest Buquor Hernandez entered into his new life and was delivered into God's loving arms on Monday, 9 February, 2014. He was born 22 February, 1920 and was to have celebrated his 94th birthday this month.

He lived a rich and interesting life with military duty in Korea and conducted his professional craft as a painter in San Antonio, Chicago and Los Angeles. At age 29 his father died leaving his mother with his 5 youngest siblings, at home to raise. Ernest stepped up and took on the task of helping his Mother, Felicia continuing his younger siblings' rearing and education. He never married but relished his role of being a substitute father and a provider for his family. He is revered by his siblings for having taken such good care of their mother during these difficult times.

In addition to his professional craft of painting and wall decorating he was an accomplished self taught artist, whose canvases depicted the American West and which subject matter always contained cattlemen as well as Native Americans in his compositions. His paintings were rarely shown in exhibitions but they stand in many homes of his relatives and friends and are a testimony of his love of the southwest when it was young, vibrant and still expanding.

Ernest was one of 15 surviving siblings of Felicia Buquor and Jesus Hernandez. He was preceded in death by his beloved parents; sisters,

Consuelo Smith, Bertha Montez, Octavia Acosta, Mercedes Reyes, Mary Louise Centeno and his brothers, Robert and Richard. He is survived by his siblings, Gloria H. Hernandez, and spouse Henry; Minerva H. Montez; Rudy B. Hernandez, and spouse Norma; Roy B. Hernandez, and spouse Kitty; Edward B. Hernandez and Irene H. Rogers. He was also the proud Uncle of 74 nieces and nephews some of whom have passed on to their eternal reward.

Services will be provided by Mission Park North located on Cherry Ridge. Family visitation will commence on Thursday 13 February at 4:00pm with open visitation at 5:00pm. A rosary celebrating his life will start at 7:00 pm. Final visitation will be on Friday morning 14 February with a procession leaving at 9:00am for his internment at Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery. If you wish to make a donation in lieu of flowers, the family requests you give to a charity of your choice.

The family wishes to also thank Adam Alegria whose loving care for Ernest over the past 8 years enriched both of their lives immeasurably. Ernest will always be remembered as a devoted and loving Son, Brother and Uncle who placed family above everything.

We will miss you.