



## Ernest N. Lavin (Prophet)

March 11, 1942 - January 1, 2024

Ernest N Lavin (Prophet) of San Antonio, Tx went home to our Lord and Savior on 1-1-2024 at the age of 81. Ernest was born in Monterrey Mexico on 3-11-1942 and moved to San Antonio with his Parents and siblings in 1947. He is survived by his loving wife of 62 years Gloria (Arias) Lavin. They married on December 16th, 1961 at St. Michael's Church in San Antonio, Tx. He is survived by His sister Sylvia (Lavin) Beilstein, Daughters Cindy De La Garza, Jackie Valdez, Debbie Sill, Three Sons in Law (Sons) Roland De La Garza, Louis Valdez, Eddie Sill, and Seven Grandchildren, Ally Valdez, Aaron Valdez, Emily Sill, Ethan Sill, Hannah Sill, Madison De La Garza, and Ella Rose De La Garza. He is also survived by six Brothers in Law, Four Sisters in Law, Numerous Nieces and Nephews. Ernest, known as Prophet, served the SAFD from June 1st 1968 until February 19th 2000, 32 years of dedicated service. He was one of the original EMS paramedics when the City of San Antonio offered the service in 1974. He remained with EMS until his retirement and was instrumental in the development, training, and success that helped future paramedics. He was called Prophet because of his ability to predict working fires and diagnose patients with injuries that allowed him and his partners to save countless lives. He delivered over 40 babies and was instrumental in developing a positive rapport with the communities he served. When important dignitaries were scheduled to arrive in San Antonio, Prophet and His partner Hector Cardenas would be assigned to the visiting dignitary and events. On September 13th, 1987, Pope John Paul the II made his historic

visit. Prophet and Hector were the paramedics driving in the EMS ambulance behind the Pope's Vehicle. He was an active member of the ACTS Community and served in various Church, Ministry, and Fellowship Retreats to help others to accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. His greatest joy was his wife, family, and his grandchildren. Papo was at all their Birthdays, Recitals, Sport Events, and Graduations. He chronicled their events and left us a tremendous catalog of memories. Traveling in his RV taking trips across the southwest US, Dinners, BBQ, Trips to the beach, Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas made him the happiest. Dad, Daddy, Papo, Grandpa, as he was called by all of us who Love him and now will miss him, left a legacy of giving, compassion, and Love. He was a dedicated Husband, Father, Father-in-Law, Grandfather, ACTS Brother, Friend, Neighbor and dedicated servant. Matthew 25:23 – The Lord says, "Job well done good and faithful servant"!

Visitation will begin at 5:30 P.M. followed by the Rosary at 7:00 P.M. on Monday, January 8, 2024 at Mission Park Funeral Chapels North, 3401 Cherry Ridge Drive. The Procession will depart the Funeral Home Chapel at 10:00 A.M. on Tuesday, January 9, 2024 for the Funeral Mass at 11:00 A.M. at San Juan de los Lagos Catholic Church, 3231 El Paso. Interment with Fire Department Honors will follow at Holy Cross Cemetery 17501 Nacogdoches Rd.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 8. 5:30 PM (CT)

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

## Rosary

JAN 8. 7:00 PM (CT)

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

## Procession

JAN 9. 10:00 AM (CT)

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

## **Funeral Mass**

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**JAN 9.** 11:00 AM (CT)

San Juan de los Lagos Catholic Church  
3231 El Paso St.  
San Antonio, TX 78207

## **Interment with Fire Dept. Honors**

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**JAN 9** (CT)

Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery  
17501 Nacogdoches Rd  
San Antonio, TX 78266

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Mr Lavin will be dearly missed. He always had a wonderful smile and good jokes. He welcomed us to San Antonio and treated my girls like his own. May he rest in peace.*

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**Jackie Robb** - January 09, 2024 at 01:15 PM

TB

“ *When I visited San Antonio he and I enjoyed talking to each other. Jackie & Lou Valdez lived across the street from my Daughters (Robb) Home. He was wonderful caring Man and I will miss him. Mary & I will light a candle & Mass for him at Holiy Infant Church Ballwin ,Mo.  
Terry Bryant 4th degree Knight Holy Infant Ballwin, Mo.*

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**Terry Bryant** - January 08, 2024 at 05:16 PM

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“ *Tio Chacho was a joker. We always loved spending time with him and his family. He had the best laugh. Sometimes he'd laugh before giving you the punchline! He will be truly missed. Blessed to have him as an uncle. RIP, Tio. Love, T. J. & James*

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**T. J. Teal** - January 08, 2024 at 05:04 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ernest N. Lavin (Prophet).*



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January 08, 2024 at 01:49 PM



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January 08, 2024 at 11:57 AM



“ *My brother-in-law Ernest Lavin was more of a brother to me. He married my sister Gloria Arias one month after I married my wife Olivia Connolly in November 1961. We were very close since then and remained close until the Covid virus began and we were very cautious about going anywhere or visiting anyone except by telephone. Ernest was a joy to be around, always keeping everyone laughing and joking. He was a loving and caring man to his family and made a great firefighter first and then a caring and very professional EMS technician. Olivia and I and the rest of our close-knit family miss his presence and his sense of humor. Our heartfelt condolences to his family. Ernest, you were so blessed with long life and a loving family, Rest in peace my brother.*  
*Olivia and Albert Arias*

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**Albert Arias** - January 08, 2024 at 11:16 AM

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“ I worked with Ernest, at many medical scenes, while in the San Antonio Fire Department. He saved many lives with his quick medical treatment of patients. He was decisive and had a skill of diagnosing the patient quickly. He loved being a paramedic and we were blessed to have him. He was shared with us as a gift from GOD. May the Lord bless his family as we grieve and celebrate his blessed life. A life of serving the will of GOD.



Anthony (Tony) Rogers  
Retired SAFD

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Anthony Rogers - January 07, 2024 at 09:07 PM



“ Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Ernest N. Lavin (Prophet).



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January 07, 2024 at 10:03 AM

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“ We met Ernest about 3 years when they moved into the neighborhood. What a kind soul with a zest for life and certainly never met a stranger! He was always sitting outside as we drove by he waved and smiled! We loved him from the onset and we will miss him. he was loved and he mattered !  
Bret & Cindy Green

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cindy Green - January 05, 2024 at 07:36 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Ernest N. Lavin (Prophet).*



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January 05, 2024 at 06:56 PM