



Gerald Briseno

April 1, 1958 - December 14, 2024

Gerald Briseno, 66, born in San Antonio TX, passed away on December 14th in the hospital in the presence of his brother Juan Briseno Jr. Although his passing was unexpected, he struggled most of his life after a car accident at 16 which left him quadriplegic with a brain injury.

He was the beloved son of Juan and Bertha Briseno, who crusaded tirelessly for his lifetime of disability benefits and rehabilitation programs. In his later years, he lived almost two decades in New Braunfels and McKinney with his brother Juan Briseno Jr. and his sister-in-law Bertha Briseno, who remodeled their home to fit his needs. They transported him to so many weddings, birthdays, and family gatherings in his customized van so he would never be isolated from his large family who loved him dearly. They also provided computers and TVs for his entertainment, coordinated therapy and appointments for his health, and included him in their social activities to show their love. The family will always remember the loving care they gave to their brother.

Moreover, Gerald was loved and affectionately called “Ger Bear” by his many siblings: Irene and Bob Kerestes, Roberta and Roy Sims, Dina and Lee Kolonko, Gloria Briseno and Steve, Viola and Phil Sowards, and his nieces and nephews. Gerald always had a smile on his face, and a hearty laugh, especially for the ladies whom he liked to flirt with. He became an Honorary

Sailor by the Navy at 18, then graduated from Eloise Japhet in 1978, and won an "Achiever of the Year" award in 2007. Scoring high like his Mom in Bejeweled, winning money from his family in Left/Right/Center, and playing Poker in the garage with his brother and sister-in-law were some of his favorite activities. He loved watching old school shows like Gilligan's Island, the Jeffersons, and cheering for his favorite football team the Dallas Cowboys. When in San Antonio he enjoyed spending time with his siblings eating at his favorite place, Patty's Taco House, drinking shakes, and going to watch movies with them.

We all miss you Ger Bear and know you're with Mom, Dad, and God who's renewing you with the wings of an angel to fly, walk, run, and sing. No more wheelchair! In one of his last conversations with his sister, Dina, he said "I love all of you. Don't worry about me". We will all meet again.

After the Committal Service at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery, the family would like to invite everyone for food and fellowship at 2:00 p.m. at Paloma Blanca Mexican Cuisine, 5800 Broadway #300, San Antonio, TX 7820.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 2. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church
1314 Fair Ave
San Antonio, TX 78223

Rosary

JAN 2. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church
1314 Fair Ave
San Antonio, TX 78223

Funeral Mass

JAN 2. 11:30 AM (CT)

St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church
1314 Fair Ave
San Antonio, TX 78223

Committal Service

JAN 2. 1:00 PM (CT)

Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery
1520 Harry Wurzbach Rd
San Antonio, TX 78209
(210) 820-3891

Reception

JAN 2. 2:00 PM (CT)

Paloma Blanca Mexican Cuisine
5800 Broadway
#300
San Antonio, TX 78209
<https://www.palomablanca.net/>

Tribute Wall

TO

“ *The Red River Army Depot, Legal Office. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Gerald Briseno.*



The Red River Army Depot, Legal Office. - January 02, 2025 at 10:18 AM

TF

“ *The De Soto Family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Gerald Briseno.*



The De Soto Family - January 01, 2025 at 10:59 PM



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Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemetery - January 01, 2025 at 07:21 PM

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“ 1 file added to the album Video celebrating the life of Jer Bear



Irene Kerestes - January 01, 2025 at 02:34 PM

TB

“ Tina kruse and larry and diann baker purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Gerald Briseno.



Tina kruse and larry and diann baker - December 31, 2024 at 02:52 PM



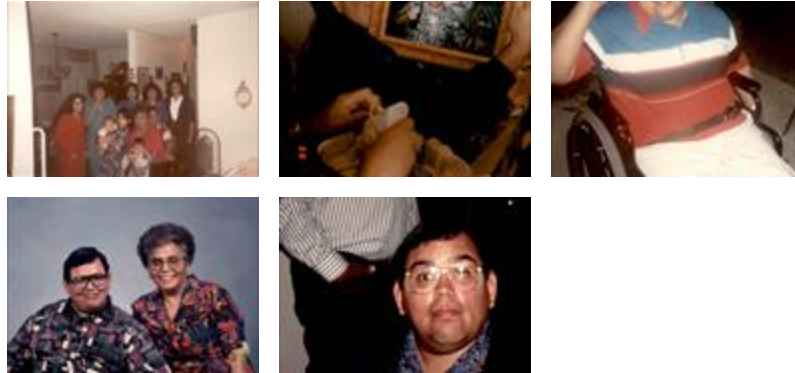
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Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemetery - December 31, 2024 at 11:01 AM



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Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemetery - December 30, 2024 at 08:49 PM



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Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemetery - December 30, 2024 at 10:58 AM



“ *Bertha and Johnnie, you all did such a good job taking care of Gerry for all these years. Putting your own wants and needs aside to take care of him is such a blessing. Gerry was truly blessed that it was you all who took care of him. Your acts of kindness and selflessness will one day be rewarded.*

Lori Luna - December 29, 2024 at 01:07 PM

CF

“ *RIP Jerry, you're with the angels now, running up and down the streets of gold.*



Cynthia Fisher - December 28, 2024 at 03:47 PM



“ *I love you my brother you will be missed. I love you from the moon and back. It's so hard to believe you are not with us anymore. Enjoy your mom and Dad, dance with the angels. You will always have a place in my heart ❤️ Amen*



Bertha Briseno - December 28, 2024 at 10:11 AM

BB

“ *Bertha Briseno lit a candle in memory of Gerald Briseno*



Bertha Briseno - December 28, 2024 at 10:03 AM



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Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemetery - December 27, 2024 at 09:53 AM

LN

“ Lisa and Bubba Newland purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Gerald Briseno.



Lisa and Bubba Newland - December 26, 2024 at 08:55 PM

LN

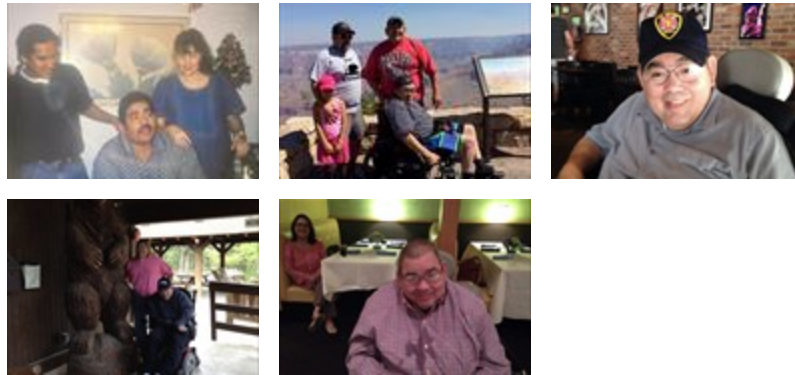
“ I had the pleasure of taking care of him once and his laugh was infectious and he loved life Johnny and Bertha y'all were so good to him I am so sorry for y'all's loss prayers for the family in this time of mourning.Love Y'all .Lisa Newland



Lisa Newland - December 26, 2024 at 08:47 PM



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Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemetery - December 24, 2024 at 09:59 AM



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Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemetery - December 23, 2024 at 04:03 PM



“ *I've had the pleasure of meeting Gerald through Roberta and I could tell he was very loved and cared for. Although I never met Gerald in person, I felt like I knew him a little. May the love you carry in your hearts for your dearest Ger Bear bring you much peace and comfort during this time. My condolences to the family.*

Nadja Root - December 22, 2024 at 11:08 PM

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Irene Kerestes - December 22, 2024 at 11:39 AM

IK

“ Rest in peace Bro. Your infectious laughter and smile through all your hardships is something I'll cherish forever, along with all the memories of playing games, watching movies, taking rides for a shake, and looking at Christmas lights. Say hi to mom and dad for me, and run free bro, run free. Love you! ❤️ 🙏 Irene

Irene Kerestes - December 22, 2024 at 10:30 AM



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Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemetery - December 21, 2024 at 02:12 PM