



## Guillermo Ponce Jr.

June 6, 1935 - August 20, 2023

Mr. Guillermo Ponce, Jr. was born in Laredo, TX on June 6, 1935, and quietly passed away surrounded by his children and grandchildren on August 20, 2023.

Preceded in death by his parents, Guillermo Ponce, Sr. and Emma Guajardo Ponce and his parents-in-law, Manuel Quintanilla, Sr., and Altagracia Castaneda Quintanilla.

Mr. Ponce served with the St. Joseph South San Knights of Columbus Council 7865 and as a CYO baseball coach for a number of years, afterwards joined the Knight of Columbus Council 9017 at San Juan de Los Lagos where he served for a brief period of time.

He worked at Kelly Air Force Base for 36 years as a Computer Systems Analyst, and while there he received numerous awards and recognitions for his outstanding dedication and work ethic.

Mr. Ponce served his country as a United States Marine from 1957 until 1963 and transferred to the United States Naval Reserves in 1972 then joined the United States Air Force Reserves in 1982 and retired in 1995 as a Staff Sergeant.

As an outstanding family man, he always strived to provide a comfortable living for his family and a superior education for his children.

Mr. Ponce is survived by his wife of 55 years, Maria Rosario Quintanilla Ponce, his children, Guillermo Ponce III (Vickie), Gerardo Ponce (Christie), Maria de Lourdes Ponce (James) and Dr. Gilberto M. Ponce (Carmen) and 9 grandchildren, Julian, Araceli, Natalia, Kimberlee, Margarita, Victoria, Gilberto Jr., Karina, and James Jr. Also survived by his sister Ana Maria P. Saenz, and numerous nieces and nephews.

The Ponce Family would like to thank La Diferencia Hospice and their team, Tina, Priscilla, Sylvia, Hector, Chaplin Joel, and Juliana. Also thanking our wonderful private caregivers, Irene Perez, Lori Flores, and Corine Olvera, who were instrumental in helping us care for Mr. Ponce.

Last but not least, thanking The San Antonio Fire Department and the Emergency Medical Technicians from Station 25, whom I called upon countless times to help me with my husband.

Thank you all for your help, kindness, and compassion!

Pallbearers will be Guillermo Ponce III, Gerardo Ponce, Dr. Gilberto M. Ponce, Chief Master Sergeant (Retired) Pedro Angel Saenz, Pedro A. Saenz, Jr., and Lucas Saenz. Honorary Pallbearers: Julián Ponce-Tapia, Gilberto M. Ponce, Jr., and James V. Rodriguez, Jr.

In lieu of flowers please make donations to the Alzheimer's Association San Antonio & South Tx Chapter Office in the name of Mr. Guillermo Ponce, Jr.

Services will be conducted by,

Palm Heights Mortuary  
3711 S. Zarzamora St.  
San Antonio, TX 78225

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 31. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Palm Heights Mortuary  
3711 S Zarzamora St  
San Antonio, TX 78225  
(210) 924-4568  
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

## Rosary

AUG 31. 6:30 PM (CT)

Palm Heights Mortuary  
3711 S Zarzamora St  
San Antonio, TX 78225  
(210) 924-4568  
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

## Mass of Resurrection

SEP 1. 2:00 PM (CT)

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

*Funeral procession will depart from the funeral home at 1:30 pm.*

## Interment with Military Honors

SEP 7. 10:00 AM (CT)

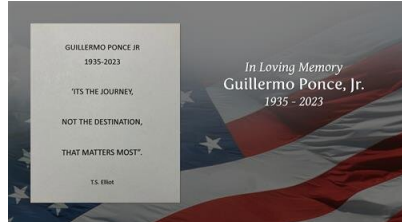
Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery  
1520 Harry Wurzbach Rd  
San Antonio, TX 78209  
(210) 820-3891

*Graveside service is at 10:00 AM. Everyone is to meet at the cemetery at 9:45 AM.*

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemeteries created a Tribute Video in memory of Guillermo Ponce Jr.*



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**Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemetery** - August 29, 2023 at 12:19 PM

NR

“ *Norma R. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Guillermo Ponce Jr..*

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**Norma R.** - September 01, 2023 at 11:03 AM

DS

“ *Dr. S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Guillermo Ponce Jr..*

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**Dr. S.** - August 31, 2023 at 09:38 AM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Guillermo Ponce Jr..*



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August 29, 2023 at 11:29 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Guillermo Ponce Jr..*



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August 28, 2023 at 05:18 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Guillermo Ponce Jr..

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August 28, 2023 at 11:57 AM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Guillermo Ponce Jr..*



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August 28, 2023 at 11:57 AM



“ *1 file added to the album Memories*



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**Lori Alcorta** - August 28, 2023 at 11:48 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Guillermo Ponce Jr..*



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August 24, 2023 at 08:18 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Guillermo Ponce Jr..*



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August 24, 2023 at 11:24 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Guillermo Ponce Jr..*

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August 23, 2023 at 01:01 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Guillermo Ponce Jr..*



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August 23, 2023 at 01:01 PM

GC

“ *My condolences to all the family. We were very fond of Mr. Ponce . He always welcome us, his hospitality was always great. You will be missed. Rest in peace.*

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**Grace Casares from Fresno, ca** - August 22, 2023 at 09:19 PM

DK

“ *Mr. Ponce always welcomed me into his home as a pre-teen, teen, adolescent, as a young man, during and well after my college years and career. He always greeted me with a smile, a firm handshake, and as I grew older, I'd be the recipient of an honorary hug. In that instance, he made me feel like one of his own. I'll always remember him as the firm but fair patriarch of the Ponce dynasty. He understood that at the side of every great man is a great woman— Mrs. Ponce was always there, right by his side. I'll always revere him for his offspring, Guillermo III, Maria, and Gilbert. I admired his fatherhood and leadership. But I'll always be forever in his debt for giving me a gift for a lifetime; my friend and brother—Gerardo.*  
*-Dr. Christopher A. Kypuros, “The Greek” Holy Cross Class of 1989*

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**Dr. Christopher A. Kypuros** - August 22, 2023 at 07:52 PM