



Humberto Zuniga, Sr.

August 1, 1931 - January 16, 2023

SFC Humberto Zuniga entered eternal rest on January 16, 2023, at the age of 91. He was born on August 1, 1931 in Hebronville, Texas. He attended public schools in Laredo, Texas. In 1956, he completed his GED at Fort David Education Center, Canal Zone. In March 1969, he attended DeVry Institute of Technology, In Chicago, Illinois to study Computer Controls Electronics. In June 1971, he graduated from Parish-Draughon's School of Electronics. His military education includes: 16th Infantry Regiment Non-Commissioned Officers Course, March 1950, Air Transportability Course, Fort Eustis, Virginia, January 1955, Panama Area Damage Control School, Fort Clayton, Canal Zone, October 1957, Jungle Warfare School, US Army Jungle Warfare Training Center, Fort Sherman, Canal Zone, April 1958, Fort Riley Non-Commissioned Officer Academy, October 1960, and Army Per-Commission Extension Course, Fort Riley, Kansas, February 1961.

SFC Humberto Zuniga entered active duty service in August of 1948. His service includes tours of duty in Europe, Korea, Panama, and Vietnam. During his active duty time, he also served as an JROTC instructor for Fox Tech High School from 1963 to 1966. In 1966 he was sent to the Vietnam war until 1967, which he then returned to serve the remainder of his active duty time at Fox Tech High School until his retirement. His awards and decorations includes the National Defense Service Medal with 1st Oak Leaf Cluster, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Expert Infantry Badge, Combat

Infantry Badge, Jungle Expert Patch, Good Conduct Medal (5th Award), Army Commendation Medal with 1st Oak Leaf Cluster, and Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Bronze Star. After 20 years of active duty service, he retired from the US Army in 1968.

In August of 1972, SFC Humberto began his career as a JROTC instructor in Harlandale Independent School District for McCollum High School until taking an alternative position within the JROTC program at Harlandale High School until his retirement after 20 years.

He is preceded in death by his parents; Porfirio and Aurora (Solis) Zuniga; daughter, Baby Girl Zuniga; his in-laws, Rosendo and Amelia Moreno; siblings, Porfirio Zuniga, Jr., Nieves Diaz, and Porfiria Garcia. Humberto is survived by his loving wife of over 71 years Maria Thelma (Moreno) Zuniga; children, Humberto Zuniga, Jr. (Dorcas), Alan Zuniga (Rebecca), Dean Zuniga, Sandra Smith (Robert), Ilsa Zuniga (David Huron), and Gisele Garza (Eddie); sister, Janie Reyes; grandchildren, Misty, Shawna, Shawn, Krista, Joey, Jaclyn, Christopher, Ashley, Michael, Leland, Aniza, Toni, Brandi, Jared, Logan, Hunter and Zechariah, great-grandchildren; Derek, Easton, Nevaeh, McKenzie, Maci, Madison, Nixon, Noah, Aliyah, Henley, Luka and numerous other loving family members and friends.

Visitation will be held Wednesday, February 1, 2023, from 5:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M. with a rosary to be recited at 6:30 P.M. at Mission Park Funeral Chapels South. A funeral mass will be celebrated on Thursday, February 2, 2023, at 9:15 A.M. at St. Lawrence Catholic Church. Interment with full military honors will follow at Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery

1520 Harry Wurzbach
San Antonio, TX 78209

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 1. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels South, Cemeteries & Crematories
1700 SE Military Dr
San Antonio, TX 78214
(210) 924-4242
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

Recitation of the Rosary

FEB 1. 6:30 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels South, Cemeteries & Crematories
1700 SE Military Dr
San Antonio, TX 78214
(210) 924-4242
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Funeral Mass

FEB 2. 9:15 AM (CT)

St. Lawrence Catholic Church
236 E. Petaluma
San Antonio, TX 78221

Interment with Full Military Honors

FEB 2. 11:00 AM (CT)

Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery
1520 Harry Wurzbach
San Antonio, TX 78209

Tribute Wall

KF

“ *What an amazing husband, father, friend, mentor and soul. He lived a very full life. I’m honored to have known him; shared a drink, laugh and a smile with him. I am a better person having known him. I know you will continue to watch over your family as you continue to live in their hearts. Rest in piece, sir. You will be missed.*

❤️ *“The Redhead”*

Karen Fussell

karen fussell - February 03, 2023 at 02:33 PM

J-

“ *My sincere condolences to the Zuniga family.*

Joni Zuniga -Bunting

Joni Zuniga -Bunting - February 01, 2023 at 11:41 PM

JB

“ *Eternal rest grant unto Humberto Zuniga Sr. Oh Lord, and let perpetual light*

shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Love always,

In the name of Jesus Amen

James and Joni Bunting

Joni Bunting - February 01, 2023 at 11:32 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Humberto Zuniga, Sr..*



February 01, 2023 at 02:16 PM



“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Humberto Zuniga, Sr..*



February 01, 2023 at 12:07 AM



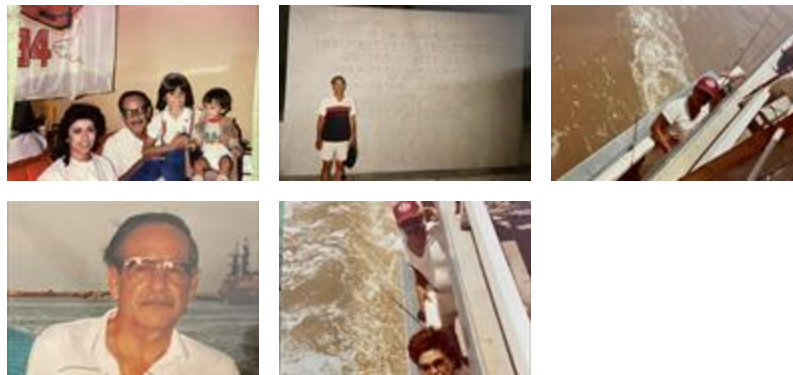
“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Humberto Zuniga, Sr..*



January 31, 2023 at 03:53 PM



“ *Grandpa I love you very much. You were always a strong man in my eyes. And I cherish the memories I do have with you. Especially fishing 🎣 that will always remind me of you. Until we meet again.*



Misté Bleu Zuniga - January 31, 2023 at 03:12 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Humberto Zuniga, Sr..*



January 31, 2023 at 11:27 AM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Humberto Zuniga, Sr..*



January 28, 2023 at 07:24 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Humberto Zuniga, Sr..*



January 27, 2023 at 03:08 PM

MH

“ *Uncle Beto came to visit me...*

I heard the back gate opening so I walked to the back and met tio at the back door.

He followed me to the living room.

I don't even clearly recall what we spoke of but when tio was leaving he suddenly stopped and looked at me, he spoke softly and said "I know he was your boy but at least he isn't suffering anymore ". We both stood there with tears running down our face. That is a frozen moment in my heart that a man who had lost so many young boys in all the wars my uncle fought Had chosen to come over not to offer words of wisdom or comfort but to share his tears with mine. I watched my uncle drive off I remember thinking how was it possible...

For him to have endured such heartache and still have the courage to allow his heart to break one more time not to save me from my darkness but to walk with me.



Maria Hernandez - January 25, 2023 at 11:13 PM

GI

Love this! Thank you for sharing!

Gisele - January 30, 2023 at 04:12 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Humberto Zuniga, Sr..*



January 22, 2023 at 09:46 PM

SS

“ Dad

You're the strongest person I know. No matter if you were busy, you always seem to be there if someone needed help.

If I had known the last time I came to visit would be the last time I would talk to you.

I would have hugged you a little tighter and stayed by your side longer.

Everyday has been really hard but knowing you're not in pain, is such a relief.

Your special smile and sense of humor always light up the room.

Those days I will treasure forever.

No one can determine when this day will come , only God knows.

I will always have all our memories and love I have for you close to my heart.

Thank you for all Your service in the Army and keeping us safe.

Rest in peace my Amazing Dad!

I will truly miss you!

Sandy Smith - January 21, 2023 at 07:31 PM

AZ

“Dad I keep thinking about you, Dad, even though it hurts. I'd give anything to relive those memories again. Dad I'm so thankful for all the memories we shared together. I only wish you were here to make more. Not a day goes by that I don't think about you. I wish I still had your wisdom to guide me through my every day. Every day without you has been hard, but on this day especially I can't help but think how much I wish you were here with me. You were the guiding light in my life and today especially I'm going reminded how lucky I was to have you for as long as I did. I love you to the moon and back. How lucky am I to have had a father so special that I miss you this much. As much as I'm not having you around, I'm happy to know you're at peace. You may not be with me anymore, but my love for you will never die, I miss you Dad!!! I Love You.....”



Alan Zuniga - January 21, 2023 at 01:29 AM

MS

“Love you Grandpa. You will be missed by so many. One of the strongest men I know and one of the orneriest! May you rest in peace until you meet our Heavenly Father”

Mike Smith - January 19, 2023 at 08:42 PM

H(

“Dear Dad - I will truly miss you. Thank you for being such a role model as a husband and a father. Dorcas and Zechariah love you very much. May Yahweh bless the family and especially Mom. I love you, Dad.”

Humberto (Jr) - January 19, 2023 at 12:00 AM

CM

Mr. Zuniga May God welcome you home with open arms and lead you too green pastures of everlasting life. That Our Lord and Savior promised us, That we all be reunited again. May you go in peace. You didn't leave anyone behind, because they will see you again. Rest in the Devine love that the Father has waiting for you. Love. Mr and Mrs Tony and Cathy Salazar

Cathy Muñoz - January 21, 2023 at 09:17 AM