



Javier (Javi) Aaron Guerra

July 19, 1970 - December 8, 2024

Javier (Javi) Aaron Guerra, as he was affectionately known, 54 years of age born in San Antonio, Texas on July 19, 1970 passed away at St. Luke's Baptist Hospital in San Antonio during the second week of Advent signifying the peace brought by Jesus, the "Prince of Peace" as described in the Bible, on a Sunday evening, December 8, which is a Catholic observance of the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, that is, her privilege of being conceived free of Original Sin. After dedicated service of 26 years, Javi, an Associate Professor of Mathematics, leaves behind an inspiring legacy of teaching, mentorship, and unwavering devotion to students, Northwest Vista College, Alamo College District, Southwest Legacy High School, and the El Carmen Catholic Church community.

Javi is the beloved son of Jesus Vidal and Juanita Guerra, loving husband of Gloria Guerra, terrific father of Jacob Anthony Guerra, supportive brother of Jessica Rocha, cherished nephew of Rosario Esquivel and colleague and friend to so many. Javier is survived by the following aunts and uncles and their extended families: Mr. and Mrs. Fernando and Sandra Guerra from Laredo, TX, Mr. and Mrs. Vidal and Terry Guerra from Corpus Christi, Mr. and Mrs. Francisco and Elena Guerra from Los Alamos, New Mexico, Mr. and Mrs. Tomas and Julie Garcia from Pflugerville, TX, Mr. and Mrs. Cesar and Ana Maria Ojeda of Los Alamos, NM, Jose Guerra of Laredo, TX and Margarita Pachecho of San Antonio.

Javier graduated from Harlandale High School in 1988 and was voted most congenial. He earned his Bachelor of Science and Master of Science in Mathematics/Statistics at the University of Texas at San Antonio by 1993. Javier also worked as an adjunct faculty member at St. Philip's College & Southwest Campus from 1994-1997 as well as at Texas A & M San Antonio from 2008-2011. Javier served as a Southwest Legacy High School Band Booster from 2017-2022. Javier, a parishioner of El Carmen Catholic Church, served the community as a Eucharistic Minister and sacristan, who prepares the vessels for use during the Saturday Vigil Mass for the Catholic priest.

Javi was amongst the first Northwest Vista College (NVC) faculty members and an invaluable founding member of the mathematics department, who was renowned for his commitment to helping students succeed. His contributions were instrumental to the success of numerous initiatives, such as the Gender Equity in Math and Science (GEMS) project, Math Intensive Majors (MIM) grant, PLUS+STEM project, Transfer Academy for Tomorrow's Engineers (TATE) initiative, Title V Latino Teacher Academic Learning Community (TALC) project, and the UTSA PREP Program. Javi was a kind, generous, and compassionate individual who embodied NVC's core values, most notably joy and caring. His infectious smile and warm spirit will be deeply missed.

Please honor Javi's memory and extend heartfelt condolences to his family, friends, and loved ones. Deepest sympathies are extended to Javi's wife, Gloria, a faculty member at St. Philip's College, and their son, Jacob, a Spring 2024 NVC Associate of Arts and Associate of Science graduate, who transferred in Fall 2024 to Texas Tech University in Lubbock, Texas, and is a member of the Goin' Band from Raiderland trombone player. Javier is the kind Uncle of loved nieces and nephews: Alexander Joseph and Melina Alessandra Rocha, Mikayla R., Mariano R. & Marcela R. Garcia, Gabriel Isaiah and Gabriel Elisha Longoria, and Alejandro and Nicholas Contreras.

In keeping with Javier's loving and generous spirit, it was Javi's decision to donate life so that others may live. Javi, a gift of life registered donor, extended his precious gift of tissue and corneal donation through the South Texas Blood & Tissue and the San Antonio Eye Bank so that he may touch the lives of at least 76 men, women, and children affected by debilitating diseases and injuries and in need of a lifesaving or life-enhancing transplant and the gift of sight. Javier's legacy will continue to live on in others. May the thought of Javier's gift bring comfort to our hearts. Following Javi's healing example, then please consider becoming a registered donor in memory of beloved Javier Aaron Guerra at donatelifetexas.org.

Visitation will be held at Mission Park Funeral Chapels South on Friday, January 10, 2025, from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM with the praying of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy to begin at 6:30 PM and will be led by Jenny Guevara. The visitation will extend to Saturday, January 11, 2025, from 8:30 AM to 10:00 AM at 1700 SE Military Drive San Antonio, TX 78214 followed with a funeral procession with police escorts to El Carmen Catholic Church 18555 Leal Road, San Antonio, Texas 78221 on January 11, 2025, for the praying of the Holy Rosary led by the Guadalupana Society at 10:30 AM. Javier's Requiem Mass will be held at El Carmen Catholic Church on January 11, 2025, at 11 AM with Reverend Jose F. Puente-Flores of St. Benedict Catholic Church officiating.

Our Lady of the Lake Alumni Catholic Choir is honoring Javier at his Christian Burial Mass with the gift of music offering solace and recounting the faithfulness of God. Burial will follow at El Carmen Cemetery, a historical marker tied to burials of casualties of the Battle of Medina, and the burial will be officiated by Deacon Alberto Rodriguez at Noon with the Mariachi Internacional celebrating Javi's life lived with joy and love to include the

release of three doves by Amazing Grace Doves followed by one additional dove symbolizing the Holy Trinity (The Father, Son, & the Holy Spirit) accompanying the departed (beloved Javi) to Heaven. A 1:30 PM catered luncheon in the Activity Center to include a Celebration of Life toast and video tribute to Javier "Javi" Aaron Guerra.

Cemetery Details

El Carmen Cemetery

Losoya, TX 78221

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 10. 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/>

Chaplet of Divine Mercy

JAN 10. 6:30 PM (CT)

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

Visitation

JAN 11. 8:30 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

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

Rosary

JAN 11. 10:30 AM (CT)

El Carmen Catholic Church
18555 Leal Rd.
San Antonio, TX

Funeral Mass

JAN 11. 11:00 AM (CT)

El Carmen Catholic Church
18555 Leal Rd.
San Antonio, TX

Burial

JAN 11. 12:00 PM (CT)

El Carmen Cemetery
18555 Leal Rd
San Antonio, TX 78221
(210) 626-2333

Catered Luceon

JAN 11. 1:00 PM (CT)

El Carmen Catholic Church Activity Center
18555 Leal Rd.
San Antonio, TX 78221

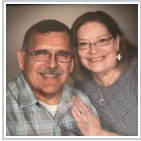
Tribute Wall



“ *Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemeteries created a Webcast in memory of Javier (Javi) Aaron Guerra*



Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemetery - January 10, 2025 at 12:47 PM



“ *Javier will be deeply missed. A devoted Catholic, he was a kind & compassionate gentleman, a loving husband, and a dedicated father. His humility shone through in his service to the church, his patient guidance of students and friends, and his tireless work in education. May his soul rest in peace. Steve & Cynthia Carrillo*

Cynthia Carrillo - January 11, 2025 at 10:32 AM



“ *Love, Aimee, Lois, and Noelle Jensen purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Javier (Javi) Aaron Guerra.*



Love, Aimee, Lois, and Noelle Jensen - January 10, 2025 at 02:16 PM

KR

“Katie, Rudy, Vicky , & Ron purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Javier (Javi) Aaron Guerra.



Katie, Rudy, Vicky , & Ron - January 10, 2025 at 11:20 AM



“Heavenly Grace Spray was purchased for the family of Javier (Javi) Aaron Guerra.



January 10, 2025 at 02:51 AM

FF

“From, the Jesse Gonzales, Jr family purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Javier (Javi) Aaron Guerra.



From, the Jesse Gonzales, Jr family - January 09, 2025 at 09:24 PM

EL

“Evie, Yvette, and Luis purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Javier (Javi) Aaron Guerra.



Evie, Yvette, and Luis - January 09, 2025 at 08:21 PM

CM

“ Claudia y Mana purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Javier (Javi) Aaron Guerra.



Claudia y Mana - January 09, 2025 at 07:58 PM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Javier (Javi) Aaron Guerra.



January 09, 2025 at 06:38 PM

NE

“ NVC Math and Engineering purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Javier (Javi) Aaron Guerra.



NVC Math and Engineering - January 09, 2025 at 02:34 PM

MK

“ Mr. & Mrs. Aaron & Roxy Kosub purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Javier (Javi) Aaron Guerra.



Mr. & Mrs. Aaron & Roxy Kosub - January 09, 2025 at 12:57 PM

BL

“ *Bernadette (cousin) & René Leal purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Javier (Javi) Aaron Guerra.*



Bernadette (cousin) & René Leal - January 09, 2025 at 08:34 AM

TM

“ *Tia Rita and Tio Roy Martinez purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Javier (Javi) Aaron Guerra.*



Tia Rita and Tio Roy Martinez - January 09, 2025 at 08:25 AM

CB

“ *Cousins, Alejandra & Benjamin purchased the Forever Our Angel Bouquet for the family of Javier (Javi) Aaron Guerra.*



Cousins, Alejandra & Benjamin - January 08, 2025 at 11:08 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Javier (Javi) Aaron Guerra.*



January 08, 2025 at 03:25 PM

BT

“ *Beatrice & Edward Ortiz, Nelly Trevino purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Javier (Javi) Aaron Guerra.*



Beatrice & Edward Ortiz, Nelly Trevino - January 08, 2025 at 12:12 AM

WR

“ *With Love, Tia Martha & Ronnie purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Javier (Javi) Aaron Guerra.*



With Love, Tia Martha & Ronnie - January 07, 2025 at 11:22 PM

AC

“ *Aunt Carmen & Lalo Gonzales Cavazos purchased the Vivid Recollections for the family of Javier (Javi) Aaron Guerra.*



Aunt Carmen & Lalo Gonzales Cavazos - January 07, 2025 at 10:18 PM

LS

“ Love Tio and Tia Vidal (Teri) Guerra Sr. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Javier (Javi) Aaron Guerra.



Love Tio and Tia Vidal (Teri) Guerra Sr. - January 07, 2025 at 06:27 PM

EF

“ Esmeralda Sanxter and family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Javier (Javi) Aaron Guerra.



Esmeralda Sanxter and family - January 06, 2025 at 05:15 PM

CA

“ Castillos(Delia,Simona,Ava,Julia) purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Javier (Javi) Aaron Guerra.



Castillos(Delia,Simona,Ava,Julia) - January 06, 2025 at 10:54 AM

TN

“ The President's Office, NVC purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Javier (Javi) Aaron Guerra.



The President's Office, NVC - January 06, 2025 at 09:23 AM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Javier (Javi) Aaron Guerra.*



January 03, 2025 at 05:20 PM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Javier (Javi) Aaron Guerra.*



December 28, 2024 at 12:41 PM



“ *From OLLU Sisters purchased the Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray for the family of Javier (Javi) Aaron Guerra.*



From OLLU Sisters - December 27, 2024 at 02:14 PM

CV

“ My husband and I met Javier on one of our first visits to El Carmen Church. He welcomed us warmly. He impressed me particularly because he was so humble, and I felt that he had a pure and true devotion to Jesus and his Catholic faith. I learned that his wife was the lector and his son was the altar server. I have an image of a holy family, dedicated to God and to their family. We are praying for Javier's eternal rest and praying for comfort for his family. May you feel Jesus' love and comfort. In times of sadness, just repeating the name of "Jesus" will help.

Carlos and Beatrice Venegas

Carlos & Beatrice Venegas - December 26, 2024 at 12:09 PM

SM

Condolences from Ignacio Magaloni & family, to the parents and family of Javier, whom we now leave to our savior God, Christ Jesus.

Javier always gave of his knowledge and compassion by leading with his warm smile.

I worked with him at Northwest Vista College, my office eight steps away, and often saw him helping students and colleagues achieve their goals and dreams.

He was ALWAYS there for you--and in Mass today I saw and heard evidence of the divine light that was always available in his attention to making life better for us with his personal compassion and mathematical gifts (which included building multiple maths programs that today lead all students to accomplishment).

You invested your talents so magnificently, my friend!

Look at the riches you have left us--especially in our hearts.

You were the real "tornado man" in our college's founding emblem, a powerful source of inspiration and learning--a model of persistence and selfless sharing.

Un buen abrazo, hermano--aqui te va un laurel, y my beso de poeta sobre tu noble frente--nos veremos; ahora, A Dios!

Sergio Ignacio (Ramos) Magaloni - January 11, 2025 at 06:55 PM