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Jesse Robert Quintanilla Jr., at the age of 81 years old, went to be with the Lord on August 23, 2024, in San Antonio, Texas. Jesse was welcomed to this earth on July 09, 1943, to Jesse Garza Quintanilla and Mary Abrego Quintanilla in San Antonio, TX.

A loving and devoted father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother and friend, Jesse left a lasting impact on those who were blessed enough to know him.

Jesse is preceded in death by both his beloved parents Jesse Garza Quintanilla and Mary Abrego Quintanilla, sister Diana Quintanilla Montoya, brother George Quintanilla, daughter Irene Ann Quintanilla, and former spouse Patricia Anne Quintanilla.

Jesse is survived by his loving children Jesse Robert Quintanilla Jr. (Gloriane), Raymond Christian Quintanilla (Helen), Ihma Marie Quintanilla, Quincy Valdez Quintanilla (Crys), Gabriel Evans Quintanilla, and Kelsey Yvonne Quintanilla (James); grandchildren Sabrina Helene Quintanilla, Lauren Christine Quintanilla, Jenna Nicole Quintanilla, Rachael Elizabeth Quintanilla, Bowen Keith Quintanilla, Brenon Kole Quintanilla, JourneyMai Christine Smith, Zayda Moon Herrera, Aria Rose Herrera; Step granddaughter Sabrina Jo Fuentes (Jonathan); great grandchildren Chance Li Gonzalez and

Christan Wesley Garza Jr; step great grandchildren Jonathan Michael Fuentes Jr., and Owen Ace Fuentes; former spouse Kris Quintanilla Carroll; and nephews Dante Montoya (Leslie) and Thomas Montoya (Michelle), George Quintanilla; great nephew Jacob Montoya; great nieces Danielle Montoya, and Grace Montoya and numerous nieces and nephews.

Jesse spent his childhood in south San Antonio, TX. He attended grade school in a one room school on Southton Road and later graduated from Floresville High School. Jesse spent his childhood working with his father at the family business, Jesse's Garage on Hwy. 181, a successful auto shop with a 32-acre junk yard and a 24-hour wrecker service, this is when Jesse acquired his mechanic and welding skills. As a child Jesse developed a love of horseback riding from the time spent with his grandfather Evanisto Abrego who was one of the founding fathers of the San Antonio Charro Association. Jesse proudly served our country from March of 1964 to January of 1968 in the U.S. Navy where he earned the officer rank of SFM2 aboard the U.S.S. Taconic AGC-17. While in the U.S. Navy, Jesse's duties included fireman, welder, and MP. Upon his completion of his service in the U.S. Navy, Jesse returned home to San Antonio, TX where he headed the operations of the family business Jesse's Garage with his father. In addition to being a mechanic, Jesse is also known for his skills as a machine fabricator, welder, and farmer. Jesse used his fabricating skills to build the patio at the Cadillac Bar, build picnic tables for VFW Post 76, and assisted with the building of the elevator shafts in downtown San Antonio. Jesse was a member of the Mesquite Trail Drivers Association where he shared his love of horseback riding with his seven children on the various trail rides, parades, and the annual Pony Express during which they delivered proclamations from Goliad, TX to Mission San Jose in San Antonio, TX. Jesse also enjoyed riding his motorcycle, a Honda Goldwing which he used to drive cross country as well as a couple trips to Sturgis, SD. Jesse was a kind-hearted soul who loved his friends and family dearly. His legacy will live on through the lives he touched. His memory will forever be cherished by all who knew and loved him.

The family will have a Celebration of Life on Sunday September 01, 2024, beginning at 2:00 pm at his son Jesse's house located at 14996 Henze Road San Antonio, TX 78223. The burial with full military honors will be held on September 23, 2024, at Fort Sam Houston at 10:45 am.

Cemetery Details

Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery

1520 Harry Wurzbach Rd.
San Antonio, TX 78209

Previous Events

A Celebration of a Life Well Lived

SEP 1. 2:00 PM (CT)

Family Home - Jesse Robert Quintanilla
14996 Henze Rd.
San Antonio, TX 78223

Graveside Service

SEP 23. 10:45 AM - 11:05 AM (CT)

Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery
1520 Harry Wurzbach Rd
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(210) 820-3891

Tribute Wall

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“ *What can I say we made a lot of good memories. From the time we met. Jesse’s soft spoken voice was always comforting. We would go trail riding and I spent many cold night in that old rig. We also went to progresso on the gold wing hauling a little trailer that I learned later was our exclusive hotel lol. We went to corpus and he showed me the Lexington naval ship. When he spoke I knew that was one of the most proud full moments in his life. He was never boastful. And if you really knew Jesse you got to see him show the kids his glass eye. I will always have a special place in my heart. He was a gentle man. God rest his soul.*

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