



## Joe Hernandez, Jr.

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Joe “Joey” Hernandez, Jr. was born on January 23, 1948, to Joe H. Hernandez, Sr. and Baudelia Amanda Alvarez Hernandez in Corpus Christi, Texas. His family moved to California when he was 11 years old. Joe was the eldest with three younger siblings Candy Hernandez Spaulding, Debbie Hernandez, and Ray Hernandez.

After graduating from Newark High School in 1966 he studied Business Administration/Marketing at California State University East Bay. He graduated with a bachelor’s degree in 1978.

Joe was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1968 and served during the Vietnam War. He was combat wounded and was awarded the Purple Heart and Bronze Star.

Joe worked as a property tax appraiser in Oakland, California at Alameda County Assessor from 1975-2009. After retiring in 2009, he moved to San Antonio, Texas. During his retirement, Joe served as an officer with the Military Order of the Purple Heart Chapter 1836. He developed a strong bond with other members of the Military Order of the Purple Heart. He also volunteered with the Wounded Warrior Project. Joe also served as president

of the Angel of Goliad Society as a descendant.

Joe was a selfless person who enjoyed serving others. Joe's favorite pastimes were researching family history and assisting other veterans in navigating the VA system. He loved road trips, shopping at estate sales, playing poker and watching his favorite TV shows. His joy was spending time with his grandchildren and was known to them as "Papa Joe." Joe also loved to entertain family and friends which were too numerous to count.

Joe was preceded in death by his parents, Joe and Amanda, and his sister Candy Hernandez Spaulding. Our little "angels" his grandson Max Amador and granddaughter Alice Mary Amador were there to greet him when he arrived in heaven.

Joe is survived by his wife of almost 8 years and partner of 24 years Dolores Amador-Hernandez. He is also survived by his sister Debbie Hernandez and brother Ray Hernandez. He was a stepfather of Dolores' three adult children Phillip Amador, Jr., Laura Amador Esparza and Stephen (Erin) Amador. As we welcomed grandchildren he became "Papa Joey" and fit into the part of grandfather easily to Maya Grace Amador, Teresa Ann Esparza, Oscar Antonio Esparza, Anisten Lorin Amador and Alister Rose Amador. Joey also had numerous family members and friends in California, San Antonio, Goliad, Kingsville and Corpus Christi, Texas who also mourn his passing.

Visitation will be held from 6:00 – 9:00 pm on Wednesday, September 7, 2022, with a rosary at 7:00 pm at Mission Park Funeral Chapels North. Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10:00 am on Thursday, September 8, 2022, at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with a procession to Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery for interment. A reception will be held at Holy Trinity Catholic Church immediately following the interment.



# Cemetery Details

## Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery

1520 Harry Wurzbach Rd.  
San Antonio, TX 78209

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 7. 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels North  
3401 Cherry Ridge Drive  
San Antonio, TX 78230

## Rosary

SEP 7. 7:00 PM (CT)

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3401 Cherry Ridge Drive  
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## Funeral Mass

SEP 8. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Holy Trinity Catholic Church  
20523 Huebner Rd.  
San Antonio, TX 78258



# Tribute Wall

SA

“ My husband and I just learned about joes passing yesterday’ . He was my fathers best friend . He helped us so much when my father died . My father was his best man when he was married to my moms best friend jennie . Joe was family . I loved joe as my uncle . He will be missed by all of us . Love you joe ❤️

sandy - May 09, 2024 at 03:07 PM

MH

“ I learned of Joe’s passing only today, from a listing in the Retired Employees of Alameda County [CA] newsletter. Joe was just a lovely person. He was given full responsibility to mentor and train the “class of 1984” at the Assessor’s Office in Oakland. He took us on field trips, showed us the ropes, and was always available with directions and tips. He was a generous soul, and I think of him with respect and fondness.  
Mike Hall

Mike Hall - November 11, 2022 at 12:21 AM

TF

“ The Alvarez Family purchased the A New Sunrise Spray for the family of Joe Hernandez, Jr..



The Alvarez Family - September 07, 2022 at 11:43 AM

M1

“ MOPH Auxiliary Alamo Unit 1836 purchased the *Footprints Tribute Blanket* for the family of Joe Hernandez, Jr..



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**MOPH Auxiliary Alamo Unit 1836** - September 05, 2022 at 05:06 PM

MS

“ Mari Siegmund purchased the *Beautiful in Blue* for the family of Joe Hernandez, Jr..



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**Mari Siegmund** - September 05, 2022 at 03:30 PM

LR

“ Joe Hernandez saw everyone as a best friend. We need more of that in this world. I pray that God will be with his family and friends during this challenging time. May his memory bring comfort knowing that he was indeed a best friend to everyone.

*The Military Order of the Purple Heart Chapter 1836 participate in so many funerals for their members and Unaccompanied veterans.*

*Here is what I have learned why Veterans are buried facing east at Fort Sam Houston cemetery, San Antonio TX. The graves are facing east so they could face the “New Day” and the “Rising of the sun”*

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**Luis Reyna** - September 01, 2022 at 10:02 PM

TV

*My Cousin "Joey" was indeed a treasure of a human being . He absolutely loved all of his family members. And we loved & looked up to him . When he walked into a room , his smile was wide & warm . Almost immediately , he would " recite" a joke !! Over & over !! He truly treasured his times with us & making us laugh with his jokes .... which was always !!!*

*He was so dedicated to always helping family &. Friends . His causes , with our US Veterans was deeply important to him . He loved always being there for them .*

*We all are so proud of his dedication to our Veterans & I know they loved him so much . He has suddenly left us & we will indeed miss his entrances , hearing his voice , his laughter & his stories .*

*Everyone of us is going to miss this sweet person ... dearly !! All I can say to you Joey ... is ....Thanks for the memories !!! Cousin Terri*

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**Terri Vasquez** - September 04, 2022 at 03:56 AM

LH

“ *Laura, Pat, Lorraine and Lillian Herrera purchased the Tender Tribute for the family of Joe Hernandez, Jr..*



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**Laura, Pat, Lorraine and Lillian Herrera** - September 01, 2022 at 05:47 PM

EJ

“ *Joe will always be remembered for his kindness, thoughtfulness and helping to others. He always looked out for his loved ones and kept in touch. Great Human-being  
Lots of love and prayers.  
Cousin Emilia Johnston*

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**Emilia Johnston** - August 31, 2022 at 11:22 AM

KV

“ Alameda County Assessor's Office sends its deepest condolences to the family and friends of Joe. Joe was missed after he retired. He was a fine and dedicated appraiser for so many years. He brought the office light and laughter to help his co-workers get through their day. Joe will not be forgotten by those who worked with him.



Kathy Vaquilar - August 29, 2022 at 11:58 AM

GF

“ Gilbert & Dora Alvarez Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Joe Hernandez, Jr..



Gilbert & Dora Alvarez Family - August 23, 2022 at 02:07 PM

MN

“ Mission Park North lit a candle in memory of Joe Hernandez, Jr.



Mission Park North - August 21, 2022 at 04:07 PM