



John Gilbert Casanova

October 27, 1945 - September 9, 2014

John Gilbert Casanova, beloved husband, father, grandfather, and dear friend, passed away peacefully on September 9th, 2014 at the age of 68. Born and raised in San Antonio, Texas, John spent his life working tirelessly to support his family and community. He made people laugh everyday with his infectious humor. Born to Frank and Grace, he was the youngest of three brothers. Following a tour in Vietnam with the Army, he went on to earn a degree in architecture on the GI bill at the University of Texas at Austin. John, unsuspectingly, met the love of his life and favorite dance partner, Itza, while in first grade. They were reintroduced in their 20s and were married for 47 years. Together they raised four children. He was actively present in everything they did, and was extremely proud of that. One of John's many gifts was to instill, in both word and action, a sense of kindness, independence and a commitment to education. Multi-talented and a natural for interacting with others, John will be deeply missed but lives on in the hearts of his wife, Itza, daughters Lian, Debbie, and Nancy, sons-in-law Charles and Nishant, grandchildren John, Eric and Asha, his brother Frank, and many family and friends who love him dearly. He is preceded in death by his beloved son Jon, brother Charles, and his parents. Special thanks to the doctors and healthcare team at the Baptist Medical Center downtown.

Services

The family will receive friends from 8:30 – 9:15 AM Saturday, September 13,

2014 with Mass to follow at 9:30 AM at Our Lady's Chapel, Administration Building at the University of the Incarnate Word, 4301 Broadway St. San Antonio, TX 78209. Interment will follow at Holy Cross Cemetery with Military Honors.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Fund-A-Bus program at the McNay Art Museum, which gives school kids the opportunity to visit the McNay with free admission and transportation.