



John R. Santos

September 4, 1930 - July 10, 2020

John R. Santos (September 4, 1930 – July 10, 2020), was preceded in death by his parents, Juan N. and Sara P. Santos and his brother Armando Santos. John was born in Hondo, Tx and in 1946 the family moved to Seguin, Tx where John graduated from Seguin High School on May 28, 1948. On August 11, 1948 he joined the Army during the Korean War and December 25, 1951, he married Susie Martinez in New Braunfels, Texas. Six months later, on June 13, 1952, he was Honorably Discharged from the Army, he and Susie returned back to San Antonio, Texas where they raised their family.

John worked with his brother and father and together they opened “Santos Electric Co.”. Years of working with his father, John eventually took over the business. John installed all of the electrical work in the Little Red Barn Steakhouse, Sea Island (on Rector), St. Gerard Church and many houses throughout San Antonio.

In 1976, John decided to venture out to the education system, went to Southwest Texas State University earned a Vocational Educational Certification so he could teach Electrical Trades and started the electrical trades program at Holmes High School (NISD) where he taught for the next twenty years. After teaching for twenty years, he was ready to retire except our mother would not let him, so he decided to work part time at Holmes until May 2003.

During his teaching time at Holmes HS, John loved teaching and especially competing against other schools from different cities and taking his students to compete at the State level. He made sure his students excelled in the electrical field and always came home with clean sweep of awards. He even took a group of his students to Tennessee where they represented Texas and came home with several awards. When the other Electrical Trades from the other schools heard that John was finally retiring for real, they were so happy that just maybe they would have a chance to win at the local competitions.

John continued to do small jobs (as mother would say “to keep him busy) and he was dedicated to St. Gerard’s Catholic Church. He served as an usher, he was on the board to help with fund raising, organizing BINGO and keeping the church in healthy status with the building and finances.

John is survived by his wife Susie of 68 years, sister Rosemary Santos and sister-in-law Olivia Santos, three daughters Gloria (David Holguin), Sarah Santos, and Norma (Ralph

Chavez). He has six grandchildren- Jennifer, Monica (Alfredo), Thomas (Sonia), Julia (Ramiro), Randall and Krissy, seven great-grandchildren- Justin(Anahy), Alexandria, Cadence, Ariana, Ryan, Rylee, SirRomeo and ONE great-great-grandchild Lylah. Several nieces and nephews.

Due to COVID-19 the services will be private.

Cemetery Details

Mission Burial Park South

1700 SE Military Dr.
San Antonio, TX 78214
<http://www.missionparks.com>

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 23. 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

St. Gerard Catholic Church
1523 Iowa St.
San Antonio, TX 78203

Rosary

JUL 23. 7:00 PM (CT)

St. Gerard Catholic Church
1523 Iowa St.
San Antonio, TX

Funeral Mass

JUL 24. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Gerard Catholic Church
1523 Iowa St.
San Antonio, TX 78203

Tribute Wall

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“ I was a high school student of Mr. Santos from 1996 to 1999, he was an awesome man and mentor to me. He would always start the class by getting our attention by quoting President's Roosevelt speech, he would say " Class listen up, yesterday December 7th" and we would all start laughing. He was always getting me in trouble with my girlfriend who is now my wife he would see us and say" Rene every time I see you, your with a different girl." I can honestly say he made a huge impact of my life and he saved my life. I will forever be grateful to him. Rene Ramos

Rene Ramos - October 23, 2024 at 10:39 AM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of John R. Santos.



July 21, 2020 at 09:58 AM