



Jose Alonzo Ayala Jr.

October 26, 1930 - August 4, 2016

Jose "Joe" Alonzo Ayala Jr. departed this life on Thursday, August 4, 2016 in San Antonio, Texas. He was born in Brownsville, Texas on October 26, 1930 to Jose Alonzo and Maria Ayala and settled in San Antonio for over 50 years. Proceeding him in death were his two sons, Larry and Joe Ayala. He leaves to cherish his memory: his wife of 60 years, Elida R. Ayala, his children and spouses, Sylvia and Rudy Rendon, Roy and Cynthia Ayala, and Minerva Nastasi. Grandchildren include, Ruby and Jerry Rodriguez, Judy and Roland Zapata, Rudy Jr. and Renee Rendon, Roy Ayala Jr. and Thomas Ayala, Joseph Nastasi and Christopher Nastasi and 8 great-grandchildren, brother Jesus Ayala and other loving family members and friends.

Joe was a United States Army Veteran of WWII and Korean War serving in Germany, France, Japan, Korea and the U.S. His bravery and loyalty earned him several medals and awards including the Purple Heart. He served 30 years in the Military and Civil Service retiring from Wilford Hall Medical Center and Lackland Air Force Base. He was a life time member of DAV, Chapter 25 and VFW Post 4815. He loved sports, with baseball being his favorite. He coached several teams in San Antonio and the Rio Grande Valley. He also enjoyed music, fishing, BBQ'n and just the great outdoors. He was a man of family, faith and hard work. He will GREATLY be missed by his family and friends.

Visitation will be held Wednesday, August 10, 2016 at Mission Park Funeral Chapels South from 5PM to 9PM with the Holy Rosary to be recited at 7PM. Funeral Mass will be held Thursday, August 11, 2016 at St. Leonard's Catholic Church at 12PM, followed by interment at Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery.