



## Jose Carlos Cortez

April 9, 1927 - February 5, 2026

Jose C. Cortez, affectionately known as “Joe” and “Chále,” of San Antonio, Texas, entered eternal rest on Thursday, February 5, 2026, at the age of 98. After 20 years apart, he has now joined his beloved bride of 58 years, Maria Y. Cortez.

Jose was born to Luz and Marcelino Cortez and was the last surviving sibling of his generation. He was preceded in death by his children, Carolina and Carlos, parents, two brothers, and five sisters.

He is survived by his children: Jesus Cortez, Maria Theresa Aguilera (the late Raul), David Cortez (Barbara), Ruben Cortez (Janie), Gloria Martinez (Roy), Luis Cortez, and Josie Cortez (Janie). He also leaves behind a lasting legacy through his 19 grandchildren, 34 great-grandchildren, and 17 great-great-grandchildren, all of whom brought him immense pride and joy.

A proud veteran, Jose served his country with honor as a Private First Class in the United States Army Air Corps, assigned to the 1539th Army Air Forces Base Unit, Air Transport Command at Handea Air Base, Japan.

In his civilian life, Jose dedicated many years working at Colonial Cake Company and later at the Southwest Craft Center, where he retired. He was also a faithful and active member of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Ministry at

Mission San Juan Capistrano, where he served humbly as a Eucharistic Minister.

Jose embraced life fully. He enjoyed telling stories of his time in the military, tending to his yard, fixing anything in need of repair, playing his favorite scratch-offs, and making the occasional trip to the casino. His humor, dedication, and love for family will be cherished and remembered by all who knew him.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 19. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels South  
1700 SE. Military Dr.  
San Antonio, TX 78214

## Holy Rosary

FEB 19. 6:00 PM (CT)

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## Funeral Mass

FEB 20. 10:00 AM (CT)

Mission San Juan Capistrano  
9101 Graf Rd.  
San Antonio, TX 78214

## Interment

FEB 20 (CT)

San Fernando Cemetery #2  
746 Castroville Rd.  
San Antonio, TX 78237

# Tribute Wall



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Jose Carlos Cortez.*



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February 18 at 12:11 PM



“ *Food For Today Family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Jose Carlos Cortez.*



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**Food For Today Family** - February 18 at 09:19 AM



“ *We knew your dad and mom from San Juan. So very kind and caring. Our condolences to the family. May eternal rest grant onto him and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Rachel, Pauline & Norman Garza and Pauline Gaitan*



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**Rachel Eaton** - February 17 at 11:30 PM



*My deepest sympathy to my cousins on the loss of their dad and my uncle Chale who I will miss a lot. I have some good memories of my tio Chale. May God bless you guys always. With love from your cuz Dolores Garcia.*

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**Dolores Garcia** - February 19 at 12:22 AM

WF

“ *With Love, The Godoy Family purchased the Serenity Wreath for the family of Jose Carlos Cortez.*



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**With Love, The Godoy Family** - February 16 at 08:52 PM

KF

“ *Kaleigh and family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Jose Carlos Cortez.*



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**Kaleigh and family** - February 14 at 10:46 AM

DR

“ *Tio ... descanse en paz con nuestra familia* 📺



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**Debra L Rivas** - February 11 at 10:04 PM

DR

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



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**Debra L Rivas** - February 11 at 07:15 PM

DR

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall

Cortez Family reunited in heaven - 2023  
now all joined with their parents & their other sibling



Debra L Rivas - February 11 at 07:14 PM

DR

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Debra L Rivas - February 11 at 07:12 PM

DR

“ All reunited    
#Cortez

Debra L Rivas - February 11 at 07:11 PM

LC

“ My condolences to you Josie and your family.. God will give you comfort and strength to get through this difficult time.. May you rest in peace Mr Cortez 🙏

Lisa Chavira - February 10 at 11:24 AM

MA

“ *My sincere condolences & prayers to all the family. I have some fond memories of Mr Cortez. When I first took over OLPH society, I was introduced to him as the first man to join our group(before that it was women only). So thank you Mr Cortez, you were instrumental in bringing men to our prayer group! May you Rest in Peace along with your loving spouse . I will miss you* ☐ 🙏 🌟 ❤️

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**Mary Anderson** - February 08 at 06:04 PM

DG

*My deepest sympathy to my cousins on the loss of they're dad and my uncle I will miss a lot. Have some good memories of my uncle. God bless you guys.*

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**Dolores Garcia** - February 19 at 12:06 AM