



Jose Estala

December 10, 1948 - June 25, 2022

A loving brother, uncle and friend, Jose Estala went to be with the Lord on June 25, 2022, at the age of 73, in San Antonio, TX. He was born on December 10, 1948 in Los Indios, TX. He is preceded in death by his parents, Ruperto and Amelia Estala, and brother, Javier Estala. Jose is survived by his siblings, Juana Carrillo, Joel Estala, Amelia Ebrom (William), Antonia Nerio, Maggie Mazon (Rudy), Flora Sandoval (Anthony), Maria R. Quiles, Connie Rodrigue (Mark) and Lorena E. Meadows (Danny); numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Jose began his career after graduating from Southwest High School in 1968. From there he enlisted into the Navy for 4 years and was assigned to the USS Princeton. On May 26, 1969 the ship was assigned to recover Apollo 10, an event that every man on the ship of USS Princeton would remember. After the USS Princeton, he was assigned to the USS Archerfish submarine as a Petty Officer. His job was to Propulsion and Engineering. After completing his four years of service. He went on to UTSA and graduated with a bachelor's degree of Art on May 1977 and continued his education to receive his Master Degree of Art at Webster College in July 1981. After finishing college, Jose joined the Air Force as a Staff Sergeant and worked his way up to Captain. As a Captain, he received many praises for his outstanding work and as a superb young officer. Jose Estala received many awards while serving his country : AF Commendation Medal W/1 OLC, AF Outstanding Unit Award W/ 2 OLC,

Navy Good conduct medal, National Defense SVC Medal W/1 OLC, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, AF Overseas Short Tour Ribbon, AF Longevity SVC Award Ribbon W/ 3 OLC, Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon, AF Training Ribbon and Served in support of Operation of Desert Shield/Storm. Thru out his career he had travel all over Europe and South America for special assignments. Jose Estala knew how to live life to the fullest. He enjoyed having a bachelor life. He loved his friends, family and especially his pets. Jose loved sharing the songs of the Beatles, Rolling Stones and the Doors for everyone who would listen. Talked about all the old classic movies and loved having friends and family over to spend time with. He was a wonderful person full of wit, always smiling and telling stories of his adventures. Jose Estala will be missed dearly but the impact he made on all of us will always be with us.

Visitation will be on Saturday, July 9, 2022 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. with a Rosary to be recited at 6:00 p.m. at Mission Park Funeral Chapels South. Graveside Service will take place on Tuesday, July 12, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery, at Shelter #1.

Cemetery Details

Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery

1520 Harry Wurzbach Rd.
San Antonio, TX 78209

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 9. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels South, Cemeteries & Crematories
1700 SE Military Dr
San Antonio, TX 78214
(210) 924-4242
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

Rosary

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Graveside Service

JUL 12. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

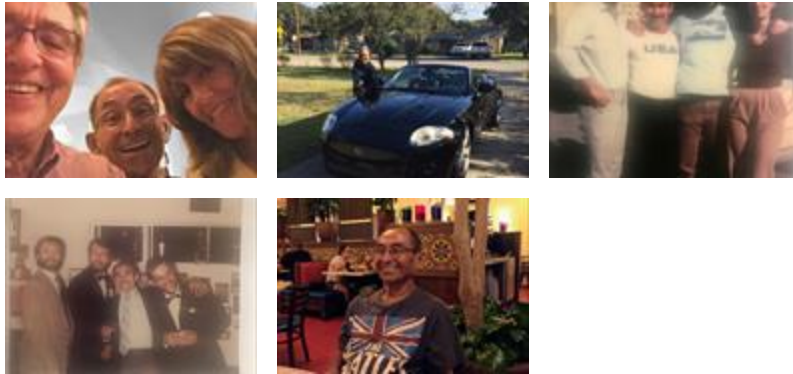
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“ I am so saddened to just find that my long lost friend has passed away. My name is Artis Adams Jose and I were neighbors and friends in Austin.
We lost touch shortly after I moved back to Nashville in 1997, when I returned to help my aliening parents. I have tried many times to find Jose but was unsuccessful
. I have missed our talks and sharing our love of cars all these years. Please know that I give by best wishes to all of you in his family. Jose was a great friend to me in Austin for many years. My love to you all. Artis Adams

Artis Adams - April 10, 2023 at 12:20 AM

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Sherry - July 05, 2022 at 02:13 PM

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“ José Estala was a very special, caring, and talented person. He consistently did so much for so many others. His military career was distinguished, both in the Navy and Air Force. His academic achievements were impressive. His friendship was irreplaceable and always rewarding for those he endowed with his friendship. José loved, owned, and drove great classic cars. He cared for, nurtured, and provided quality lives for all of his numerous pets. And he loved the music of the Beatles, keeping their music and lyrics alive and well. He taught youth important lessons throughout his life, our son Léon Gambitta included. He held excellent barbecue parties at his pool where the food, pool, and conversations were sensational. And he will live forever in our hearts.

Richard, Sherry, and Léon Gambitta - July 05, 2022 at 01:07 PM



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Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemetery - July 01, 2022 at 10:38 AM