



## Jose "Joe" Valdez

August 24, 1950 - March 20, 2026

It is with profound sadness and heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Jose "Joe" Luis Valdez, who departed this world on March 20, 2026 at the age of 75. Born on August 24, 1950, in San Antonio, Texas.

Joe was a proud Vietnam Veteran, who served this country in the US Army with honor and bravery, earning the Bronze Star Medal, along with numerous commendations. He was a gifted professional photographer for over 45 years, capturing the most beautiful moments in his client's lives. As a small business owner, he was connected to the community, mentoring those who loved the art of photography, while also giving back to local veteran's groups. While he retired from being an event photographer, his love of nature and his camera would take him to new heights as a nature digital artist, once again capturing beauty around him.

When he did not have a camera in hand, you would find him, grilling the best BBQ, enjoying music and wine with family and friends. Joe loved working in his garden, hiking, being with his dogs, Bindi and Teddy and traveling. His energetic spirit and bright smile was like no other.

As we gather to celebrate Joe's life, we invite family and friends to join us. This gathering will stand as tribute to the man who brought his incredible spirit into the lives of so many.

Joe is survived by his wife of 23 years, Evelyn Valdez, daughters Jennifer

(Jesse) and Jeannette, grandchildren Lauren (John), Emily, Natalie and Marcus, great granddaughters Isabella Rose and Aria Elif. Brothers and sisters Vera, Richard (Hope), Danny (Rebecca), Priscilla (Danny), Gary (Norma) and Simon (Ruth). Plus, numerous nephews, nieces, and extended family.

# Cemetery Details

## **Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery**

1520 Harry Wurzbach  
San Antonio, TX 78209

# Previous Events

## **Visitation**

APR 7. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

## **Prayer Service**

APR 7. 6:30 PM (CT)

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

## **Graveside Service**

APR 8. 11:00 AM (CT)

Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery  
1520 Harry Wurzbach  
San Antonio, TX 78209



# Tribute Wall

JE

“ 3 files added to the album *Memories Album*



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**Jeannette** - April 11 at 02:57 PM

“ Not By Blood, But By Love

*There are people who come into your life not because they had to, but because they chose to. Joe was one of those people. He wasn't my father by blood or by title, but he was my sisters' dad — and somehow, without ever making a big deal of it, he treated me like I was his own. That kind of quiet, unconditional kindness is rare. And the world feels a little smaller without him in it.*

*Joe had a gift for making you feel seen. Whether he was behind a camera or simply walking into a room, his presence changed the atmosphere. The moment he walked through the door, something shifted — the air got warmer, the laughter came easier, and every conversation felt like it mattered. That was just who he was. He didn't try to light up a room. He just did.*

*He was a professional photographer, and if you were lucky enough to be on the other side of his lens, you know what I mean when I say he had an eye not just for images, but for people. He captured moments that told the truth — the real smile, the unguarded laugh, the kind of photo that makes you say, "That's exactly who they were." I look at the pictures he took of me when I was younger, and I am so grateful. He gave me something I'll carry forever — proof of who I was, seen through the eyes of someone who cared.*

*He was also a teacher, in the best and most patient sense of the word. He never made you feel small for not knowing something. He was always willing to show you, guide you, walk alongside you until you figured it out. That generosity of spirit — the willingness to share what he knew — was one of the things that made him so extraordinary.*

*And that smile. That laugh. If you knew Joe, you know exactly what I'm talking about. It wasn't just a smile — it was an invitation. It said, "You're welcome here. You belong." I will miss that more than I have words for.*

*Joe may not have been my father in the traditional sense, but he showed me what it looks like when a man leads with dignity, kindness, and respect. He didn't have to love me like family. He just did. And that is a gift I will spend the rest of my life being thankful*

for.

*Rest easy, Joe. The room is a little dimmer without you — but the light you left behind? That stays with us.*

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**Vanessa Mireles** - April 09 at 11:28 PM

AS

“ *Mr. Joe Joe Valdez. It was a honor to meet such a wonderful human being. You were loyal, loving, honest, genuine, sincere, prepared; I don't think there is a negative adjective I could possibly mutter about you.*

*You were Family; Grandpa Joe! You treated me like your son, and you didn't have to. I'm not sure what you saw in me, but the feelings were mutual. You instilled a lot of values into me, and they will live on until my day comes. It is with a heavy heart that I express my deepest condolences. May god bring strength to your Family during this time of tragedy. We will meet again. Love you Man! ☐ Salute to my best friend in San Antonio! I miss you dearly.*



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**A.D. Singh** - April 07 at 04:11 PM

LG

“ *Joe you are truly going to be missed. We shared many many great times just hanging out having some wine laughing especially laughing and just talking about everything and anything. Especially like the time that we did a trade show together that was so awesome I showed you some tricks of mine and you did the same. My sister Evelyn is very lucky to have had you in her life. Hope to see you again and share the glass of wine that we both deserve. You'll always be in my heart I'm going to miss you. My love always.*

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**Lillie De La Garza** - April 07 at 04:05 PM

GF

“ Gerardo Villarreal and family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Jose "Joe" Valdez.



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**Gerardo Villarreal and family** - April 07 at 03:12 PM

MG

“ Marty Martinez and Offie Gobebe purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Jose "Joe" Valdez.



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**Marty Martinez and Offie Gobebe** - April 07 at 11:53 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jose "Joe" Valdez.



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April 06 at 10:00 PM

LP

“ Cousin Joe: I guess the last time I saw you was in 1969 after the Led Zeppelin concert that Priscilla and I attended. May you rest in Heavenly peace alongside your sweet momma. See you again when I get there. Save me a spot!

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**Lupie Palacios** - April 05 at 08:49 PM

LP

“ Love: Ruby, David, Maddie & Mason Pearce purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Jose "Joe" Valdez.



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**Love: Ruby, David, Maddie & Mason Pearce** - April 04 at 09:34 PM

LF

“ Lana Richards State Farm purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Jose "Joe" Valdez.



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**Lana Richards State Farm** - April 02 at 09:33 AM

DR

“ Dora Raya lit a candle in memory of Jose "Joe" Valdez



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**Dora Raya** - March 31 at 10:12 PM

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“ May He Rest In Paradise 🙏  
Joe was our photographer for our Wedding.  
Very kind man  
Our condolences from The Perez Family



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**Ana Lizeth Perez** - March 30 at 08:52 PM

BA

“ Bardo lit a candle in memory of Jose "Joe" Valdez



Bardo - March 30 at 08:05 PM

BA

“ Bardo lit a candle in memory of Jose "Joe" Valdez



Bardo - March 30 at 08:03 PM

LP

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Lupie Palacios - April 05 at 02:02 PM

BA

“ Bardo lit a candle in memory of Jose "Joe" Valdez



Bardo - March 30 at 08:02 PM

BA

“ Joe Valez,

*So blessed to have met you and your family years ago. He was so kind and loving with everyone! Always respectful and willing to help others in any circumstances. LA PALABRA (your word) meant a lot to me and sure meant a lot to him, in which some cases brought me closer to him and blessed to have worked alongside with him for so many years. I know music was also my thing and we shared a lot in common. He loved making others laugh and smile, even when a person was having a bad day, no matter what, he would still find a way to get you back on your feet with respect and dignity.*

*Love you bro!*

*Thank you my friend/Buddy for all the great memories....  
May you rest in peace....*

*Bardo Perez*

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**Bardo** - March 30 at 08:02 PM



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**Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemetery** - March 30 at 03:45 PM

TV

“ Joe was such a kind and gentle man, always welcoming everyone with his warm smile. He is deeply loved by so many and leaves behind a beautiful legacy through his family and the countless loving memories he created. I feel truly blessed to have known him and am so grateful for the cherished memories Tony has of his uncle. May Joe rest in peace, and may his family find comfort, healing, and peace in the love and memories he shared with all of us. God bless.

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**Tony & Sam Valdez** - March 30 at 10:30 AM

TB

“ Tina Benavidez lit a candle in memory of Jose "Joe" Valdez



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**Tina Benavidez** - March 27 at 08:33 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Jose "Joe" Valdez.



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March 27 at 03:39 PM

BF

“ BTC Family purchased the Serene Reflections Bouquet for the family of Jose "Joe" Valdez.



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**BTC Family** - March 26 at 10:48 AM