



Capt. Joseph Anthony Provenza, U.S. Army

April 29, 1938 - January 9, 2021

Capt. Joseph Anthony Provenza, U.S. Army passed away Saturday, January 9, 2021. He was born April 29, 1938 in Memphis, Tennessee and lived in Greenville, Mississippi with his parents until he enlisted in the U.S. Army. He was stationed in Toul, France from 1958 – 1961, then returned back to the United States. Shortly after, he went to Vietnam in 1963 for his 1st tour of duty. Then he did a second tour from 1964 – 1965. Then he went to Germany from 1965 – 1967. Joseph came back to the U.S. and had Grace in March 1968. His third and final tour was in 1969. Joseph graduated from Incarnate Word College in 1973 with a Bachelor's Degree in Science. Together with Eliane, he opened Play & Learn Daycare from 1974 – 1994. After the Daycare, he began working full time as a Psychiatric Registered Nurse and met Carmen in 1994. They had Cayla in 1995, and he worked until 1999 and retired. He was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather. He also loved dogs, fishing, playing chess, and traveling. Joseph always made new friends wherever he went and left a life time of impressions on anyone he met.

He is preceded in death by his daughter, Carol Ann and his parents, Tony and Grace Provenza. He is survived by his wife, Carmen Provenza; his daughters, Grace Warren and Cayla Provenza; his sons, Eric and James Ernsberger; and his 6 grandchildren, Haylee Marie, Brendan, Makayla, Mackenzie, Ethan, and Derek.

SERVICES

Visitation will begin at 6:00 P.M. followed by the Rosary at 7:00 P.M. on Monday, January 25, 2021 at Mission Park Funeral Chapels North, 3401 Cherry Ridge Drive. The Funeral Mass will begin at 1:00 P.M. on Tuesday, January 26, 2021 at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church, 3107 N. St. Mary's Street. Interment with Military Honors will follow at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery

1520 Harry Wurzbach
San Antonio, TX 78209

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 25. 6:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels Cherry Ridge
3401 Cherry Ridge Dr
San Antonio, TX 78230
(210) 349-1414
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

Rosary

JAN 25. 7:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels Cherry Ridge
3401 Cherry Ridge Dr
San Antonio, TX 78230
(210) 349-1414
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Funeral Mass

JAN **26.** 1:00 PM (CT)

Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church
3107 N. St. Mary's Street
San Antonio, TX 78212

Tribute Wall



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Capt. Joseph Anthony Provenza, U.S. Army.*



January 25, 2021 at 05:09 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Capt. Joseph Anthony Provenza, U.S. Army.*



January 25, 2021 at 12:00 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Capt. Joseph Anthony Provenza, U.S. Army.*



January 24, 2021 at 11:51 PM

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“ When I read that Joe made friends everywhere he went, I had to agree. When I met Joe for the first time in French class at Incarnate Word College, it seemed like he had known me for years, and he invited me home for dinner. I worried that somebody would take advantage of such a welcoming soul, but as I got to know him, I learned that Joe was fully capable of taking care of himself - and others. He always helped anyone he could. Joe was a great man, a good man.

- longtime friend, Joe Atkins

Joseph Atkins - January 21, 2021 at 04:59 PM