



## Luis V. Garza

August 19, 1935 - September 4, 2018

Luis V. Garza went to be with the Lord on September 4, 2018, at the age of 83, in San Antonio, TX. He was born on the Garza Ranch on August 19, 1935 in Benavides, TX to Hilario and Maria Garza. He is preceded in death by his parents, and brothers Emilio, Richard, Santiago and Telesforo Garza. Luis is survived by his loving wife of 50 years, Romelia Garza; children, Donna Krugman (Keith), Luis Garza, Kimberly Yaeger (Jeffery), Hilario Garza (Anna), Laura Chavez, Rosa Girdy (Kenneth) and Isabel Munoz (Manuel); brother: Raymundo Garza (Gloria); 14 grandchildren, 8 great-grandchildren and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

After graduating from Benavides High School in 1954, Luis proudly enlisted in the U.S Army with service in Germany, England, Scotland and throughout the U.S. He also served at the Post-War Army Pictorial Center in New York with a detail to President Eisenhower's inauguration in Washington D.C in 1957.

Luis was also an Atomic Veteran Survivor and worked near ground zero in operation "PLUMBBOB" at Desert Rock, Nevada, a series of atmospheric nuclear weapons test detonations for inclusion in the U.S. Defense Arsenal during the Cold War and also used to evaluate effects on soldiers, animals, and structures. He would share that atomic bomb detonation "Smokey" which he witnessed first-hand was more than two times more powerful than Nagasaki and Hiroshima. After his service in the Army, Luis began a career in Civil Service at Kelly AFB in San Antonio and attended school for circuit electronics . Once retired from Civil Service, he continued his work in aviation

electronic test equipment as a contractor.

Luis was passionate about advocating and fighting for Atomic Veterans over several decades who suffered from nuclear fallout illness. His hobbies included operating his small business "G&G Electronics" and was an avid collector of various things. For the past 40 years, Luis could be found in his shop tinkering, fixing and building electronics. He will be also be missed greatly by his beloved dachshunds, "Camillo" and "Hanalei", foster dogs "Lucky" and "Fiona".

A loving husband, father, grandfather and friend will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **14.** 5:00 PM - 9:00 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

SEP **14.** 7:00 PM (CT)

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## Funeral Service

SEP **15.** 9:00 AM (CT)

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Isabel Munoz - September 13, 2018 at 09:03 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Luis V. Garza.



September 13, 2018 at 06:45 PM



“ Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Luis V. Garza.



September 13, 2018 at 02:47 PM



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**Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemetery** - September 10, 2018 at 04:43 PM



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September 10, 2018 at 09:24 AM