



Manuel P. Alonzo

December 22, 1934 - March 11, 2016

Manuel P. Alonzo, Jr. , a lifelong resident of San Antonio entered eternal life from his earthly home surrounded by his loving family on March 11, 2016. Born in San Antonio on December 22, 1934 and raised in the city's Southside, he spent a relatively short time of his early years in Mexico. He attended San Antonio public schools and was one of two Hispanic students to graduate from East Central High School in 1954. He was active in sports and various school organizations and clubs. While in high school he met the love of his life, Carolina Carrie Montez and they were united in the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony at St. Anthony's Catholic Church. Together for 61 plus years, their love formed a bond of mutual devotion that has inspired others and only death could separate as Carrie lovingly cared for Manuel until his last earthly breath. Their love produced two daughters, Gladys and Grace. A loving and devoted father, Manuel's priority was his family-- he was involved in the girls' activities and interests, encouraged them in their educational and professional aspirations, and was especially proud they both graduated from St. Mary's University.

Manuel worked his entire professional life in retail sales. He had a 30-year career with White's Home and Auto, managing several of its stores in San Antonio. He worked some 15 years in home entertainment sales with Bjorn's Audio & Video. His hobbies included sports, gardening, and spending quality time with his grandson.

Manuel was preceded in death by his parents, Manuel P. and Maria Pena Alonzo; a sister, Maria Luisa Martinez, and a brother, Jose Alfredo Alonzo. He was loved and will be sorely missed by his survivors: his wife, Carrie Alonzo; daughters, Gladys Alonzo, Grace Anders and husband Kenneth I. Anders, Jr. ; and his beloved grandson Joel S. Anders and wife Quiana, two great-grandchildren, Jai and Quira; a sister, Mary Helen Martinez Filiberto of Alexandria, VA; a brother, Reyes Alonzo, his sisters and brothers in-law, and numerous cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Visitation will begin Thursday, March 17th at 5:00 p.m. in the Mission Park South Funeral Chapel with a rosary to be recited at 7:00 p.m. A Funeral Procession will depart Mission Park South at 9:30 a.m. for a Mass of Resurrection at St. Anthony's Catholic Church Elmendorf at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, March 18th.

Donations in honor of Manuel may be made to the: Alamo Area Parkinson's Support Group, 8300 Floyd Curl Dr., San Antonio, TX 78229 210 450-0551.