



## Manuel Jesus Ayala

August 3, 1946 - July 29, 2020

Manuel Jesus (Jesse) Ayala

08/03/1946 – 07/29/2020

Manuel Jesus (Jesse) Ayala passed away 5 days before his 74th birthday on Wednesday, July 29, 2020 in San Antonio, Texas. Jesse was born on August 3, 1946 to Maria G. and Manuel G. Ayala.

Jesse met his sweetheart Mary and dated her before he departed to serve in the US Army in 1966. They married on February 13, 1971. They were married for 49 years and spent their final hours together in the ICU at North Central Baptist and departed within a day apart of each other. Their true love inspired so many.

Jesse served in the United States Army for two years and then held a long successful career at Kraft Foods for over 44 years. He was a hard worker and provider for his family.

Jesse was a devoted Catholic and long-time member of St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church. He would pray the rosary daily at 2:00 PM and 8:00 PM. He often prayed with his loved ones during their difficult times. He was not ashamed of the gospel of Jesus Christ and inspired many of his family and friends of his deep faith. He did not only share of the Word of God but he displayed it. He was a humble servant of God and often gave to those in need.

Jesse was also known for being a sharp dressed man wearing his polished

Stacey Adams and Fedora hats. He was known for telling stories and always making people laugh. His legacy will be remembered as a strong man of faith, love, generosity and protector. Jesse loved his wife deeply and enjoyed spending time with her days until her final moment on earth. They loved dancing to oldies but goodies. The family has fond memories of them dancing at family gatherings. His children and grandchildren were his greatest joy. He was excited to soon become a great-grandpa.

Jesse was preceded in death by beloved wife Mary, brother Antonio Ayala, sister in law Autanita Ayala, sisters Vera Ayala and Guadalupe Tijerina and son-in-law David Prado. He is survived by his children Jesus Javier Ayala, Efrem Ayala (Angela), and Marie Ayala; grandchildren Heaven, Yternity, Isis, David, Joe Angel and Emily Faith; siblings Natalia (Eliseo) Rodriguez, Juanita (Milton) Rodolfo, Elena (Michael) Canales, Refugio (Grace) Ayala, Frank (Gloria) Ayala, Rosemary (Gilbert) Paredes, Celia (Mark) Pena, brother- in-law Manuel Tijerina, and many cousins, nieces and nephews.

The family wishes to thank the staff at North Central Baptist who cared for Jesse and Mary with such care and compassion in their final hours.

Public Viewing: Wednesday, August 12, 2020 at Brookehill Funeral Home, 711 SE Military Dr, San Antonio, TX 78214 at 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM followed by a private Rosary at 7:00 PM. Public viewing will resume at 8:00 PM to 9:00 PM. Private Mass: St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church at noon on Thursday, August 13, 2020.

Funeral: to follow the Private Mass on Thursday, August 13th at San Jose Burial Park, 8325 Mission Road, San Antonio TX 78214.

# Cemetery Details

## San Jose Burial Park

8235 Mission RD  
San Antonio, TX 78214  
(210) 923-0272  
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**AUG 12.** 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Brookehill Funeral Home  
711 SE Military Dr  
San Antonio, TX 78214  
(210) 923-7523  
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

## Rosary

**AUG 12.** 7:00 PM (CT)

Brookehill Funeral Home  
711 SE Military Dr  
San Antonio, TX 78214  
(210) 923-7523  
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

## Funeral Mass

AUG 13. 12:00 PM (CT)

St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church  
1314 Fair Ave  
San Antonio, TX 78223

# Tribute Wall

FA

“ Rest In Peace Jesse and Mary , had some great memories in our younger days God Bless

Felipe C Arcos - August 13, 2020 at 12:16 PM

CM

“ He was a wonderful and caring man. He was my dad's best friend since middle school and they stayed friends until my dad passed away 3yrs ago. Now they are together again!! I'll keep my prayers with the Ayala family. GOD BLESS

Christine Martinez Mata - August 13, 2020 at 11:53 AM

NF

“ Nina Cantu and Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Manuel Jesus Ayala.



Nina Cantu and Family - August 12, 2020 at 10:16 PM

MT

“ I will always remember my brother-in-law and wife Mary Ayala together with Jesse's late sister Lupe A Tijerina (my late wife) the great times we had as a family. We Weill miss Jesse and Mary but will be reunited with their parents and other loved ones in heaven!

Manuel Tijerina - August 12, 2020 at 01:20 PM



“ *Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Manuel Jesus Ayala.*



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August 11, 2020 at 07:30 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Manuel Jesus Ayala.*



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August 11, 2020 at 07:20 PM



“ *I love you uncle Jesse/godfather. You will forever be in my heart. Thank you for being such a huge inspiration to my spiritual walk with God. It is going to be so hard without you and aunt Mary but I know that you both are together again with Jesus Christ and that gives me peace. I will miss your funny stories and the sound of your voice. Until we meet again godfather.  
Love,  
Carisa and Family*

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**Carisa Gamez** - August 11, 2020 at 03:54 PM



*My dear Godfather ❤️, such a beautiful person, a true man of God. Im going to miss you! We have many wonderful memories that we will hold in our hearts! I love you and miss you...*

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**Adriene Salazar** - August 11, 2020 at 06:15 PM