

Manuel Cantu

May 22, 1939 - June 23, 2024

No obituary found for this tribute.

Cemetery Details

Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery

1520 Harry Wurzbach
San Antonio, TX 78209

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL **10**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Brookehill Funeral Home
711 SE Military Dr
San Antonio, TX 78214

Prayer Service

JUL **10**. 6:00 PM (CT)

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Celebration of His Life

JUL **11**. 9:30 AM (CT)

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(210) 923-7523
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

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Mary Vasquez - May 21 at 09:04 PM

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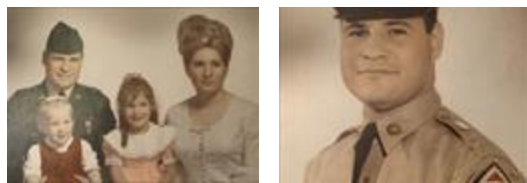
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Mary Vasquez - May 21 at 05:40 PM

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“ Manuel Lopez Cantu, age 85, of San Antonio, Texas, passed away on June 23, 2024, surrounded by his loved ones. He was born on May 22, 1939, in Beeville, Texas to Monico and Guadalupe Cantu. Manuel graduated from George West High School, located in George West, Texas, in 1959 where he was the captain of the football team. He served in the United States Army as an E6 Staff Sergeant specializing in communications and bravely served his country in Vietnam and during the Cuban crisis. He was also stationed in California, Germany and Korea during his time in the military. After he was honorably discharged from the Army, he attended San Antonio College, where he earned an Associates in Arts Degree in 1975, the University of Maryland, and St. Mary's University. After college, he accepted a position with Southwestern Bell Telephone Company and worked there for many years before leaving to open Texas Propane Company in Von Ormy, Texas. He was a hard worker and an entrepreneur at heart who started many businesses including a flea market and a laundromat. After he retired, he spent most of his time taking care of those he loved. He enjoyed fishing and was very proud of his military service. He is survived by his current wife, Elvira Cantu and her four daughters, his first wife Esmeralda W. (Myrtle) Martinez and their two daughters, Elizabeth and Mary, his second wife Irene Vasquez Cantu and their four children, Manuel, Jr., Miguel, Amanda, and Steven . He is also survived by his brother Juanito, sister Josephina, sister-in-law Santos, and numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, brothers Juan, Hipolito (Polo), Monico, Jr., Ysidro, Adolpho, and sisters Concepcion (Concha) Rodriguez, and Guadalupe Zambrano.

A “Celebration of His Life” service was held on July 11, 2024, followed by a graveside service at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery where he was buried with military honors including the presentation of the American flag, the playing of Taps, and a four-gun rifle salute.

(Information provided by his daughter Mary Vasquez)

Mary Vasquez - May 21 at 05:22 PM

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“ *Esmeralda W. "Myrtle" Martinez purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Manuel Cantu.*



Esmeralda W. "Myrtle" Martinez - July 09, 2024 at 07:27 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Manuel Cantu.*



July 09, 2024 at 07:12 PM