



Manuel Valdez

May 20, 1962 - February 28, 2026

Manuel Valdez, 63, passed away on February 28, 2026, leaving behind a legacy of hard work and boundless devotion to his family and community. Born May 20, 1962, to Victor O Valdez and Maria Del Rosario Valero, Manuel learned the value of a day's labor early in life.

A true neighbor in every sense, Manuel helped establish the first garbage collection route for Villa Coronado. Alongside his childhood sweetheart and wife of 47 years, Esmeralda, he spent countless hours chauffeuring local families to St. Lawrence Catholic Church and Mission San Francisco De La Espada Catholic Church, ensuring no one was left behind. Manuel attended Southside High School. He went on to work for Alameda Steel Co. and Stanley Structures. Later in life Manuel started his own small engine repair business.

He is reunited in peace with his parents; his siblings Raquel Iruegas, Maria Del Rosario Valdez, and Alejandro Valdez; and his grandson Michael A.V Johnson. His memory lives on through his wife, Esmeralda Martinez Valdez, his 7 children, Veronica, Luis, Patricia (Efrain Ramirez), Melissa, Esmeralda (Andrew Garcia), Cynthia, Victoria (Gerardo Lozano); his sister Maria T Valdez; his brothers, Victor Valdez, Juan C Valdez, Martin A Valdez and Santiago Valdez; and a joyful generation of 13 grandchildren, 3 great grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

His family were the pride of his life. A man of abundant love, Manuel's hard work and dedication will never be forgotten.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 17. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels South
1700 SE. Military Dr.
San Antonio, TX 78214

Rosary

MAR 17. 6:30 PM (CT)

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Funeral Mass

MAR 18. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Lawrence Catholic Church
236 E. Petaluma
San Antonio, TX 78221

Interment

MAR 18 (CT)

Mission Burial Park South
1700 SE Military Dr.
San Antonio, TX 78214
<http://www.missionparks.com>

Tribute Wall



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Manuel Valdez.*



March 17 at 05:37 PM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Manuel Valdez.*



March 16 at 03:40 PM



“ *Karen And Dave Diatto purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Manuel Valdez.*



Karen And Dave Diatto - March 04 at 10:08 PM



“ *Jacqueline V. purchased the Simply Elegant Spat hiphyllum for the family of Manuel Valdez.*



Jacqueline V. - March 04 at 08:40 PM

JV

“ Uncle Manual was an amazing person. I will continue to look up to him as the kind of person I aspire to be. He and Tia Esmeralda, and my beautiful cousins, took care of me when when Marie passed away, and I will never forget how loved and cared for I felt at that time. Thank you Uncle Manual, Rest in Peace.



Jacqueline Valdes - March 04 at 08:29 PM

MV

Cousin Jacqueline, we love you and you are always welcome in our home. ❤️🕊️❤️

Melissa Valdez - March 04 at 09:22 PM

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“ Our condolences to the Family of Mr Valdez REST IN PEACE
BROTHER MIKE RODRIGUEZ & ELVIRA BARRIENTES

Miguel Rodriguez - March 04 at 07:34 PM