



Manuel M. Villarreal

September 25, 1933 - May 4, 2021

He was an example for all who knew him, a great and loving father, who taught us to love, laugh and that anything was possible through hard work and that your handshake and word were to be honored. He was a funny, loving Grandfather who never knew a harsh word, except when the Dallas Cowboys were losing. A loving and kind Uncle and most of all a loving and devoted husband. He cherished his family and brought joy to all who knew him with his laughter and zest for life. He served his country proudly as an Airman during the Korean war and was awarded the National Defense Service Medal. He continued to serve his country through 35 years of Federal Civil Service with the Department of Air Force at Kelly Air Force Base where he received numerous awards. He will always be in our hearts and remembered through all the beautiful memories that we will cherish.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Simplicio and Rosa (Mireles) Villarreal, his siblings, Minerva Casanova, Juanita Martinez, Guillermo Villarreal, Samuel Villarreal, Frederico Villarreal, Mary DeLuna, Olivia Lopez and Gloria Timmons.

Mr. Villarreal is survived by his wife of 64 years, Rose; his son, Manuel Jesus Villarreal; his daughters, Betty Jean Garcia and Diane Villarreal Lekven and her husband, Eric J. Lekven; grandchildren, Adam Villarreal, Joseph E. Garcia, Krystal Garcia, Jordan L. Hunter and Ian James Lekven; great grandchildren, Anthony Garcia, Kaylie Garcia, Silas Garcia, Olivia Cook; and

numerous nieces and nephews.

SERVICES

Visitation will begin at 5:00 P.M. followed by a Rosary 7:00 P.M. on Tuesday, May 18, 2021 at Mission Park Funeral Chapels North, 3401 Cherry Ridge Drive. The Graveside Service with Military Honors will be private for family at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery

1520 Harry Wurzbach
San Antonio, TX 78209

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 18. 5:00 PM (CT)

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3401 Cherry Ridge Dr
San Antonio, TX 78230
(210) 349-1414
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

Rosary

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Tribute Wall

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“ Uncle Manuel was a loving and caring man. He was funny and always the life of a party and a good dancer. He was also my mentor and guided me through the first years of my Civil Service at Kelly AFB. We shared a love for our Dallas Cowboys, win or lose, and we had an ongoing bet on every game. We took turns on who had the pick for that week and the “Big Bucks” would fly. The bet was for a whole dollar and sometimes we would owe each other as much as 3 or 4 dollars. We lost track of our bet these last two or three years but because I can still hear his authoritative voice saying “Págueme, Sobrino”, I am leaving a whole dollar bill as payment just in case I ended up owing him. I will miss Uncle Manuel, May he Rest In Peace 🙏.

Juan M. Ramirez (Janie) - May 18, 2021 at 04:51 PM