



## SFC Mario Montoya (RET)

May 5, 1931 - November 13, 2018

SFC (retired) Mario Montoya passed away on November 13, 2018 surrounded by his family. Sgt. Montoya was born on May 5, 1931 to Jose and Petra Montoya in San Antonio, Texas. He was raised in the small ranching community of Canada Verde in Wilson County, outside of San Antonio, Texas with four sisters and nine brothers. He was preceded in death by his parents; 2 sisters and 8 brothers.

. He is survived by two sisters, Teresa and Oralia ; his son, Ripp of San Antonio and granddaughters, Bella Luz and Maria Paz; his daughter, Frances (Joe) Chapa of Edinburg, and grandchildren, Christina, Clarissa, Joey, Carina, and Julian Lee; his daughter Blanca (Craig) Montoya-McCully of Selma, and grandsons, Connor Diego and Aiden Rafael; his son Joseph of California; his former wife Blanca Kreiner; numerous nieces and nephews, and many very close, long-time friends and neighbors. Sgt. Montoya served proudly for twenty years in the United States Army, retiring as a Sgt. 1st Class. (SFC) He served four tours in Viet Nam in the 81st Airborne Division earning several

medals, including the Bronze medal. After retiring in San Antonio, he worked as a Sky Marshall in the United States Customs Service. He then worked as a United States Customs Agent Supervisor in McAllen, Texas, working on many investigations with Customs, the FBI, and DEA, making numerous large seizures of illegal drugs. He retired from Customs in 1993. He worked as a security consultant, traveled, and spent time on the family ranch. He was a paratrooper in the military and continued to skydive with the Confederate Air Force in airshows across the United States and Mexico. He jumped with his son when Ripp was just 14. He loved telling stories and spending time with his friends, children, and grandchildren. He will be missed but his legend will be remembered by his family and friends and his legacy will continue in the all of his grandchildren.

# Cemetery Details

## Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery

1520 Harry Wurzbach  
San Antonio, TX 78209

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 25. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

## Rosary

NOV 25. 7:00 PM (CT)

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## Funeral Mass

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NOV **26**. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Helenas Catholic Church  
14714 Edgemont St.  
San Antonio, TX 78247

# Tribute Wall



“ *To the Montoya family. Our prayers are with you all at this sorrowful time. Sincerely, Frank and Norma Falbo*

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**Frank/Norma Falbo** - November 16, 2018 at 05:17 PM