



Dr. Mathews Benzaquen

June 14, 1925 - March 26, 2017

Dr. Mathews Benzaquen passed away peacefully and surrounded by his family on Sunday, March 26, 2017. He was a general physician and surgeon in San Antonio for 50 years.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Pamela B. Kilgore; his first wife Elizabeth; his parents, Benjamin and Teofila (Alvan) Benzaquen; brothers, Benjamin, Albert, Ernest and Ralph; and his sister, Blanche Andrews. Dr. Benzaquen is survived by his children, Jeffrey, Melvin, Elizabeth, Jennifer, Benjamin and Mathews; his second wife Carole; and his many grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Dr. Benzaquen was the youngest of six children, born and raised in the Amazon rainforests of Peru on his father's mahogany aserradero. As a teenager, he moved to the US, and only a few years later was drafted into the Army where he served active duty in the Korean War. When he returned to the US, Dr. Benzaquen pursued his life-long dream of becoming a physician, attending university at Columbia and Tulane. He moved to San Antonio in the 1960s to do his internship at Robert B. Green hospital and his residency at Baptist Hospital. He practiced his entire career in San Antonio, primarily in parts of the city where he could use his native Spanish to help those in the community. Dr. B was a devoted father, loving husband, proud doctor and a lifetime servant to the people of the city he adored. He loved spending time

with his family, who affectionately referred to him as “Popo,” and he instilled his strong family values in his children. He was eternally young at heart, always making his loved ones smile and laugh, even in his very last days.

SERVICES

A Graveside Service with military honors will be held on Thursday, March 30, 2017 at 2:00 P.M. at Mission Burial Park Dominion North, 20900 IH 10 West. In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions in his memory be made to the Alzheimer’s Association San Antonio & South Texas Chapter, MAC 37 Building, 10223 McAllister Freeway, Suite 100, San Antonio TX 78216 ~ www.alz.org/sanantonio/.

Cemetery Details

Mission Park Funeral Chapels and Cemetery Dominion

20900 IH 10 W
San Antonio, TX 78257
(210) 698-5252
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

Previous Events

Graveside Service

MAR 30. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Terrisa Munoz sent a virtual gift in memory of Dr. Mathews Benzaquen*



terrisa munoz - December 06, 2024 at 08:55 AM



“ *Sarah Doyle & George Fleck purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Dr. Mathews Benzaquen.*



Sarah Doyle & George Fleck - March 30, 2017 at 12:04 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dr. Mathews Benzaquen.*



March 29, 2017 at 02:30 PM