



Merle J. Herrera

January 2, 1929 - January 28, 2017

Merle J. Herrera age 88 of San Antonio, Texas went to be with the Lord Jesus on Saturday, January 28, 2017. He was born January 2, 1929 in Aurora, Colorado to Joe and Helen Herrera who preceded him in death. He was a proud Veteran of the Korean Conflict having served in the U.S. Navy. After his discharge from the Navy, he became a tug boat captain before becoming the manager of the marine division for Centex Cement Company in Corpus Christi, TX. For many years he had a country music band in which his wife and his sons played. In addition to his parents, Merle is preceded in death by his son, Ronald J. Herrera; his brothers, Ben and Joe; and his sister, Rory. He is survived by his loving wife of 65 years, Fern; his son, Donnie Herrera and his wife, Belinda; his grandsons, Michael, his wife, Jaime and Brandon Herrera and his wife, Christy; 2 great grandchildren; his brothers, Lee, his wife, Bette, Bill and Art and his wife, Shirley; his sisters, Esther, her husband, Ken and Carmen; and numerous nieces and nephews.

SERVICES

Visitation will begin at 2:00 P.M. on Friday, February 3, 2017 with the Service to follow at 2:30 P.M. at Mission Park Funeral Chapels North, 3401 Cherry Ridge Drive. Interment with Military Honors will follow at Mission Burial Park North.

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

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Tribute Wall

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“ Growing up and having spent much time with my grandfather I was gifted with wisdom and a lot of fun, maybe too much fun at times and grandmother would come in and scold us for getting too loud and rowdy.

He always harped on me was to find a good and kind man! Never let a man talk down to ya, you stick up for yourself!

He taught me how to be a strong woman.

I was required to go to college, if I wanted to get anywhere in life I needed a good education!

He encouraged me to be an intelligent woman.

As a little girl I wasn't always proper - he would always tell me to close your legs be a lady, sit up straight stop slouching!

He guided me to be a proud and confident woman.

My most fond memories were spent at dance halls whether he was playing or not it meant that I go the chance to dance with him. I would tend to take the lead and he would tell me always let the man lead!

He taught me how to be a trusting woman, that one day some one would come along to lead me.

When I told him in my teenage years, I thought I had fallen in love he asked me "Well does he love you back?". I had no idea how to answer that question....he proceeded to say, "Well make sure he doesn't get any ideas or I'll kick his ass!"

He made me be a savvy woman, to have high standards, and to guard my heart.

In so many ways he shaped me and I hold those lessons and memories tight. He was always loving and strong though stubborn and a bit hot headed he was my role model. I will miss him but I will never question that he loved me I only wish he knew how important his lessons would be for me as I grew up and even now in adulthood.

Kyndra - February 03, 2017 at 09:28 AM

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“ *this is a memory in remembrance of Merle the oldest of 5 brothers and 3 sisters as they grew up in Rapid City SD..*

Bill remembered As a teen Merle won many musical awards on stage and radio..He was also in demand at the dance hall called the Cactus patch.

.Merle had many talents as he would whittle toys for his younger siblings..

His sister Carmen likes to tell the memory that Merle so enjoyed long rides on his horse Duke that had been given to him by a friend that went into the service:

Bill remembers that himself, Merle and Ben were in the Navy at the same time and they exchanged many letters.

Art and Shirley like the memory of when Merle and Fern came to Rapid City on vacation and stayed with us for a week in the 5th wheel that we had brought to our place for them so they could come and go as they pleased then we had a wonderful family picnic in the yard under the big old cottonwood tree..lots of family and music and great laughs...

Art and I send caring thoughts and deepest sympathy to all of the families at this difficult time...Love to you all.

Art and Shirley Herrera - February 01, 2017 at 06:47 PM