

Minerva H. Montez

April 6, 1925 - November 1, 2025

Minerva H. Montez, Beloved Spouse, Mother, Nana and Great Grandmother passed away on November 1, 2025 peacefully in her sleep. She lived a remarkable and long life for 100 years and six months. She was proudest of being a Navy Wife and followed her husband Fred M. Montez throughout his 30 year Naval career, steadfastly fulfilling her duties as guide and caretaker of her family at his duty stations. She was dispenser of the wisdom gained by growing up in the Great Depression, learning to share and work together in a large family, having to endure rationing during World War II and being the sole parent necessitated when her husband was out to sea or deployed. She had her opinions and whether you agreed with them or not you paid attention and gleaned good advice from all of them. She once said she didn't work but stayed home to raise her children. With us five children always underfoot, it sure could be called work!!

She is now joined with her beloved husband, Fred, and will be dancing the night away as they always did. She was the 9th of 15 children and was one of three remaining siblings when she passed away. She leaves behind 4 of her 5 children, Bill(Belinda), Rick(Patricia), Sandy(Bill) and Deborah. Her 5th child, Larry, passed away in 2011. She also leaves behind numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren. We will miss her immensely, but she was embraced by the arms of our lord and savior Jesus Christ on her own terms and in her own time.

Special thanks for the loving care she received as a resident of Stone Oak

Care Center and the caring staff who attended her for the past 4 years. You made her life a joy and threw her a grand 100th birthday party this past April. We love you Momma and will always remember the unselfish love and wisdom you gave us all.

Her funeral services are as follows:

Sunday, November 16th,

4-5 pm. immediate family visitation

5-6 pm. open visitation

6-7 pm. Rosary

7pm till closing. visitation

Location: Mission Park North, 3401 Cherry Ridge Road, San Antonio, TX 78230

Monday, November 17th

10:30 am. Mass of the Resurrection

11:45+/-am. Reception after Mass

Location: St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Church, 1602 Thousand Oaks, SA, TX 78232

Tuesday, November 18th

1:00 pm. Interment

Location: Ft. Sam National Cemetery , Pavilion #1

Our family expresses our heartfelt thanks for the many messages of sorrow and condolences from friends and family.

Cemetery Details

Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery

1520 Harry Wurzbach
San Antonio, TX 78209

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **16.** 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels North
3401 Cherry Ridge Drive
San Antonio, TX 78230

Rosary

NOV **16.** 6:00 PM (CT)

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

Mass of Resurrection

NOV **17.** 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Church
1602 Thousand Oaks
San Antonio, TX, TX 78232

Interment

NOV **18**. 1:00 PM (CT)

Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery
1520 Harry Wurzbach
San Antonio, TX 78209

Tribute Wall

AL

“ Growing up wasn’t always easy for my brother LJ and me, but Nana and Papo were our lifesavers. When things were hard, they stepped in and made us feel like we mattered. Their home was the one place where we always felt safe, wanted, and loved.

I have so many memories that I’ll hold onto forever — watching Young and the Restless with Nana, them taking us to Six Flags, long drives to Corpus to see our dad, Nana’s famous sun-brewed iced tea, and waking up to Papo making scout eggs. Those little moments meant everything to us.

Nana was tough, but she was tough in a loving way. She wouldn’t let me leave the table until I finished my food, and she would sit right there with me the whole time. That was her — strong, stubborn, but full of love.

And Papo... he always called LJ and me “his boys.” Hearing that made us feel important. He took so many pictures of us, always trying to capture our moments together. With them, even a simple day felt like magic.

Nana and Papo didn’t just help raise us — they held us up during some of our hardest times, even when we didn’t know how to say it. They gave us a place to breathe, to grow, and to feel like we were worth something.

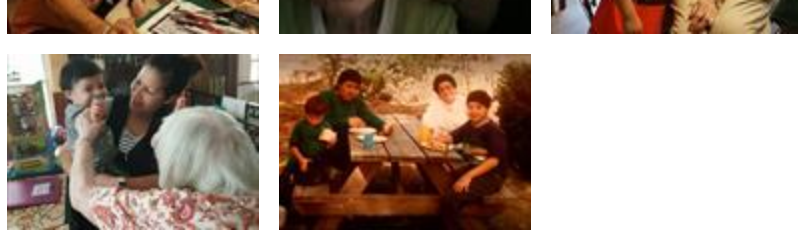
Nana, I miss you more than I can ever explain. This isn’t goodbye. This is “I’ll see you later,” and I know when I do, you’ll be waiting for me on the dance floor like always.

I love you, Nana.

I love you, Papo.

Thank you for being our light.





Alberto - November 18, 2025 at 03:42 PM

LW

“ Nana. I’ve heard so many wonderful stories about you and Papo. And when “Your LJ” introduced me to you, I INSTANTLY fell in love. To meet the woman that had LJs heart. Amazing. I know you and Papo are planning y’all’s night out dancing. Love you to the moon and back. PS, don’t worry I’ll take good care of your LJ.

Lisa Montez (Lj’s Wife) - November 18, 2025 at 03:28 PM

DB

“ On behalf of St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Church, we express our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Minerva (“Minnie”) during this difficult time. It is our prayer that she will rest in peace and experience the eternal glory of God's Kingdom.



Deacon Larry Brisiel - November 17, 2025 at 01:14 PM

LM

“ You will always be missed nana you and Papo are back together and thank you for always making fill like your 6th child i love you

Lawrence Montez - November 17, 2025 at 09:07 AM



“ *I can still hear "my Jakey" in your voice when thinking about you. It was a privilege being able to call you Nana.*

Jacob Funk - November 16, 2025 at 07:04 PM

WM

“ *Mom, we will miss you. It was my honor to be your caretaker over these many years. It is a rare privilege to be able to celebrate your 100th birthday together. God speed on your new adventure.*
Love you Son
Bill

william montez - November 16, 2025 at 09:39 AM

AL

“ *All our love . . .Susan, Jen and Lesley purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Minerva H. Montez.*



All our love . . .Susan, Jen and Lesley - November 12, 2025 at 09:07 AM