



## Norberto Fernandez

June 6, 1928 - July 13, 2015

On Monday, July 13, 2015, our Lord called Norberto Fernandez to join Him in Heaven. Norberto known to many as "Beto" or "Mabel" was born to Adel Fernandez and Francisca Sanchez Fernandez in Uvalde, Texas on June 6, 1928. Norberto grew up in Uvalde and shortly after graduating from high school, he embarked on a 33 year military career serving in the Navy and Air Force. On January 25 1953, he married Minerva Romo. During his military service, he spent time in North Dakota, Illinois, San Antonio, Austin, Saudi Arabia, Thailand and England. Like most other military members, he was also temporarily assigned to a variety of installations to learn how to better serve our country. After his military retirement, he continued working for the US Government in civilian capacities at Kelly AFB and Ft Sam Houston in San Antonio. Before he retired from his Civil Service position, he attained his BA from Texas State University.

He was a long-time member of Holy Name Catholic Church. He was a man of intense faith and was devoted to our Lord and his Holy Mother. He proudly sang in church choirs, was a member of the Society of Our Lady of Guadalupe and served on the parish council when he was stationed at RAF Lakenheath. He was known by his friends and family to be a man of love, compassion and great humor. He possessed an uncanny ability to combine his humor with caricature drawings on his children's lunch bags.

He is preceded in death by his loving bride, Minerva, with whom he remained in love even after her passing on in March 1997, and his son, Edmundo. Also preceding Norberto are his parents, his brothers, Jack, Guadalupe and Adel "Nune" Fernandez Jr., his sisters Leonela "Nena" Salinas, Catalina "Cata" Martinez and half-siblings, Jose, Cristina and Cresencio Rodriguez.

Surviving Norberto are his children and their families, Gary, Yvonne and Ramiro Fernandez; Rozina and Richard Lopez; Roderick, Alyssa, Rowan, Roxana and Roarke Fernandez; Norberto Jr. "Bert", Makayla, Maxine and Marissa Fernandez; and Denise Fernandez. Norberto also enjoyed the love, admiration and respect of a host of brothers and sisters-in-law as well as numerous nieces and nephews in Texas and California.

The Romo Family, their family members, family friends and co-workers are greatly appreciated for their love, prayers and all they offered to Norberto's lives and the lives of his children.

Visitation will begin on Wednesday, July 22, at 6:00 P.M. with a Rosary to be recited at 7:00 P.M. at Mission Park South. A Mass of Resurrection will be celebrated on Thursday, July 23, at 10:00 A.M. at Holy Name Catholic Church, 3814 Nash Blvd.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in his memory to Brighton Center, 14207 Higgins Rd, San Antonio, Texas 78217.