



## Oscar H. Centeno

June 17, 1924 - March 15, 2018

Oscar H. Centeno

6/17/24 - 3/15/18

It is with great sadness the family of Oscar H. Centeno announces his passing on March 15, 2018 at the age of 93. He is survived by his loving wife, Hortense; his three children Oscar Jr, Deborah and Steve; five grandchildren Tim, Cari, Jamie, Lisa and Cassandra; and three great-grand children Calla, Darby and Serenity.

A native San Antonian, Oscar was born on the 17th day of June 1924. In 1943 he enlisted in the U.S. Navy where he honorably served his country as a ships gunner in Guam, Okinawa, Saipan and numerous other islands in the Asian Pacific until his discharge in 1946. Shortly after, fate would have Oscar meet Hortense at a wedding where he was a last minute substitution for a groomsman who was unable to attend. They married in 1947 and would remain so for 72 years. They began a family and Oscar pursued a career with the U.S. Government, Civil Service at Kelly Air Force Base. He retired after over 30 years of service.

His long joyous life was filled with things he valued most: family, friends, God, love, laughter and music. His favorite memory and story to tell was when at age 5 he won first place playing the harmonica at what was then a new

Majestic Theater. This love for music would last all his life, playing the guitar or harmonica, and singing and dancing whenever he could to whoever would listen or dance with him. His affable nature and sense of humor made him everyone's favorite person. His strength and calm demeanor was a comfort to many. He will be missed by all who knew him.

He is preceded in death by his parents Carlos Centeno and Josefa Gonzalez Centeno and five siblings Charlie, Anthony, Amelia, Bertha, and Aurora. May they all be reunited in heaven.

The family would like to express their gratitude to the Vitas Hospice Team for the outstanding service and gentle care they offered to Oscar during his final days.

A chapel service will take place Thursday March 29th at 11:30 at Mission Park Funeral Chapel Cherry Ridge. Graveside service follows at 1:00 pm at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery.

# Cemetery Details

## Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery

1520 Harry Wurzbach  
San Antonio, TX 78209

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 29. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

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

## Chapel Service

MAR 29. 11:30 AM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels Cherry Ridge  
3401 Cherry Ridge Dr  
San Antonio, TX 78230  
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## Graveside Service

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MAR **29**. 1:00 PM (CT)

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

# Tribute Wall

DP

“ Steve, I intended to make to the funeral today but some how I had it on my calendar for Friday. I remember many years ago being welcomed in your home for Sunday dinner with your Mom and Dad. It is a good memory from many years ago. I wish you peace in knowing what a wonderful Dad you had.  
You & your family are in my prayers.  
Denise Parker

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**Denise Parker** - March 29, 2018 at 06:51 PM

MS

“ Martin T., Joe D., Jill W. and Miles S. purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of Oscar H. Centeno.



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**Martin T., Joe D., Jill W. and Miles S.** - March 27, 2018 at 03:27 PM

NC

“ Dads are so special and I know your dad will be looking over you and your family. My friend once told me, if i ever miss a family member, look in the mirror. I loved that and it really helped me get through the pain...Steve, I am so sorry for your great loss. Your daddy will always be with you in your heart. Lots of hugs, prayers and love during this difficult time.  
We all love you!  
Nancy E. Clauss



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**Nancy Clauss** - March 26, 2018 at 04:01 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Oscar H. Centeno.*



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March 26, 2018 at 10:03 AM



“ *Henrietta, Diana Muñiz and David A. Gonzales purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Oscar H. Centeno.*



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**Henrietta, Diana Muñiz and David A. Gonzales** - March 25, 2018 at 08:53 PM



“ *I am so grateful that I had the opportunity to visit with Mr. and Mrs. Centeno. I found Mr. Centeno to be a kiind and sweet man. My sincere condolences to the family.*

*Celia Green Ruiz*

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**Celia Ruiz** - March 25, 2018 at 09:44 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Oscar H. Centeno.*



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March 23, 2018 at 05:16 PM

DM

“ So sorry he is gone. My Mom, Henrietta considered him like a brother. She is so sad about his passing. He was always so sweet and funny. Our deepest condolences to Tencha, his children Debbie and Stevie and the grandchildren. Rest In Peace you dear, dear man. I hope there is a barbershop in heaven for you to hang out in with your buddies.



*The Muñiz and Gonzales Family  
Henrietta, Diana and Dave*

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**Diana Muniz** - March 22, 2018 at 06:19 PM

LF

“ Linda and the Green Family purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Oscar H. Centeno.



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**Linda and the Green Family** - March 22, 2018 at 05:22 PM

LT

“ Letty Trevino lit a candle in memory of Oscar H. Centeno



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**Letty Trevino** - March 21, 2018 at 08:23 PM

LT

“ To Mrs.Centeno,Debbie n your brothers and your families my condolences to all of you. Your husband n father was such a sweet person i enjoyed hearing him play the harmonic and singing and telling me his stories about living downtown near Barrera n Lavca and about his younger days and how he met Mrs.C I'm so glad that you all gave me the opportunity to care for your parents i will miss him dearly may God bless you all and i will keep you all in my prayers may he rest in peace love you all Letty Trevino.

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**Letty Trevino** - March 21, 2018 at 08:22 PM

LG

“ I have known Mr. Centeno for many years and found him to be so kind and gentle. I think his sense of humor was his most enduring quality. He always made coffee for me on my many visits. He will be missed my me and his family. Rest in peace, Mr. Centeno.

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**Linda Green** - March 18, 2018 at 07:17 PM

JC

“ My Grandpa could light up a room. Either with his smile or his music. He was so kind and up beat and everyone that met him said he was “the sweetest man”. I am so grateful to have been blessed with such a beautiful man in my life. I will love you forever grandpa.

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**Jamie Centeno** - March 18, 2018 at 05:56 PM

AR

I will always remember the times spent when we would visit summers as a child. Your dads warm smile and his jokes! He was a wonderful uncle .And our shows we would put on as kids. My mother would always would talk so fondly of her little brother and the shows she would take him to preform and he usually would win. they had such a bond as brother and sister He is now with her once again. God Bless you all. Sending love to all from Oregon. Love you Uncle Oscar. Alice G. Roskam and family.

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**Amelia Alice Goodwin Roskam** - March 31, 2018 at 02:04 PM

DF

*So saddened to hear about Uncle Oscars passing. Yes he will be missed by all. The memory that will always stay in my mind is when mom Amelia, Oscar's sister, died in Oregon and he and Aunt Hortense came to her funeral and Uncle Oscar took out his harmonica and played Amazing Grace at the graveside. Will never forget this. May God's perpetual Light shine upon all of them forever.*

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**Diana & Ed Zeringue family** - March 31, 2018 at 02:44 PM