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Pablo "Paul" Chavez passed away at his home after a long term illness. He was 83. Pablo had been living in Albuquerque for the last 15 years. An Air Force veteran he served in Korea and Vietnam and was awarded numerous citations including the Bronze Star for bravery. Pablo was born in Laredo, TX, one of 9 children to Pablo and Juana Chavez. The Chavez family moved to San Antonio, TX in 1939 where he attended Fox Tech High School and San Antonio College. Pablo joined the Air Force in 1951 where he advanced to the rank of Senior Master Sergeant. Sgt. Chavez was one of a select group of military personnel chosen to protect President John F. Kennedy during his visit to San Antonio in 1963. He retired with full honors in 1978. After his military service he became a letter carrier for the US Postal Service, retiring in 1995. An avid family man and Dallas Cowboys fan he could be found on weekends and holidays surrounded by family, barbequing in the backyard and watching his favorite teams play. After moving to Albuquerque he would watch the San Antonio Spurs on TV as a way of staying connected to the city he loved. Pablo was a great example and mentor of fatherhood, family, faith and righteousness. He will be forever missed but always remembered. Pablo is survived by his wife Yolanda Chavez, sister Guadalupe Garza, and 4 daughters with wife Leona, who passed on December 13, 2000, Deborah

Chavez, Diana Randy Boone, Rose Mary Woods, Caroline Chavez. Pablo has 9 Grandchildren Richard Melissa Boone, Paul Tessa Boone, Derek Laura Boone, Randall Carol Boone, Adam Kristin Woods, Ashley James Garakani, Nicholas Vargas , Natalie Vargas, Anastacia Vargas, 9 Great Grandchildren Jenika Boone, Carolyn Boone, Lydia Boone, Caleb Boone, Zachary Boone , Zoe Boone, Corbin Garakani, Brazos Garakani, Emma Woods Pablo is preceded in death by his parents and siblings Alejandro Chavez, Benigno Chavez, Cecilia Chavez, Bertha Rodriguez, Margarita Solano, Alicia Gonzalez, Elena Rodriguez. Pablo will be buried at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery with full military honors on Monday June 20, 2016 at 11:30 A.M. There will be a Mass at St Anthony de Padua Catholic Church at 10:00 A.M. Visitation and rosary will be at Mission Park North 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday June 19, 2016