



## Salome Zamora Jr.

November 21, 1933 - July 19, 2020

Salome Zamora, Jr. joined his Lord and savior on July 19, 2020 in San Antonio, Texas. He was born on November 21, 1933 in Malakoff, Texas to Salome Zamora, Sr. and Augustina Molina Zamora. Mr. Zamora was preceded in death by his parents; and brother, Hugo Zamora. He is survived by his loving wife of 64 years, Consuelo (Connie) Padilla Zamora; daughters, Liz Sinclair (Randy), Dr. Christina McConnell (John) and Michelle Parish (Darin); sister, Minerva Zamora; grandchildren, Ryan Sinclair, Reece Sinclair and Jack McConnell.

Sal spent 22 years serving his country in the Air Force. On his first attempt, he forged his birth certificate because he was not yet 18, but his recruiter frowned upon that method. He eventually got his mother to sign permission for him and he was able to join on September 17, 1950 at the age of 17. His service took him to Topeka, England, Germany, New Orleans, Wyoming, Detroit, Denver, San Antonio, Korea, Washington, Austin, and Madrid, Spain. He began his military career as a fireman and served in that capacity for 14 years. Due to an injury, he then transitioned to personnel/human resources, and once he retired from the Air Force was able to continue that career at the University of Texas Health Science Center, where he retired in 1996.

Sal and Connie were married on March 9, 1956. They met in junior high school and then spent 64 years together building a family. They traveled

around with the Air Force and eventually settled back home in San Antonio. They came from humble beginnings, but through hard work and perseverance, they were able to build a better life for their children. Sal was a loving father to his three daughters (Liz, Christina, and Michelle). He was proud that all of his daughters went on to graduate from college and pursue post-graduate degrees. He was a great jokester with his sons-in-law (Randy, John, and Darin) and formed a loving relationship with each of them. He took particular pride in his grandsons (Ryan and Reece Sinclair and Jack McConnell). Through his grandsons he was thrilled that he finally had interested participants to pass along all of his golf wisdom.

Speaking of golf. Sal loved to play golf, talk about golf, watch golf, read about golf, buy golf clubs, and teach others about golf. He golfed with his buddies at Ft. Sam golf course and was golfing three times a week up until COVID-19 abruptly put an end to it. Sal was 86 years old and still able to shoot his age!

Sal had an infectious smile that lit up his face. He was a great storyteller and had many “tall tales” to share. He was a jokester to the end. Sal was placed on hospice on June 22 due to complications from multiple myeloma. He was able to be at home with his family making memories until the end. His family will forever be grateful for the love surrounding him his last month. He told all who would listen how he was the luckiest man alive because he had the greatest wife, most amazing daughters, best sons-in-law, and the most wonderful grandsons. When the time came for him to leave this earth, he was being showered with love by his family as he was greeted by Jesus with open arms.

## SERVICES

Visitation will be held on Tuesday, July 28, 2020 from 6:00pm-9:00pm, with a Rosary at 7:00pm at Mission Park Funeral Chapels North. A procession will

depart the funeral home chapel on Wednesday, July 29, 2020 at 9:30am, with a 10:00am Funeral Mass at St. Leo the Great Catholic Church. Interment will follow at Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery. Due to COVID-19, masks are required. Although we would love to reach out and hug you during this difficult time, we are also practicing physical distancing. In addition, due to COVID-19 restrictions at Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery, graveside service will be private.

Flowers can be sent to Mission Park North or you may make a donation to First Tee of Greater San Antonio, a charitable golf organization for children he spoke of often <https://www.firstteesanantonio.org>

For personal acknowledgement, you may sign the online guestbook at [www.missionparks.com](http://www.missionparks.com) in the Tributes section.

MISSION PARK FUNERAL CHAPELS NORTH  
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SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS 78230  
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# Cemetery Details

## **Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery**

1520 Harry Wurzbach  
San Antonio, TX 78209

# Events

**Details are pending.**

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemeteries created a Webcast in memory of Salome Zamora Jr.*



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**Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemetery** - July 28, 2020 at 07:15 PM

AF

“ *Sal, Tom Schafer, Louie Berlanga, and I played in a foursome for several years. No matter how badly we might play it was always fun. Sal was a true gentleman, true friend, and great golfer. I haven't been able to play for the past couple of years and have really missed playing with Sal. My best to his family. Warmest Regards, Al Flory*

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**Alan Flory** - August 07, 2020 at 10:53 AM

HC

*Just found out Sal has passed. So sad to hear it. Sal always had a smile and corny joke to make me smile. Condolences to Miss Connie and his family. Hilda Cortinas*

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**Hilda Cortinas** - August 10, 2020 at 12:39 AM

CM

*Thank you Al, for sharing your kind thoughts. Our family always enjoyed hearing about my Dad's golf buddies and his stories of his favorite pastime. Christina McConnell (Sal's middle daughter)*

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**Christina McConnell** - August 12, 2020 at 08:34 PM

CM

*Hilda, I agree, my Dad always did have a corny joke to share! I meant to mention his favorite one during the eulogy but there were just so many great things to say and not enough time. I agree also that he will be greatly missed. Thank you, Christina McConnell (Sal's middle daughter)*

**Christina McConnell** - August 12, 2020 at 08:36 PM

YG

“ *Yolanda F. Garcia lit a candle in memory of Salome Zamora Jr.*



**Yolanda F. Garcia** - July 30, 2020 at 09:34 AM

MP

*Thank you Yolanda.*

**Michelle Parish** - July 31, 2020 at 01:57 PM

CM

*Thank you Yolanda, a beautiful and appreciated sentiment. Christina McConnell (Sal's middle daughter)*

**Christina McConnell** - August 12, 2020 at 09:18 PM

MJ

“ *I knew Salome in the early 1950s. He always had a smile and had nice things to say. May God bless him and his family.*



*Manuel Vera JR*

**Manuel Vera JR** - July 29, 2020 at 10:25 AM

MP

*Thank you so much Manuel.*

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**Michelle Parish** - July 31, 2020 at 01:57 PM

CM

*Thank you Manuel, my Dad often talked about this time in his life. He loved to share stories and even drove us around his old neighborhood from time to time. He still went to St. Leo's, the church he and my Mom went to during the 1950's. Thank you for sharing your thoughts of him, he will always be alive in my heart and in the hearts of so many others. Christina McConnell (Sal's middle daughter)*

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**Christina McConnell** - August 12, 2020 at 09:23 PM

SR

“ *Sal was a mainstay of our men's golf group. In addition to being a fine player he was a nice guy. We will all miss him and I send you my condolences.*

*Skip Ross*

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**Skip Ross** - July 28, 2020 at 02:59 PM

MP

*Thank you so much Skip. He loved his golfing buddies. Golfing brought him such great joy!*

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**Michelle parish** - July 28, 2020 at 03:26 PM

CM

*Thank you for your condolences Skip, he is greatly missed indeed. I think of him often and still can't believe he is not with us. Thank you for your post, I remember my Dad being an excellent golfer and yet quite humble about it. Please drop a golfball on his grave every now and then. I plan to do so when I am in town. :).*  
*Christina McConnell (Sal's middle daughter)*

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**Christina McConnell** - August 12, 2020 at 09:29 PM

VP

“ I will miss you Uncle Salome. You always had a smile on your face, kind words and a loving heart. You were a great husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle and a great service to our country. I love you. May you find every lasting Peace in God's care. Give our love to Uncle Hugo Grandma Tina and Grandpa Salome Sr.

veronica panek - July 28, 2020 at 12:32 PM

MP

Thank you Veronica! He loved you too. We rest in the knowledge that we will all be together again ❤️

Michelle parish - July 28, 2020 at 03:28 PM

CM

I agree Veronica, a smile, a loving heart, and many warm memories. I believe he is now receiving the comfort of everlasting peace and like Michelle said, I am resting in the knowledge of being together again one day. Thank you for your kind thoughts of my Dad.

Christina

Christina McConnell - August 12, 2020 at 09:35 PM

CA

“ Always a Smile. Till we see you again Uncle Lome ❤️



Cathy - July 28, 2020 at 12:43 AM

MP

Yes his smile is infectious! This was one of his favorite pictures ❤️

Michelle parish - July 28, 2020 at 03:29 PM

CM

*It was heart warming to see you and Louie at my Dad's service. Thank you for sharing this picture, it reminds me of the times of the many family get togethers. My Dad used to carry this one in his wallet, like only old me do these days :). I still can't believe he's not here but like you said, "until we meet again".*

*Christina*

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**Christina McConnell** - August 12, 2020 at 09:49 PM

YG

“ *Sending you these words of condolences for your loss. I am a cousin of your dearly departed loved one! My name is Yolanda F. Garcia, whose father was the late Roman M. Garcia, Sr. Mr. Roman was Salome's uncle on his mother's side, Augustine Molina Zamora! Even though I won't be able to attend due to illness, I do wish to extend my condolences to his loved ones. I pray that Our Lord Father will accompany you during your time of grieve. Thank you for your attention and may God Bless!!!*

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**Yolanda F. Garcia** - July 27, 2020 at 06:17 PM

MP

*Thank you so much Yolanda ❤️*

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**Michelle Parish** - July 27, 2020 at 07:02 PM

LR

*C so much to myself and fami onnie your and Sals presence at my wives funeral meant a great deal to my family. We all wish you and yours the best at this trying time. Leo Rutter*

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**Leo Rutter** - July 28, 2020 at 07:25 AM

CM

*Thank you so much Rutter for your thoughtful words. Both of my parents had spoken of you and of your wife and I know they would be glad to know they were able to support you during your own loss. Likewise, Rutter, it meant a lot to me that you came up to me at my Dad's service and shared your thoughts and stories of him. It was warming to see that you two had a genuine friendship. I still can't believe he is not here on earth and I miss him dearly. ❤️*

*Christina (Sal's middle daughter)*

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**Christina McConnell** - August 12, 2020 at 10:58 PM

YF

“ *Your Genoa Family purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Salome Zamora Jr..*



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**Your Genoa Family** - July 27, 2020 at 01:10 PM

IP

“ *In gratitude, Mrs. Lorelei Putnsm purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Salome Zamora Jr..*



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**In gratitude, Mrs. Lorelei Putnsm** - July 27, 2020 at 12:39 PM

RJ

“ *I am sad to see the news of Sal's passing. He was what I simply call a Good Guy and a heck of a golfer. I also enjoyed the times I played in the same group with Sal; he will be missed by many.*  
*Bob Johnson*

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**Robert Johnson** - July 26, 2020 at 02:36 PM

MP

*Thanks Bob. He loved his golfing buddies!*

**Michelle Parish** - July 27, 2020 at 07:02 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Salome Zamora Jr..*



July 25, 2020 at 03:49 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Salome Zamora Jr..*




July 25, 2020 at 03:24 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Salome Zamora Jr..*



July 23, 2020 at 01:53 AM

 Susan  
Szabo  
Padilla

“ I knew him throughout my life as the only guy who could make my sister happy. With his subtle humor, warm smile and devotion, like his Dad.

The "Military Airman" who served his country till retirement, AVID Sportsman, and a well liked personality. He once saved my Uncle Mike from drowning.

I know Heaven holds a place for a devoted Catholic. I'm thankful for the chance afforded me to speak to him shortly before his passing at home.

When I look out my window at the golf course I will forever remember him.

God Rest his Soul.

Respectfully,

Richard & Susan Padilla

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**Susan Szabo Padilla** - July 22, 2020 at 08:37 PM

MP

What a lovely remembrance. You captured my dad so well ❤️

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**Michelle Parish** - July 23, 2020 at 04:40 PM

AM

“ My dearest Connie, Liz, Christina, and Michelle my deepest sympathy in passing of your beloved husband and dad. The first time I met him, he made me feel so welcome. MY Husband Manuel Z. Munoz was his cousin and always was talking about him. I will never forget his beautiful smile and happy laugh

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**Anita Munoz** - July 21, 2020 at 07:11 PM

RZ

*My Sincere condolences to La Familia Zamora Sorry for your loss,Connie,Liz,Christina,Michelle.and sister Minerva z.guajardo.my first cousin Salome going to miss you.thank you for your service great golfer and a beautiful man with a good heart.love you Reynaldo Zamora Munoz,*

Reynaldo z.munoz - July 21, 2020 at 09:35 PM

MP

*So very kind of you Anita. We have been looking through pictures and know exactly what you mean about his beautiful smile!*

Michelle Parish - July 22, 2020 at 04:37 PM

MP

*Thank you Rey for your kind words.*

Michelle Parish - July 22, 2020 at 04:38 PM

MP

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Michelle Parish - July 21, 2020 at 06:22 PM

KJ

*Such an amazing man! This picture shows his courage and integrity as he willingly served others through the armed service. Thank you Sal for serving all of us through your commitment to America's freedom.*

Kelly Jaquez - July 22, 2020 at 12:56 AM

MP

*Thank you Kelly for praying for him.*

Michelle Parish - July 22, 2020 at 04:36 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Salome Zamora Jr..*



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July 21, 2020 at 05:55 PM



“ *I met Sal on Wednesdays after his golf outings. He would stop by the friends at Sprouts to talk and laugh! He was such a wonderful guy and always happy. He will surely be missed! I pray that God welcomes him into his loving arms! I know he will be playing golf up there! Take care of all his love ones dear Lord and protect them! We will surely miss you Sal!!! I plan on having Masses said for him! Lorraine and Lance*

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**Lorraine Duncan** - July 20, 2020 at 11:11 PM



*Hi Lorraine, I'm Sal's youngest daughter, Michelle. Thank you for your kind words. I'm so glad you knew my dad. He would tell us about his Sprouts buddies. We always had a good laugh that he was hanging out at Sprouts.*

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**Michelle Parish** - July 21, 2020 at 11:44 AM

NZ

“ Dear Familia,  
Know that our thoughts and prayers are with you and our sincere condolences for your loss. I know I was blessed to be there on Saturday to visit with my Tio and enjoy his stories about times gone by. It was difficult leaving that day, but I know he is pain free and enjoying his time in heaven. I will miss his great smile and our talks. May he rest in peace.  
God bless,  
Nathan and Rosemary Zuniga

Nathan Zuniga - July 20, 2020 at 10:57 PM

MP

Nathan, it meant so much to us and him that you came by on Saturday. Thank you for all your kindness. Love to you and Rosemary.

Michelle Parish - July 21, 2020 at 11:47 AM

AP

“ Dear family we are praying for all of you during this time we are with with a heavy heart . but we pray for you to have peace and comfort and enjoy the good memories with your dear Dad and remember his infectious laugh and he'll be love to love you girls and your Families very much and love the golf so much those are the things I'm going to remember and he always said and Connie's great chocolate German chocolate cake those are the things those are the things I'm going to remember about Uncle Sal Hugs and kisses and Prayers The Padilla's Uncle Albert Aunt Marta Cousin Angela



Angela D. Padilla - July 20, 2020 at 10:31 PM

MP

Angela, what great memories! Thanks for sharing. Love to you Aunt Martha and Uncle Albert.

Michelle Parish - July 21, 2020 at 11:50 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Salome Zamora Jr..*



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July 20, 2020 at 06:10 PM



“ *Our sincere sympathy and heartfelt prayers sent to Aunt Connie and family during this very sad time. We pray for comfort and blessings Rest In Peace, Uncle Salome.*

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**joe padilla** - July 20, 2020 at 01:39 PM



*Thank you Joe Anthony we appreciate your prayers.*

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**Michelle Parish** - July 22, 2020 at 04:39 PM