



## Salvador R. Fernandez

March 9, 1931 - January 4, 2024

Salvador R. “Leo” Fernandez was born on March 9, 1931, in Uvalde Texas to parents Isabel & Irene R. Fernandez. He completed his earthly journey and went home to be with our Lord in the evening hours of January 4, 2024, at the age of 92.

Salvador was a veteran of the United States Army proudly serving his country while stationed at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii before being shipped to fight in the Korean War. During his combat time, he was listed as Missing in Action (MIA). While MIA, he was able to evade capture and eventually returned back to the American forces with the help of a dog which would alert Salvador whenever the enemy was close by.

After the Korean War, he returned home to San Antonio where he attended and completed barber school. He started his barber career in 1962 and owned Fernandez Barber Shop on South Flores until his retirement in April 2021. For 59 years, he was a barber to many veterans and many generations of families as well. The barber shop reflected Leo’s respect for veterans as the walls had the photos of those serving and the veterans who came to get their hair cut or just to visit with him.

Leo was a treasure and was loved by his family, friends and so many of his clients for his abundance of jokes, stories, old-style sense of humor, beaming

smile and easy joyful laugh. He had a genuine love for his family, friends and brightened our lives with his presence.

Leo was a wonderful husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather, great-great grandfather, brother, brother-in-law, uncle, friend and mentor. He always was there to provide and helped family in almost every possible way he was asked. A truly loving and caring human being that will be deeply missed by so many people whose lives he touched in his own special way.

Salvador is preceded in death by his parents, Irene R. Fernandez & Isabel Fernandez; brothers Abraham and Orlando Fernandez; sisters Delia F. Sabedra and Dora F. Martinez. He is survived by his beloved wife Maria Santos of 69 years; daughters, Esmeralda Fernandez & Sandra Fernandez, and son Arnold Fernandez. His four grandchildren, Joe Valdez (Gina), Vanessa Rivas (Nick), Celine Ramos and Kayla Garcia; eight great grandchildren and three great-great grandchildren. Sister Patricia F. Garza (Reynaldo deceased) and brother Fernando Fernandez (Alicia) as well as several nieces and nephews, including a host of extended relatives and friends.

Salvador R. "Leo" Fernandez may have left our lives but will never leave our hearts!

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, January 10, 2024 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. with a rosary to be recited at 7:00 p.m. at Mission Park Funeral Chapels South. Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 9:30 a.m. at St. Leo the Great Catholic Church with a procession to depart the funeral home at 9:00 a.m. Interment to follow at Mission Burial Park South.

# Cemetery Details

## Mission Burial Park South

1700 SE Military Dr.  
San Antonio, TX 78214  
<http://www.missionparks.com>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 10. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels South, Cemeteries & Crematories  
1700 SE Military Dr  
San Antonio, TX 78214  
(210) 924-4242  
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

## Rosary

JAN 10. 7:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels South, Cemeteries & Crematories  
1700 SE Military Dr  
San Antonio, TX 78214  
(210) 924-4242  
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

## Funeral Mass

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JAN 11. 9:30 AM (CT)

St. Leo the Great Catholic Church  
4401 S. Flores  
San Antonio, TX 78214

# Tribute Wall

MP

“ *My name is Martin Pacheco and I was a Marine Corps Recruiter in South Park Mall 1986-89. All the recruiters would go get our haircuts with him. So many great stories he shared with us. He gave my two sons their first haircut. They remember him well. Rest in Peace sir*

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**Martin Pacheco** - January 10, 2024 at 03:08 PM

SP

“ *Uncle , you are gone but you will never be forgotten .  
We thank you , heavenly father, for the life of our uncle , and we pray that you grant him eternal rest and comfort.*

*From The Perez Family  
Dallas, Texas*



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**Susan Perez** - January 09, 2024 at 01:40 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Salvador R. Fernandez.*



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January 09, 2024 at 08:46 AM

FG

“ My prayers for the Fernandez family, an uncle very dear to me and my family, I have very beautiful memories  
RIP uncle Leo

Fernando Guajardo - January 07, 2024 at 05:37 PM

FR

“ Frank R. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Salvador R. Fernandez.

Frank R. - January 07, 2024 at 04:34 PM

FR

“ I first met Leo in the mid 1980's on a trip to Pleasanton for our grandmother's funeral. At the time I wasn't aware that we were related to each other.....it was strange to me to hear someone refer to my deceased dad as his grandfather. I've been greatly honored to have met him and humbled by his presence when my mom and oldest brother (who could easily pass for Leo's baby brother) passed on My deepest condolences and prayers to the family.



Frank Ramirez - January 07, 2024 at 03:30 PM

DU

My dad would take my 2 brothers an I to get a hair cut there in the mid 60s an we went their all the time I would always go visit him when I was in the area I loved his coke Mach he an my dad were best of friends forever tell the day my dad passed away he went my dads funeral he was a great guy rest in peace

Danny uriegas - March 17, 2024 at 12:05 AM

FJ

“ Fabian Jones planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Salvador R. Fernandez.

Fabian Jones - January 06, 2024 at 10:19 PM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Salvador R. Fernandez.



January 06, 2024 at 10:19 PM

RB

“ Mr. Fernandez was my barber since I was little he was a kind person. He also would cut my dads hair as well as my grandfathers. My thoughts and prayers are with the family



Ronald Bara - January 06, 2024 at 08:20 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Salvador R. Fernandez.



January 06, 2024 at 07:45 PM