



## Santiago Muzquiz

September 22, 1948 - February 1, 2026

Santiago "Jim" Muzquiz

Beloved husband, devoted father and cherished brother & friend passed away peacefully early Sunday morning February 1, 2026 with his wife by his side. He was 77

He proudly served in the US Navy for 4 years. He was a machinist mate aboard the destroyer USS BOYD DD 445. He was a proud patriot and he especially loved flying the US Flag in the front yard.

He was the heart and glue of the family. An extraordinary man of his word with strong values and principals. He was genuine and spoke his mind with honesty and love. He offered wise advice and heartfelt counsel to his wife, his children, grandchildren and friends. He was also a man of deep faith. He came to know Jesus as his Lord and Savior and accepted him wholeheartedly.

His children and his grandchildren were his world. He was so proud of all of them and all their accomplishments. He especially enjoyed the times he spent with them on fishing trips and teaching them to play chess and spades. He also enjoyed the laughter and excitement that the games would bring. He was a great father and grandfather. He loved them all so much.

His Love story with his wife Estella began in 1992. Their partnership was rooted in affection, respect for one another, humor and devotion. They shared many ups and downs during their 30 yrs together. Through the grace of God they overcame all challenges. He was happy living in the slower paced Rio Grande Valley. The fact that the Gulf was close was an extra plus.

Even though they were a blended family, they built a home filled with love and memories that will continue to inspire their children and grandchildren.

Melinda & Abel Capetillo

Matthew & Sophia

James Eric & Veronica Muzquiz

Jimmy, Alexis, Audrey, Jason

Michael W & Dee Muzquiz

Samantha, Meggan, Michael

Judy & Robert Marburger

Sydney, Cameron

Jaclyn & Nahid Karimjee

Aaron, Nathan

Joanne & Tim Rice

Jocelyn, Timothy

He is also survived by his brother Edward Muzquiz and his sister Betty Vasquez.

Brothers in law, Arnold de los Santos, Armando de los Santos, Joe & Janie de los Santos, Alphonso & Gisela de los Santos, Robert & Liza de los Santos

and

Sister in law Nora A de los Santos

Along with several nieces and nephews and friends that he loved very much.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Acension and Francisa Muzquiz and his brother Julio Muzquiz

Family and Friends are invited to a Celebration of Life on Tuesday February 17 from 4p-5p for family and 5p-8p for friends at Mission Park Funeral Chapel Cherry Ridge, 3401 Cherry Ridge Dr, San Antonio, Tx

Wednesday Feb 18 services will be held from 9a-10a and will proceed to Fort Sam Houston for burial,

Though our hearts are heavy, we rejoice in the immeasurable gift of Jim's life. Memories will forever live in our hearts. His love and presence will forever guide those that he cherished.

John 14:27

Peace I leave you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled neither let it be afraid.

# Cemetery Details

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

1520 Harry Wurzbach  
San Antonio, TX 78209

# Tribute Wall



“ *Armando and Lupita Razo purchased the Yellow Sunflowers (Silk Cemetery Flowers) for the family of Santiago Muzquiz.*



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**Armando and Lupita Razo** - February 17 at 12:39 PM



“ *Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Santiago Muzquiz.*



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February 16 at 05:14 PM

MM

“ *My dad was a fighter*

*Strong*

*Reliable*

*Smart*

*Determined*

*Particular about things*

*A Master negotiator*

*Leader*

*Bold*

*He taught me to speak up for myself*

*My dad was 'cool' in every sense of the word...motorcycles, boats, guns, lifted trucks, big speakers, sports cars*

*He never quit*

*He could fix anything or 'jimmy' it so it was good as new...or almost*

*He taught me to drive stick, change a tire and check my oil.*

*He was spiritual, and taught me about God*

*He often told me not to worry and stress when in that moment I had nothing to stress about.*

*He told me God would never give me anything I couldn't handle, and he was always right.*

*Did I mention he was a great listener? - the best!*

*While growing up, I remember hearing , "If you're gonna do something, do it right" often*

*My favorite things as a child were running races with him, he always let me win, and going for rides on his motorcycle. In kindergarten he'd sometimes drive me to school on it...I felt like the coolest kid there.*

*Sand duning, loud music, 3-wheelers and fishing....oh the fishing. I could bait a hook, cast a reel and filet a fish at a very young age*

*because of him.*

*And then there was the game of Spades, another one of his favorites. He was our scorekeeper, rule enforcer and quite the shark.*

*In his older years, he enjoyed stopping by garage sales and negotiating deals he couldn't pass up. He had a ton of 'stuff'*

*The only time I ever saw him get choked up, was when he was talking about his kids or grandkids, he was so proud*

*In my dad's presence I never worried, and always felt safe no matter the situation*

*There was nothing he couldn't figure out.*

*He instilled so many of his values and characteristics in us*

*Because of my dad, I am me.*

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**Melinda Muzquiz-Capetillo** - February 07 at 11:32 AM

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*To the best brother in law anyone could ever have. Very kindhearted and always willing to help.*

*When I would go visit he would always tell me "Don't do anything I wouldn't do" before I left. 😊*

*Thank You Jim for everything you brought to our family. You will forever be in our hearts and never forgotten. You will continue to live in our memories, stories & lives.*

*Rest in eternal peace and Thank You for serving our Country. 🇺🇸*

*Love your sister in law. 🕊️🌸❤️*

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**Nora Ann de los Santos** - February 07 at 12:39 PM

AC

“ I will miss you more that you will ever know. Thank you for the life lessons and trust you bestowed in me all these years. I am a better man, husband , father and human being because of you. You taught me humility, faith, trust and love thru your actions and I will always be thankful for our time together. We will always have a seat for you at the card table, love you sir.



Abe Capetillo - February 07 at 10:57 AM

MM

“ Love and miss you always, Dad!



Melinda Muzquiz-Capetillo - February 07 at 10:39 AM

IM

Beautiful pictures! He loved you more than you know! He would love it when you called him. I could hear him laughing at whatever it was you all were talking about. I know that your heart is broken but, like he would tell me life goes on but our memories are forever! Love you Mel!



irma Muzquiz - February 17 at 12:27 PM