



Tony Van Ness, Jr.

September 10, 1933 - April 22, 2011

Tony "Buddy" Van Ness

Loving husband, father, brother and friend passed away at the age of 77. He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Olga Van Ness, children, Mary Ann Van Ness, Barbara Gomez, Deborah Lopez, Elizabeth Frias Van Ness, Dutch Van Ness, the love of his life & ½ his grandchildren, Lindsay Riojas, Justine Hubbs, Carly Lopez, Christian Lopez, Sean Lopez, Shea Lopez, Twins & ½ Mathew and Daniel Gomez, Fernando Frias Jr., Sarah Van Ness, Dane Van Ness and great grandchildren Jacob, Michael and AJ "Buddy" Riojas; cherished Daughter-in-law, Georgann Natividad Van Ness, sons-in-law, Stephen Gomez, David Lopez, Everett Ives and Ramiro Riojas, many friends and relatives past and present who have loved him.

Tony was a proud member of Sheet Metal Mechanics Union Local 67 and served in the US Navy & ½ Korean War. He is preceded in death by his father, mother and sister, Tony, Julia and Dolly Van Ness.

Visitation will begin from 6:00-8:00 PM on Monday, May 2, 2011 at Mission Park Funeral Chapels North with a ROSARY to be recited at 7:00 PM that same evening. A procession will depart the funeral home at 9:30 AM on Tuesday, May 3, 2011 for a 10:00 AM Mass at Basilica of the National Shrine of the Little Flower and St. Therese Parish, 1715 N. Zarzamora, SA, TX.

Interment to follow at Fort Sam National Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the American Cancer Society.

Tribute Wall

LS

“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Van Ness Family during these difficult times. Buddy was a great friend to my father Gilbert Siller and the family. It was a great pleasure to have know him and he will be truly missed! Buddy and my father were great

Laura Siller Surian - May 03, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ Dear Aunt Olga and family,
I am so sorry for your loss. I wish I could have made it in to say good-bye. God will take care of him now. Just know that he is loved by so many. God Bless you all.
Love,
DeDe

Diana DeDe Parmer - May 03, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BD

“ Uncle Buddy, I will always remember the times we all went fishing with Grandpa and the wood boat. You were a good man and will be deeply missed.
My thoughts are with your family.

Bill Dalmeida - May 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ We wish to extend our condolences to all of you. I have many fond memories of Buddy. My Dad and Mom have always held them very close in their hearts. The picture I have of Buddy in my mind is from a fishing trip at the coast with some of the uncles and

John and Cynthia Anderson, Jr. - May 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM

NM

“ Our good thoughts of Mr Van Ness will always remain with us for eternity. His beloved wife Olga, a pillar of strength, for her family, is a symbol of true love for her family and her husband, including their friends. We will miss him but he will be in our

Norma and Martin - May 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM

EP

“ I have my love for outdoor life, camping and fishing as a result of spending much of my childhood camping with with the Mr. VanNess and Dutch. Great Memories.

Edward Perez - May 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ I remember all Tony's fishing trips to the coast. I remember him sitting in his lawn chair and reading the same western book three times. I remember how excited he got about his annual beach party. I will miss his humor and excitement for life. He was a g

Maureen Winkelman - May 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BY

“ My thoughts and prayers to Buddy's family. I know that he was greatly loved and will be greatly missed.

Love,

Betty

Betty Ed Young - May 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RI

“ *Deborah, my condolences to you and all your family, can't find the right words to give you comfort, God bless you.*

Ricardo - May 01, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DN

“ *Our condolences to the family. Many happy memories of family gatherings, fishing trips, and get togethers. Those memories will never be forgotten. We will deeply miss you!
With all our love,
Your brother and sister-in-law*

Dickie & Chill Van Ness - May 01, 2011 at 12:00 AM

GS

“ *Our prayers go out to the Van Ness Family...Buddy we're going to miss you....Gerard Siller and Family*

Gerard D. Siller - May 01, 2011 at 12:00 AM

GJ

“ *My thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family during these difficult times.*

George Torres Jr. - May 01, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SR

“ *MaryAnn, I am so sorry to hear about your Dad passing - You and your family are in my prayers. With all my love, Sylvia*

Sylvia Mendez Ray - April 30, 2011 at 12:00 AM

FG

“ *Farewell my Friend I will miss you.*

Frank Gonzales - April 30, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RT

“ *I'm so sorry for your loss...I will pray for your family. God Bless...*

Rose Pequeno Trevathan - April 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ *With a heavy heart and sadness shared by many, we offer the Van Ness family our prayers and condolences during this difficult time. While I feel that my words may feel fruitless to you, please know that our respect for Mr. Van Ness is sincere and without*

The Villarreal family - April 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RU

“ *My deepest sympathy to you Mrs. Van Ness and your family. Buddy was a good friend to my husband, Gilbert Uribe. My sons and grandchildren remember Buddy's kindness during our time of sadness. God Bless your family*

Rosa R Uribe - April 28, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CU

“ *I would like express my deep condolences to all the Van Ness family. He was a good man and a great friend to my father Gilbert. I was always glad to know that Buddy and my dad worked well together and always had a good time. He will be greatly missed and*

Chris Uribe - April 28, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RP

“ *Hello Van Ness family, this is Ray Perez. I just want to offer my condolences in the loss of your dad. As we can all attest, he is in a better place. Do not make the mistake I made and be angry at God but instead use that energy to thank him for having h*

Ray Perez - April 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ *Dutch and Van Ness Family.
My deepest sympathy for you and
your family. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this
time.*

Karen Speck - April 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

VN

“ *You are in my prayers and remember that God heals the heart.*

Virginia Arce Natividad - April 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SE

“ *I'm deeply sorry to hear of the loss of your father. Our thoughts and
prayers go out to you. May the Lord bless and continue to keep you.*

Stephen Everett - April 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

WH

“ *I was heartbroken to hear of your loss, and I want you to know that
my thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Whit - April 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BG

“ *Our deepest sympathies to Dutch and the entire Van Ness family.
Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Buddy and Martha Griffith - April 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ *My condolences and sympathies to the family.*

Darin - April 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

GI

“ Yes Mary Ann, your Daddy has always been handsome so tall and slim. To the Van Ness family, I am sorry for your loss. Yes he will be missed but he has left his spirit in all of you. My prayers and love are with all of the Van Ness family.

Gigi - April 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

OK

“ MaryAnn, what a handsome picture of your father. You have a wonderful family and he will be missed. You and your family are in my prayers.

Olga Kucerak - April 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

GE

“ Thanks Tony for all the times you took me fishing and hunting as a kid. I will never forget those times.

gene - April 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ My dad is so handsome!! No wonder I am so good looking. We miss you so much.

Mary and Everett

Mary Ann - April 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ May he be at peace & please find comfort knowing he is with our babies.

Stephanie & Gilbert Flores - April 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LI

“ We will miss you very much, thanks for everything you did to make me a better person. I know you will be watching over us . I love you Daddy .

Lindsay - April 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM