



## SSGT. Tony A. Vela

February 9, 1934 - September 20, 2017

Tony A. Vela went to be with the Lord on September 20, 2017, at the age of 83. He was born on February 9, 1934 in San Antonio, TX. He is preceded in death by his parents, Candelario Vela Sr. and Dolores Cantu Vela, and sister, Mary Louise Cortez. He survived by his 6 children, Mary Jean Hernandez (David), JoAnn Ortiz, Mary Dolores Mendoza (Antonio, III), Tony A. Vela, Jr., Cindy Birones, and Edward Vela; 10 grandchildren, Michelle, Christina, Rae Monique, Herman, Tanya Marie, Olga Nicole, Charlie, Dimas, Anjelica and Gavin; 3 great-grandchildren, Aubri, Audrina and Lyvia Grace; brother Candelario Vela, Jr. (Maria) and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. The family would like to thank Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Perez for their caring love and compassion.

Tony proudly served and retired from the United States Air Force. After serving his country, he worked for East Central Independent School District as a custodian. Tony loved to hunt and fish. He will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

Visitation will be Sunday, October 1, 2017 from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. with a Rosary to be recited at 7:00 p.m. at Mission Park South. Funeral procession will depart the funeral home at 11:30 a.m. for a Funeral Mass at 12:00 p.m. on Monday, October 2nd at St. Anthony Catholic Church in Elmendorf, TX. Interment to follow at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery.

# Cemetery Details

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

1520 Harry Wurzbach  
San Antonio, TX 78209

# Previous Events

## **Visitation**

OCT 1. 5:00 PM - 9:00 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**

OCT 1. 7:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels South, Cemeteries & Crematories  
1700 SE Military Dr  
San Antonio, TX 78214  
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## **Funeral Mass**

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OCT 2. 12:00 PM (CT)

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

## **Graveside Service with Full Military Honors**

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OCT 2. 1:45 PM - 2:15 PM (CT)

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San Antonio, TX 78209

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Carmen Bennett lit a candle in memory of SSGT. Tony A. Vela*



**Carmen Bennett** - September 27, 2017 at 06:22 PM

CB

*Rest in peace Tony!  
Love you, Carmen*

**Carmen Bennett** - September 27, 2017 at 06:23 PM

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*May God wipe away all the tears and may HE give you eternal rest Tony. You will be dearly missed in Elmendorf. RIP.*

**Angela Casanova** - October 03, 2017 at 10:29 PM



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**Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemetery** - September 27, 2017 at 08:49 AM