



Valeriano A. Torres

August 9, 1948 - July 23, 2020

On Thursday, July 23, 2020 at 7:29 PM, Valeriano (Vale) Alvarado Torres, loving husband and father of five children, passed away at 71 years of age. He is preceded in death by his parents, David and Amelia Torres, and his oldest brother, David D. Torres, Jr.

He is survived by his loving wife of 37 years, Mary Helen Torres; his five children, son, Cristoval David Torres (Areleen), daughter, Regina Torres Gonzales (Rene), son, Valeriano Judas (Dee) Torres (Lisa), son, Roberto Duran Torres (Melissa), and daughter, Vanessa Torres; his siblings, Marie Barwise, Manuel Torres, Susanna Gomez, Zenon Torres, Herlinda Torres, Jesus Torres, Rosa Linda Torres, Frances Ramos, Jim Torres, John Torres, Debra Torres, and Billy Torres; his many grandchildren, great-grandchild, numerous nieces and nephews, and many family members and great friends whom he greatly loved.

Vale was born August 9, 1948 in San Antonio, Texas to David Davis Torres and Amelia Alvarado Torres. He was born and raised in the Westside of San Antonio and graduated Class of 1968 from Sidney Lanier High School. He worked with troubled youths at the Good Samaritan Center during high school and after graduation. He was drafted into the United States Army during the Vietnam War from January 1969 thru February 1970 with the 198th Light Infantry Brigade Americal Division. He proudly served his country earning the Combat Infantry's Badge and Bronze Star during his time in Vietnam. Upon

his return from Vietnam, he served in the United States National Guard, worked for the Mexican American Unity Council, and later worked for and retired from the United States Postal Service. He loved his family and friends deeply and will be greatly missed.

In lieu of flowers, his family requests donations in his memory be made to the Good Samaritan Community Services in San Antonio, TX at <https://www.goodsamaritancommunityservices.org/get-involved/donate-now>

Visitation will be held Monday, August 3, 2020 from 5:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M. at Dellcrest Funeral Home. Due to Covid 19 restrictions, only a 40-person maximum will be allowed in the chapel.

A private graveside service will be held on Tuesday, August 4, 2020 at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery

1520 Harry Wurzbach
San Antonio, TX 78209

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 3. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Dellcrest Funeral Home
2023 S WW White Rd
San Antonio, TX 78222
(210) 337-4082
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

Graveside Service

AUG 4. 2:15 PM (CT)

Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery
1520 Harry Wurzbach
San Antonio, TX 78209

Tribute Wall



“ *Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemeteries created a Webcast in memory of Valeriano A. Torres*



Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemetery - August 03, 2020 at 04:32 PM



“ *Sweet Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Valeriano A. Torres.*



August 03, 2020 at 07:22 PM



“ *Nicole Flores purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Valeriano A. Torres.*



Nicole Flores - August 03, 2020 at 01:27 PM

NT

“ *Miss you dear BIL.*



Norma Treviño - August 03, 2020 at 09:55 AM

LM

“ *Vale what can I say except that you were the best big brother anyone could have. Always ready with a lending ear, never judging anyone and with a big heart. I never forget when Jimbo was little and you were his godfather you would bring him his birthday, Christmas gift etc. and you would bring Jerry a little something so he wouldn't feel left out. I remember going to the river with you and so many great memories I will cherish forever in my heart. I have one regret that I didn't spend more time with you but I'm glad we talked on the phone often and you knew I loved you. My heart aches and I tear up but I'll be strong as you would have wanted me to. Thank you again for being a great big brother. Love you always*
❤️ *R.I.P.*

Linda Moreno - August 03, 2020 at 09:39 AM

LA

“ I met Mr Vale (he hated to be called “Mr” Torres but I’m a southern boy and out of respect we met in the middle and agreed to go with Mr Vale) and Ms Mary from his 2 son Chris and Duran that ended up being my roommates and brothers. Just Duran moving in with “Chris” turned out to be a funny story in its onself.

They always told me these amazing stories, about their lives growing up as kid, and how AMAY his did breakfast tacos were. The way they spoke of them they were legendary.

2-3 years later I met Regina and Dee as well and they both tweaked the family stories a little more. It’s funny because from all the stories I felt like I knew kind of already them already. It didn’t matter how funny, bad, who’s story do you actually believe about what really happened because the first thing I learned from the Torres boys/girls was “I didn’t do it”😭“It wasn’t me”😭“I don’t know what cha talking about”😭 They became like brothers to me. We helped each other with many things.

One day I joked with Mr Vale about me joining the Torres family and becoming a MexiCAN. He said “Lane you already are and have been. My sons probably call you for help or when they need something before they call each other (Ohhhh Lucky me). When you need help you call the 1st person you know that will help or that you trust the most. That is family. You have been family for a long time. He said I really and truly thank you for always being their to help them with whatever they needed because they can be pretty needy at times.” We laughed but deep down I truly felt honored and I knew he was definitely not lying about them being needy.

He was the type of man that got respect as soon as he walked into a room. He didn’t demand it or tell you but there was just something about his presence that you just knew. If he was standing I would offer my seat not because he was older but because of who he was as a man. His presence made you want to offer him your chair.

Me and him talked about SOOOOOO MUCH DALLAS COWBOYS FOOTBALL. Poor Ms Mary was probably tired of hearing about our comments and posts to each other. We would get so mad and cuss about his favorite coach “The Red Headed Clapper”.

I wasn't aware at first that he had COVID-19 at first. I knew he was sick but I didn't think it was anything more than a common cold. Then the news came that he had Coronavirus. I was nervous and scared but then the "what if's" started in. Then my heart dropped as I heard he was going to be out on a ventilator soon. I had talked to him a few days earlier online. I told him "This cold doesn't have a chance against you. You kicked Vietnam's butt, survived 5 kids who were the opposite of of little angels and had beaten more things than I can ever so this will be a cake walk for you."

Until now I have been lucky. I had not personally known of anyone being that's on a ventilator. Like most I have heard all the news, stats and stuff.

He was such a big part of so many peoples lives that my heart goes out to you and your entire family in more ways than you can imagine. I heard so many times from Chris and Duran "I'll call my dad. He will know!"

The hearts from Lane, Tisha, Kami and Carson goes out to the entire Torres and their extended family. This honestly breaks my heart and I am so saddened by this. In these crazy times when good men are needed we lose one of the best.

You might be gone physically but you will be forever in our hearts. Your advice and friendship will always be appreciated. Thank you for anything and all you did. Your advice, Love, and Friendship will always be appreciated and never forgotten.

R.I.P. Mr Vale and let your light shine down upon us.

Lane - August 02, 2020 at 01:05 PM

MT

Thank you Lane.

Mary Torres - August 02, 2020 at 07:38 PM

NT

“ My deepest sympathy to you Helen. There are no words to tell you how awful I feel for you, Vanessa and the kids. Vale will be greatly missed in all our lives. I know we all have a hard time accepting his passing and I know it is really hard on Zenon, since he and Vale would talk practically everyday. I will miss hearing Zenon and Vale exchanging recipes, as they so often did. I would listen and laugh to myself when they would have a little disagreement on whether to use milk or buttermilk for biscuits, among other ingredients for other recipes. Vale's memory will live in our hearts and thoughts forever. I love you Vale and thank you for being there for Zenon and being a great big brother to him. God bless you and give you peace. My love to you Helen and the family. Norma Torres

Norma torres - July 30, 2020 at 03:38 PM

MN

My deepest condolences may Vale RIP

Mary Madrid from Fort Sumner NewMexico - August 01, 2020 at 11:27 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Valeriano A. Torres.



July 30, 2020 at 01:33 PM



“ *In loving memory of the best father in law I could have deserved. His strength and discipline guided me daily and his generosity and gentleness is instilled in my child. I love you Mr. Torres and sending huge hugs and kisses. You are a Great Man and will always be remembered.* 🙏💙



Cristina Castillo - July 29, 2020 at 02:09 PM

MV

“ *You were one of my favorite tios. Every time I would see you, you would always greet me with a hug and a smile and say "Hello pretty girl!" I always looked forward to going to your house and hanging out with my cousins and watching boxing with you and my dad. I thought it was the coolest thing to see you delivering mail in your mail truck and how neat it was that you had a cool hat to go with the uniform. The last time I saw you was at my brother's wedding. It was a 20s themed wedding and you and Helen just looked wonderful! We shared a table and a fun night! I just want you to know I love you tio and will miss you. My condolences to my Aunt Helen and to my cousins. I love y'all and stay strong*

Michele Villanueva - July 29, 2020 at 11:50 AM

AM

My Condolences to Vale friend from school Prayers to your family and RIP 🙏🙏🙏

Amelia - July 30, 2020 at 12:17 AM

ZT

“ My Brother,I'm going to miss you,brother we had some great time's growing up I will never forget all the things I learned from you, especially all the tricks to survive in basic training when I went into the army it made my life easy for me,all the boxing lesson'sand me going with you downtown to to the Alamo Boxing gym which was right above the Coney Island Hot Dog's that was the best part for me as a kid,at times you didn't have enough money but you still took me to get a hot dog each and a soda you would always give a hug and ask me how was the dog I would say it was good and you would say next time we'll get 3 hot dogs each,and when the next time came we had 3 hot dogs each.you would tell me that's for being a good sparring partner.Later Brother love and miss you.I hope I spelled everything right and used periods and commas where they're supposed to go, you would always call me and tell me zenon you forgot a comma here and a period there and I would say ok brother thanks.

Zenon torres - July 29, 2020 at 08:51 AM

SV

“ *My condolences to all the Torres family I am so sorry for your loss. I never really know what to say at times like this but my heart and love goes out to you all. I wish this was all just a bad dream. Vale I still can't believe that you are really gone bother-in-law. Thank you for being a wonderful husband to my sister and an amazing dad to all your children. You were one of a kind that is for sure and we were all blessed to have you in our lives. You will be missed by all so very much. I know that I will miss all your jokes and stories. I'm so sorry that we didn't get to see much of each other but I always knew that you were taking good care of everyone. Rest in peace dear brother-in-law, until we met again.*

*Love,
Sylvia, Valerie and Joey*

Sylvia Vasquez - July 29, 2020 at 01:14 AM

NT

“ *My sincere condolences to my sister Mary Torres, nephews Chris, Dee, Duran and nieces Regina & Vanessa for the loss of your beloved husband & father. He will forever be by ur heart, mind and side. The love you gave him, know that he took it up with him to heaven where he will await your arrival. Love you all. Your sister & Tia Norma ♡*



Norma Treviño - July 28, 2020 at 04:29 PM

NT

“ *What can I say about the best Brother in Law Ever. Vale was so kind, thoughtful and respectful. He gave me my very first classic car 1972 Pontiac Bonneville. I loved & appreciated him so much. He loved to make us all laugh with his funny & sometimes corny jokes, lol. We are going to miss him so much. May Gods eternal light shine upon you. Say hi to my dad & Red. See you on the other side. Forever loved, your SIL Norma & Jesse*



Norma Treviño - July 28, 2020 at 04:24 PM

JZ

“ *Judy Zaragoza lit a candle in memory of Valeriano A. Torres*



Judy Zaragoza - July 28, 2020 at 04:11 PM

FC

“ *To all of the Torres Family , our condolences to you all and may the lord watch over Vale in his kingdom , Vale RIP my friend.*

Freddie and Rose Castillo - July 27, 2020 at 11:42 PM

TS

Our condolences to you and your family 🙏 our prayers are with you

Teresa Dubbs and Maria Stanley - July 28, 2020 at 04:50 PM

WB

First of all I would like to say that I am sending my deepest and heartfelt sympathies to Helen and all the family. You were special to me Vale, my long lost brother. I am so pleased that I found you all those years ago, I will never forget seeing your handsome face in Dallas airport, when all we had was a photograph of each other. It was my pleasure to have known you my dear brother.

My deepest love from Marie, Bill & Hayley. England.

William Barwise - July 29, 2020 at 08:43 AM