



Vincent George Chernesky

April 23, 1927 - January 28, 2021

Vincent G. Chernesky was born in New Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on April 23, 1927 and passed away on Thursday, January 28 from hip fracture complications. Vince lived life on his own terms and left it in the same way. This lion-hearted man had so much love to give that it took nearly 94 years for his heart to give out.

This was a man who learned how to fly an airplane before driving a car, and who seemingly felt the most alive while soaring the friendly skies. A man who served in the Airforce and then worked for the government in civil service, which is how he and his family left everything behind to relocate to Kelly Air Force Base in San Antonio in 1966. A man who successfully avoided doctors for 20+ years until an unfortunate power tool incident left him without a few fingers (but with new content for his dry sense of humor). A man whose remarkably good health was probably in part thanks to “snirky time” -- a shot of whiskey and a can or two of beer each day at 5 p.m. with his wife of 65 years.

Vince was tall, dark and forever handsome—and his future wife, Janet Felix, never stood a chance. She broke off her engagement to another man and began dating Vince even though he hated dancing.

Vince was truly beloved by all who knew him. He was a charter member of St.

Matthew Catholic Church and a carpenter hobbyist. He gave the greatest hugs, once accidentally cracking a friend's ribs (she recovered and they laughed about it for years). Vince will be remembered as a quick-witted, consummate storyteller with piercing blue eyes and a heartwarming chuckle. He'd answer telemarketing calls in Lithuanian, once had a pet crow, and was as meticulous as he was stubborn. He loved reading the Sunday comics and made the world's best mashed potatoes.

Vince is survived by the love of his life, Janet Felix Chernesky; his three children, Vincent P. Chernesky (wife Carole), Corrine C. Vara (husband Edward), and Carla J. Kelberlau; his granddaughter Christina V. Meisner (husband Matthew) and great-grandson, Max Vincent Meisner.

Visitation will be held Sunday from 2 to 4 pm at Mission Park North Funeral Home. On Monday, a rosary will be recited at St. Matthew Catholic Church at 9:30 a.m. followed by Funeral Mass at 10 a.m. Interment will follow at Holy Cross Cemetery with military honors.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the World Wildlife Fund in his memory at wwf.worldwildlifefund.org/goto/vince. He loved animals of all kind—especially big cats.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 7. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels North
3401 Cherry Ridge Drive
San Antonio, TX 78230

Funeral Mass with Rosary

FEB 8. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Matthew Catholic Church
10703 Wurzbach Rd
San Antonio, TX 78230

Interment

FEB 8. 11:30 AM (CT)

Holy Cross Cemetery
17501 Nacogdoches Rd.
San Antonio, TX 78266
(210) 651-6011

Tribute Wall

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“ *To Vince and Carol
Our deepest sympathy to you and your family on the passing of
your father. Our prayers and blessings to you. The good Lord will
take good care of him.
Josie and Mike Garcia
St. Francis Silver Stars*

Michael Garcia - February 13, 2021 at 11:43 PM



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