



Jose M. Valdez

February 16, 2010

Jose M. Valdez, age 96, formerly of Austin, Texas went to be with the Lord on Saturday, February 13. Jose was preceded in death by his wife Aurora Valdez and brothers Enrique and Alfredo. He is survived by daughters Felipa Jessup-Gallo of Hyde Park, NY, Lydia Nola (Wayne) Bell of Montgomery, TX, sons Enrique (Ofelia) Valdez, Friendswood, Texas, Ruben (Nancy) Valdez of Rio Hato, Panama. Mr. Valdez graduated from Brownsville High School where he was class Valedictorian and served in the United States Army during World War II. He went on to graduate from Texas Southmost College, Texas A&M, and North Texas State University where he earned a Master's Degree. He taught at both Texas A&M and North Texas State in the language department. He also taught at Allen Military Academy in Bryan, TX and later worked for the Texas Education Agency in Austin, TX. He was an avid reader and had a love for music. During his later life he turned to writing, poetry, and had two of his works Antolin and La Morada published. Mr. Valdez was a devout Catholic and a communicant of Sacred Heart Church in Conroe, TX and San Jose and St. Ignatius Catholic Churches in Austin, TX. He will be missed by his grandchildren Michael (Patty) Patty Jessup, Terry (Tony) Detwiler, Enrique Valdez, Jr. (Dianne) Valdez, David Valdez, Christopher Valdez, Robert (Amy) Gasper, Joseph (Jennifer) Gasper, Susannah (Damon) Gasper, Nicole (Kenneth) Dillion, and his great grand-children Bethany Detwiler, Reagan and Brooke Dillion and Ashley Orman Bell. A mass will be celebrated for him at 8:30 a.m., Tuesday, February 16 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Conroe,

TX followed by graveside services at Forest Oaks Cemetery in Austin, TX at 2:30 p.m., under the direction of Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home, Willis, Texas. You are invited to leave memorial condolences to his family on our website, www.shmfh.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Jose M. Valdez*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Thank you for your service to our country.*

Col George O Lewis, USAF (Ret) - February 23, 2010 at 01:59 PM



“ *Dear Grandpa,*

*Thank you and Grandma for being the only grandparents I have known and for treating me as you did the others. I will always be grateful to you and Grandma for helping me to learn Spanish and getting me motivated to learn the language. I will forever remember the war stories you told us and the games you made for us to play in Austin. I will always remember the trips to the recreation center for pecan picking, the singing/dancing shared by you and Grandma as well as the ice cream snack after school. Thank you again. Now you and Grandma are back together to dance and sing for eternity.
Love Nicole*

Nicole Dillion - February 15, 2010 at 01:58 PM



“ *Nola and Wayne, I'm so sorry to hear of the loss of your father Nola. Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you and all of your family.*

Susan Russell - February 15, 2010 at 11:07 AM