



Manuel Ballesteros

April 5, 1927 - March 1, 2008

Manuel Ballesteros, 80, having lived an eventful life filled with great memories passed away peacefully on February 22, 2008 in Conroe, TX. All pain has been replaced with a new body as he now shares a home in heaven with the love of his life, Esther. He is also preceded in death by his father and mother, Ascencio and Elena Leal Ballesteros and brothers Gustavo Ballesteros and Francisco Ballesteros. Manuel was born in Monterrey, Mexico on April 5, 1927, the youngest of five children. Working odd jobs, he found his own way to America, arriving in San Benito at the age of only 14. He joined the United States Marines, proudly serving the country he proclaimed allegiance to. His greatest treasure was marrying Esther Canas in December of 1950. Together they started a family in San Benito and Texas City and raised three sons, moving to Conroe in 1964. Manuel was self-taught, smart, famously witty, direct, and wise. He worked as a printer in the newspaper industry, retiring from the Houston Chronicle after 29 years of service. Though Esther passed away after 48 years of marriage, in his heart, they were married forever. Stubborn and proud, loving and loyal, Manuel is survived by son and his wife Mario A. and Linda Ballesteros of Katy, TX; son and his partner Jaime Ballesteros and Stan Stansbury of Concord, CA; son and his wife Martin R. and Teresa Ballesteros of Huntsville, TX. His adored grandchildren include Mario R. Ballesteros of Houston, TX; Sean M. Ballesteros and his wife, Kim of San Antonio, TX; Brad M. Ballesteros of Huntsville, TX and Laura R. Ballesteros of Huntsville, TX. In his later years he enjoyed “little booger”, great

grandson, Lyle Austin Ballesteros of San Antonio TX. Also surviving are sisters Elena Guerra and Aurora Martinez, both of Monterrey, Mexico; sister-in-law Maria de Jesus Ballesteros of Harlingen, TX; and numerous nieces and nephews he held very dear. The family is especially grateful to Candee Foster for her humor, kind expressions of love, and compassion extended to their father in his last days. Family will receive visitors Friday, February 29, 2008 from 6:00-8:00 PM at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home in Willis, TX. Services will be held Saturday, March 1, 2008 at 2:00 PM. in the Chapel at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home in Willis. Interment will follow at Forest Park, The Woodlands, TX. In lieu of flowers the family requests donations in his name to the American Diabetes Association.

Tribute Wall



“ *Manuel Ballesteros*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *My fondest memory of my cousin Manuel, was when he visited my mother, Ercilia Leal Valdez in Brownsville. We shared old memories, laughed and truly enjoyed our time together. My mother loved Manuel, she had cared for him before he joined the Marines. He held a special place in my mother's heart as well as my own. My prayers go with those left behind. May God richly bless you and keep you.*

Maria Elena Valdez-Parker - March 06, 2008 at 10:35 AM



“ *The Ballesteros family has our most sincere sympathy in the death of Grandpa. We share with them a love for Sean, Kim and Lyle Ballesteros and well know how hard it is to give up someone you know and love. Our thoughts are with you this afternoon. Gladys and Jim Hooker -- "Tapu and Daddy Jim"*

Gladys and Jim Hooker - March 01, 2008 at 05:25 PM



“ *UNABLE TO BE WITH YOU ALL, RECEIVE MY DEEPLY CONDOLENCES, HOPIN MAY GOD FINDS FOR YOU PEACE IN YOUR HEARTS. I AM ONE OF HIS COUSIN THAT LIVES IN SALTILLO AND REMEBER HOW MANUEL ENJOYED EATTING CABRITO WHEN HE VISITED MONTERREY, BLESS YOU ALL.*

mercedes garza leal - March 01, 2008 at 12:01 PM

SB

“ para mi abuelito - it is with great love and affection that we send our thoughts and prayers to the entire Ballesteros family and his many friends. Our greatest joy was the time he was able to spend with his great-grandson Iyle. We can take comfort and solace that he is now and forever with his love Esther - mi abuelita Nani. We loved you dearly Grandpa

Sean & Kim Ballesteros - March 01, 2008 at 10:28 AM

JG

“ Mario, Jaime and Marty, I send you and your families my deepest condolences. As we all know, Tio Manuel is now in a better place with our dear Tia Esther. I am proud to have known such a strong man full of life, and I will always cherish the memories and the lessons on Life that he shared with me. As much as his passing saddens me, I will always remember the memories of his passion for Mariachi music and his stubborn claim of knowing how to dance. May he continue to dance with his Loving wife, Our Dear Tia Esther. Sincerely, Your Cousin, Juan M. Garza

Juan M. Garza - February 29, 2008 at 06:27 PM

HF

“ Sincere condolences to the Ballesteros family, May God bless the family. Our prayers and thoughts are with you. One of my most treasured moments of my cousin Manuel was when I had the pleasure to visit with him at Elena Laura's ranch near Monterrey and reminisces and catch up with the families comings and goings. Sincerely, cousin Hercilia Valdez Camina and family, daughter MaryHelen Cantu and husband Fernando Cantu, son, Robert Camina JR. and wife Nan Camina, son Edward Camina and wife Dora Camina, and son Raymond Camina and wife Barbara Camina.

Hercilia Valdez Camina and Family - February 29, 2008 at 12:30 PM

MT

“ Marty/Teresa and Family:

Our sincere condolences to you and your family. May God bless you as you go through this difficult time and may you have peace knowing that he is where we all want to be someday.

God Bless, Joe and Marylan Shepherd

Marylan Thomas-Shepherd - February 28, 2008 at 11:28 PM

MK

“ *Living by and growing up with the Ballesteros family was a true blessing. Ms. Esther was such a wonderful Christian lady. She taught me so much about our Lord and Saviour. Mr.Ballesteros was always cheerful and kind to us. So many happy memories I have of your family. To think of Mr. & Mrs. together again in the presence of Christ just thrills my heart. My thoughts and prayers for you all. May Christ give you comfort and peace. Hi Mario, and Marty. It's great to read about your families and children. Jamie, I still haven't forgotten the time you fell on my head while we were playing football. OUCH! You were such a wonderful personality. So many times you mother told me how much she loved each of you! You were all truly blessed with wonderful parents.*

Margaret (Curtis) Kendrick - February 28, 2008 at 07:06 PM

EC

“ *Growing up in Harlingen with Juan and Letty, I had the pleasure of meeting Mr.Ballesteros only a few times in my life. Every time I would see him his personality lit up the room. Maybe because he was happy to see his brother. Whatever the reason, he was always a joy to be around. I would like to express my condolences to the entire Ballesteros family.May God Bless Manuel and all those who will miss him. Eric J. Castillo and my mom Emma Castillo*

Eric J. Castillo - February 28, 2008 at 01:50 PM

VM

“ Tio Manuel used to call me "Tocayo" because I am Manuel too, and I am very proud of it. My family, and specially my wife Rosalinda G. Ballesteros, our son Victor Adrian, our daughters Rosabely and Melissa, we all want to thank Tio Manuel for the very happy moments he spent with us in Monterrey. We are going to miss him a lot but we know that God needed his help.

Victor M. Morales - February 28, 2008 at 12:53 PM

EB

“ Sent by Victor Manuel Morales, husband of Rosalinda Guerra Ballesteros and son in law of Sra. Elenita L. Ballesteros, Manuel's sister. La Sra. Elenita is sharing with us the best regards of her brother, and of course all of us are going to miss Tio Manuel a lot, because we had the opportunity to live great moments with him, when he came to Monterrey. He wanted us to take him to see the mountains and we did it, and God, he enjoyed the view. La Sra. Elenita is not going to be able to go to Houston because of her illness, but sure she is glad that God took his little brother in peace.

Elena Laura Ballesteros - February 28, 2008 at 12:40 PM

LR

“ My condolences to the Ballesteros Family. I thank God for the many happy times that he allowed me to share with Tio Manuel & Tia Esther. I will always love them both. They will live in my heart forever as well as all of you. It gives me great joy to know that they are once again together in heaven. It is so comforting to me to know that my dad has his baby brother there with him to make him laugh the way only he could make him laugh. God Bless all of you always. Your Cousin, Letty B. Rodriguez and family (Becky, Terry and Ruben and your Tia Chuy)

Letty Ballesteros Rodriguez - February 27, 2008 at 12:57 PM

TL

“ *Mr. and Mrs. B, Brad, and Laura, I will never forget being at your house one holiday and you guys introducing me to you grandfather. He was full of live and a very joking man. It was a great honor to have meet him. I never know what to say in these moments but, know I am here for your family. I love you dearly! I found this verse and read it often; I thought it might help you during this time---- 1 Thessalonians 4 13-18.*

Tara Lockwood - February 26, 2008 at 10:50 PM

AF

“ *Dear Marty, Teresa, Brad and Laura
Our thoughts and prayers have been with you these past few days. Losing special people in our lives under any circumstance, is difficult. While reading the obituary, I see many of the strengths of character of Mr. Ballesteros in all of you. He left a strong legacey of love, faith and family. We grieve with you, but know that he is without pain and suffering. We love your family and give thanks for the blessings of good friends that only the Lord can provide.
In His Love - Alton and Janie*

Alton and Janie Farris - February 26, 2008 at 05:28 PM

SD

“ Marty, Teresa, Brad and Laura,

I know how much your father/grandfather meant to each of you and how concerned you have been for many months. It is a blessing to know that he is no longer hurting physically or emotionally and is in heaven with your mother/grandmother. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this time. Do not be sorrowful, but celebrate the life he lived and the happiness and love he brought to your family.

My love to all of you,

Sally

Sally Dowis - February 26, 2008 at 03:33 PM