



Ismael Hernandez

December 23, 1929 - August 25, 2019

Ismael Victorio Hernandez, (89) entered into eternal rest August 25, 2019. He was preceded in death by Sofia Garza Hernandez, his wife of 52 years. He is survived by his son Richard Hernandez (Liz Reyes); daughters, Annette Ebanks (Bill) and Jessica Hernandez (Peter Van der Sanden); six grandchildren: William, Matthew, and Sarah Ebanks; Tess, Reese and Riley Van der Sanden. The Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday, September 6, 2019 at St. Ignatius Loyola Catholic Church with interment following at Veterans Memorial Cemetery.

Ismael grew up on a farm in Hatillo, Puerto Rico. At the age of 19, he left his large family there to join the United States Army. He served several years in Germany in the early 1950s before being honorably discharged and heading to New York City. It was there at a party that he met his future bride, Sofia Garza. Ismael followed her to her native Texas where they were married in Mission in 1959. The couple then returned to New York for a brief period during which their first child (Richard) was born, but they were eventually glad to return to the warmer climes of Texas to welcome two more children (Annette and Jessica).

They settled in Houston to raise their family and Ismael began his long term (over 30 years) employment with Phillips Printing Company (later purchased by Schepps Packaging and Printing). But a full-time job didn't keep Ismael from pursuing his passions. His family fondly remembers his creativity and fantastic green thumb revealed in their yard and his amazing gardens which

reflected his love of flowers. He also enjoyed traveling to Belgium and Puerto Rico to visit family and friends. He had been looking forward to celebrating his milestone 90th birthday with his kids and grandkids.

God has called him home and it is His gain and our loss. We miss him so.

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

SEP 6. 10:30 AM (CT)

St Ignatius Loyola Catholic Community Church
7810 Cypresswood Dr
spring, TX 77379
<https://www.ignatiusloyola.org>

Tribute Wall



“ *Ismael Hernandez*

July 20, 2022 at 05:14 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ismael Hernandez.*



September 05, 2019 at 03:03 PM



“ *Bill Gonzalez Family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Ismael Hernandez.*



Bill Gonzalez Family - September 05, 2019 at 11:10 AM



“ *Dear Jessica, Peter, Tess, Reece and Riley and family; "Know that you are in our thoughts and prayers", Innige Deelneming, Jan en Iris Peeters Opdebeeck*

Iris Opdebeeck - September 05, 2019 at 04:33 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ismael Hernandez.*



September 04, 2019 at 05:39 PM



“ *Jean & Oscar+ Garza & Family purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of Ismael Hernandez.*



Jean & Oscar+ Garza & Family - September 04, 2019 at 04:26 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ismael Hernandez.*



September 04, 2019 at 11:05 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Ismael Hernandez.*



September 04, 2019 at 11:00 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Ismael Hernandez.* ”



September 04, 2019 at 09:32 AM



“ *The Guadalupe Garza Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Ismael Hernandez.* ”



The Guadalupe Garza Family - September 03, 2019 at 11:41 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Ismael Hernandez.* ”



September 02, 2019 at 11:59 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ismael Hernandez.* ”



September 01, 2019 at 09:12 PM

LA

“ I miss Ismael. Sorry for your sadness. I loved how he brought life to his backyard with sidewalk streets and signs named after his loved ones. Lois Arriaga

Lois Arriaga - September 01, 2019 at 04:04 PM

JF

“ The depth of my sadness on the passing of Tio Ismael is something that is difficult for me to express in words. As a child Tio, at times, would pick me up at Day Care. Much to my pleasure we would go window shopping on the way home and each time he would end up purchasing something for me. It was always a special treat. Thank you Tio Ismael for the special Love you had for me. you will always be in my Heart.

Lovingly yours, Janet

May God's Love comfort The Hernandez Family.

LIFE HAS CHANGED BUT, NOT TAKEN AWAY

With All Our Sympathy, Janet, Donald & Donny Fay

Janet Fay - August 31, 2019 at 03:33 PM

TE

“ Annette, Bill, Jessica, Peter, Richard, Liz, and all the grandchildren, It was our pleasure over the years to know and spend time with Ismael. We pray that he is in Peace and we will continue to pray for the happy repose of his soul and for all his loved ones left behind who will miss him.

Eleanor and Jim Ebanks

The Ebanks' - August 30, 2019 at 11:40 AM



“ Our Tio Ismael has passed away...

My Uncle Ismael has just passed on, apparently in his sleep, of cardiac arrest. He had returned to Houston, Texas after a few years living in Puerto Rico. Annette, his daughter in the States reported the sad news to me, initially. During the day just about the entire family in Puerto Rico had learned the sad news. Surviving close relatives are his children: Annette, Jessica and Richard. And of course there are grandchildren. His cherished wife of many years, Sofia had passed several years ago.

Tio was an inspiration to me back in 1954 when I met him at his sister Rosita's apartment. He was serving in the US Army as a paratrooper in an Airborne Division. It was the Korean War days, but he was never deployed to the combat area, as had been thousands of soldiers from our Island. I loved the idea that my uncle was a serviceman. Once he was discharged he handed me all his ribbons and medals and patches. I was nine years old and this was a great gift for me. I treasured the tokens for many years and not until I was back from the Vietnam War did I lose possession of them. My father had discarded them as outgrown toys.

In his twenties, in the Chelsea area of Manhattan, Uncle Ismael was a well-known softball player, the pitcher of his team and also the most powerful slugger. When he batted, the outfield stepped back quite a few yards. It was customary, during those weekend games at the Chelsea Park on West 27th Street for scores of fans to watch the game from behind the high cyclone fence at home plate and from the benches lining left side of the diamond. He had many fans cheering him on as he stepped to the plate. I would boast that he was my uncle.

Tio Ismael was a favorite of the family and during his visits to the Island he was well received and we always found an excuse to celebrate and marked his birthdays with parties and plenty of cheer. Tio kept trim and slim and almost made it to ninety, which he had

said was a goal for him. Our grandfather Fundador, his dad, made it to that age. Perhaps Tio wished to equal that mark. We shall miss him.

*Posted by Celso A. Hernandez
Arecibo, P.R.*

Celso Hernandez - August 29, 2019 at 04:24 PM

JE

“ *Annette & Family,*

We were so sorry to hear of your dad's passing. Our thoughts & prayers are with you today as you remember all the wonderful times you had together as a family. Looking forward to seeing you and giving you a big hug on the 6th.

*Love,
Darren, Jana & Jillian Ebanks*

Jana Ebanks - August 29, 2019 at 02:56 PM

JH

“ *Hey Papo,*

Thank you for everything!! You were a great Papo and father. I will miss you tremendously!!

Jessica



jessica hernandez - August 29, 2019 at 01:43 PM

RS

“ Hey Papo,

I am really going to miss you! Especially those fingers!!!
Riley



Riley Van der Sanden - August 29, 2019 at 01:35 PM