



Ismaro Cardenas, 86, passed away February 25, 2019 at the Audie L. Murphy Memorial VA hospital after a four year battle with Dementia and Parkinson's. He was surrounded in love by his family whom he cared for very much.

Ismaro was born in Puerto Rico in 1932. After graduating high school he attended college at the University of Puerto Rico. He joined the U.S. Army then transferred to the U.S. Coast Guard where he served for 22 years and retired at the rank of Chief Boatswain Mate (E-7).

In 1963, Ismaro married his true love Evangelina and had three children. The family settled in Texas City where Ismaro worked at Union Carbide and retired after 10 years. He and Eva then traveled to Saudi Arabia where he served as a naval instructor. In 1992, Ismaro and Eva settled at their ranch in Floresville, TX.

As a 32nd Degree Mason, Ismaro spent many hours volunteering his time to help burn victim children get to and from the hospital. He loved to work with his hands and was always building something and working outside. On any given evening you could find him dancing the meringue, singing "El Viejo San Juan" and playing the maracas with his friends. Ismaro was also known for playing a mean game of dominos. He lived life to the fullest and definitely knew how to have a good time. He always helped others in times of need. Ismaro raised two of Eva's younger sisters, Hilda and Maria, as his own.

Ismaro is preceded in death by his mother (Fulgencia), father (Pedro) and three sisters (Rafaela, Aida, Carmen).

He is survived by his wife Eva, brother Col. Hilberto Cardenas, sister Emma Sanchez, children Ismaro Cardenas Jr., Lenda Sandoval (Joe), Daniel Cardenas (Leslie), Anna Pistone (Scott), five grandchildren- Kristina Broussard (Josh), Daniel Cardenas II, Justin Pistone (Haley), Dylan & Savanna Pistone; and three great grandchildren Cooper, Camille, and Caroline.

Memorial services will be held at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery 1520 Harry Wurzbach San Antonio, Texas 78209 on Friday, March 29, 2019 at 11:15 a.m. in Shelter Number 2. Following the service; the family will receive friends and family at their home in Floresville for a celebration of Ismaro's life.

Flowers can be ordered by contacting Flowers by Grace 210-344-0745. Any donations can be made to Evangelina Cardenas.



