



Joe Armando Zapata Obituary

It is with great sadness that the family of Joe Armando Zapata announces his passing after an extended illness on Tuesday, June 8, 2021, at the age of 64 years. Joe will be lovingly remembered by his wife of 19 years, Laura and his two sons, Joe Armando Zapata Jr. and Joshua De La Torre (Diane). Step son Thomas Arispe III and step daughter Tiffany Alamillo - Husband Oscar. Joe will also be fondly remembered by his Grandchildren - Miranda, Joseph, Avi, Julie, Oscar, Alyssa, Zoe and his 2 Great Grandchildren - Vienna and William by his son Joe Armando Zapata Jr.; grandchildren Joshua Richard Jr. and Ryan Isaiah by his son Joshua De La Torre.

Joe was born on March 5, 1957, in San Antonio, Texas. He graduated from Luther Burbank High School in 1976'. Joe and His wife Laura first met in the second grade. They have known each other for 57 years. They reunited 22 years ago and have been married for the last 19 years.

He is survived by his Mother Manuela Zapata, 5 brothers and 3 sisters. Brother Rudy (Anna Marie), Sister Janice, David (Donna), Jo Ann (Henry), Richard (Sandra), Judy (George), Nathan (Delia), brother Charles. Joe was predeceased by his Father Rodolfo V. Zapata.

Joe joined the 149th Fighter Wing in 1983' and served for 6 years in the Security Forces unit. During his military career, he was part of the 149th softball team, in which he helped to lead and win a world's national tournament. Joe established a lifetime of friendships with his fellow airmen on various TDY's and deployments.

Joe's father Rodolfo was a professional welder and was the plant superintendent of the Aircraft Engine Company Turbine Support. Joe learned to work with sheet metal and become a professional welder working with his father growing up as a pre-teenager and teenager. Joe followed the path his father instilled in him and pursued working in the welding and sheet metal profession. He learned valuable skills and a work ethic that led him to establish his own sheet metal business in 1988'. He was a highly skilled sheet metal craftsman. He specialized in building and installing custom kitchens in restaurants throughout all of San Antonio and South Texas. He had his sheet metal business for over 30 years and retired in 2019'.

He loved the outdoors as an avid hunter and fisherman. He also enjoyed spending time with family and friends listening to music and barbecuing. He was also a lifetime fan of the Dallas Cowboys and San Antonio Spurs teams.

A Funeral Service in memory of Joe will be held on Tuesday, June 15th, 2021 at the Resurrection of The Lord Parish, 7990 W. Military Dr. San Antonio, TX 78227. Visitation/Viewing from 9:30 -10:30 a.m. Rosary and Funeral service will follow from 10:30 ~ 11:45 a.m.

Interment at San Fernando Cemetery #3 will be delayed until Friday June 18th pending final arrangements for time of service with family and friends.

A Celebration of Joe's life will be held following church services beginning at 12 pm at Pueblo Hall and Activity Center located at 3315 Northwestern, San Antonio, Texas 78238. All are invited to gather for food and fellowship.

"In Lieu of flowers" the family has requested donations to assist with expenses. You may donate by accessing "Cash" app and type in \$1957-JAZap.

