



## Juan Duarte Jr.

October 12, 1927 - April 13, 2014

Beloved husband, father, grandfather; Juan Duarte, Jr. quietly passed away on April 13, 2014. He was surrounded by family in the home which he resided in for 57 years. He was born in Laredo, Texas on October 12, 1927 to Sara Savedra Duarte and Juan Duarte, he grew up in both Nuevo Laredo, Mexico and Laredo, Texas. He married Olga Marquez in 1946 and together they had eight children. His large family grew to include 17 grandchildren, 23 great grandchildren and 2 great-great grandchildren. He was a long time Houston resident and small business owner of Duarte Heating and Air Conditioning Service. He was one of the first Hispanics to be licensed in Houston and was well respected in the Northside Community. He was proud of his Mexican Heritage and was a member of the Asociacion de Charros Los Nortenos for many years. He often participated in the Houston Rodeo parade in the 1970s.

Juan was preceded in death by his son Armando Duarte and recently his sister, Esperanza Salas. His example of hard work has led to a family of doctors, lawyers, engineers, educators, firefighters, business professionals and tradesmen. As our dad, he taught us to work hard so we could "get ahead". He is survived by his wife of 68 years, Olga M. Duarte, his children: Margarita Gutierrez, Agelia Durand, Haidee Bucher, Rosa Garcia, Juan J. Duarte, Xenia Hallaway and Eduardo Duarte. He is also survived by his sister Elena Duarte and leaves many more family members and friends.

The Duarte family would like to offer our sincerest gratitude to his Caretaker Irma Ochoa, Nurse Anna Santos, Caring Neighbor Mary Galaviz Alexander and Dr. Victor O. Mendiola and his staff, for their care and kindness. In lieu of flowers, the family request memorial contributions to Interfaith Ministries for Greater Houston at <http://www.imgh.org/> or Meals on Wheels, 3303 Main Street, Houston, Texas 77002, Condolences may be sent to the family at <http://www.DettlingFuneral.com>.

A memorial Mass to celebrate his life will be held April 29th at 10:00 am at St Patrick's Catholic Church, 4918 Cochran Street, Houston, Texas 77009.

# Events

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**APR**   **Memorial Mass**   10:00AM

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St. Patrick Catholic Church  
4918 Cochran, Houston, TX, US

# Comments

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“ 3 files added to the album Memories of Juan Duarte, Jr.



**Olga Valdez** - April 23, 2014 at 12:11 PM

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“ As we make our way through this wonderful place we feel how filled it is with pain and love, exhilaration and despair ,but through it all its famiy that props us up every time. And so it goes again that another of our legion has taken their final exam and moved on to the special place where love is ever brilliant and the kindness toward ourselves and others is constant. Bye, bye Tio Juan 'til we meet again.

**Lorenzo** - April 23, 2014 at 11:24 AM



“ Beautifully written..

**Laura Dominguez** - April 30, 2014 at 11:23 AM

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“ My daddy was a hard working man. As a child I remember summers when he would work 7 days a week repairing air conditioners. He would be so tired. It was hard work but he was good at it. If we got lucky on a Sunday he could take us crabbing or to the beach for the afternoon. That was all the time he could spare. Mom would boil the crabs and we would sit around the table and peel them. He would steal my harvested crab meat with a smile. I didn't mind sharing with you daddy. He loved us all in his own way. One of my most specialist moments was when he brought ice to my elementary class for our Christmas party. The teacher was so appreciative and very thoughtful to him. She shook his hand. I was so proud of him. Not too many daddy's in those days would come to school to help. In in the last few years as I cared for him, I hope I made him proud. Te quiero mucho mi papi y siempre vives en mi corozon.

**Xenia Hallaway** - April 22, 2014 at 08:59 PM

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**Xenia and Jon Hallaway** - April 20, 2014 at 03:16 PM



“ Xenia, I was so sorry to hear of the death of your father. Many prayers for peace for all of you.

**Mary Colemon** - April 22, 2014 at 07:36 PM



“ Thank you Mary. I feel the peace. XOX

**Xenia Hallaway** - April 22, 2014 at 08:44 PM



“ Juan Duarte was a kind and generous quiet soul. My memory of him will always be the loving presence he was at Jon and Xenia's family parties. I wasn't sure he always wanted to be there, but he often had a smile and delight for the happiness of his family.

**Rose Wherry** - April 28, 2014 at 09:40 PM

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“ To the Duarte Family and Descendants. My deepest condolences to your Family in the passing of your Father, Grandfather, Great Grandfather and Great Great Grand Father. I had the honor of knowing this great man who was loved by many. I know much of how he was in his earlier years through his stories and from you all. It is clear to say that he had a full and wonderful life w/his beautiful and caring wife Olga. I know deep in my heart that his memories will be told for many years to come. Of how a man having a vision, fought to claim it and preserved what the name Duarte stands to be today. I am proud to have been part of your family over the 22 years and share your grief. I implement daily a few lessons in life and guidance he shared w/me as a young man starting his own family. And that is to whatever life throws in your way, always make sure your family comes out ahead. Juan Duarte you will be missed and may you rest in Pease.

“Por Eso Burrau!”

Chuy Dominguez and Family

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**Chuy Dominguez** - April 18, 2014 at 08:01 AM



“ Thank you Chuy for your kind words. Thank you for all your help when needed. You were a good grandson to him.

**Xenia Hallaway** - April 20, 2014 at 02:48 PM



“ Thank you Chuy for your words and your help with the old man and our mom. your a great guy ..."POR ESO BURRAU"!

**Juan Jesus Duarte** - April 22, 2014 at 04:06 PM