



Ben Treviño Gonzales

July 14, 1936 - November 7, 2023

Ben Treviño Gonzales, age 87, went home to the Lord on Tuesday, November 7, 2023, after a battle with congestive heart failure. Ben was born on July 14, 1936 in Houston, Texas, to Lucia Treviño and Antonio D. Gonzales. He graduated from Jefferson Davis High School in 1954, and then enlisted in the United States Air Force where he proudly served as Airman First Class in Italy from 1954 to 1957, with an honorable discharge.

After his military career, he married his sweetheart Mary Ramirez and started a family. He worked and attended night school at The University of Houston, earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering. He began working in the HVAC industry and later started his own company, A/C Engineered Systems, with his partner Ian Taxman where he enjoyed a long successful career. As an avid Astros fan, Ben enjoyed going to games with his family and clients. He was also very active with the Jefferson Davis Hispanic Alumni Association for many years and served on several boards including President.

Ben's hobbies revolved around his family. Many fond memories were made on family guy trips hunting and deep-sea fishing. Numerous summers were spent water skiing and camping with the kids and his brother's family. He also enjoyed attending the grandkids' sports. Later in life, he took snow skiing trips with his grandchildren and international travel with his wife and family. Ben

was also a dedicated member of the Saint John Vianney Catholic Church for nearly 50 years and helped with fundraising on many occasions. He will always be remembered for his big heart, forever giving to others, and his jovial nature.

Ben is preceded in death by his father, Antonio D. Gonzales; mother, Lucia Treviño; sisters, Frances G. Soria (Joe) and Margaret Meraz (David). Left to cherish his memory are his wife, Mary Ramirez Gonzales; his brothers, John Gonzales (Ernestine) and Victor Gonzales (Bertha); his children Ben Gonzales, Jr. (Ana), Cynthia Muñoz (Robert), Antoinette Anz (Brett), and Laura Heaton (Chuck), as well as his grandchildren.

Pallbearers:

Christopher Heaton (grandson)

Joseph Heaton (grandson)

Nicholas Anz (grandson)

Micah Muñoz (grandson)

Victor Gonzales (brother)

John Anthony Gonzales (nephew)

Zachary Gonzales (nephew)

Frank Ramirez (nephew)

Ben was a loving husband, father, and grandfather and will be laid to rest at the VA Houston National Cemetery. The family will be available to receive guests on Sunday, November 19, 2023 from 3:00 PM til 5:00 PM at Dettling Funeral Home, 14094 Memorial Drive, Houston TX 77079, with a Holy Rosary to be performed at 4:00 PM. The Mass of Christian Burial will commence at 10:30 AM on Monday, November 20, 2023 at St. John Vianney Catholic Church, 625 Nottingham Oaks Trail, Houston TX 77079, immediately followed by a reception on the church grounds so that Ben's friends and loved ones may continue to gather in fellowship. Ben will be escorted by police cortege to

the Houston National Cemetery, 10410 Veterans Memorial Drive, Houston TX 77038, where he will receive military honors for a 2:15 PM shelter service.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be given to St John Vianney church at <https://www.stjohnvianney.org/give/donate/> or mailed to

St. John Vianney Catholic Church
625 Nottingham Oaks Trail
Houston, TX 77079

Please make a note on the check "In memory of Ben Gonzales".

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **19**. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Dettling Funeral Home
14094 Memorial Drive
Houston, TX 77079
(281) 497-2121
david@dettlingfuneral.com

Rosary

NOV **19**. 4:00 PM (CT)

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Mass Of Christian Burial

NOV **20**. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. John Vianney Catholic Church
625 Nottingham Oaks Trail
Houston, TX 77079
(281) 497-1500

Reception to Follow Service

NOV 20. 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

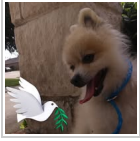
St. John Vianney Catholic Church
625 Nottingham Oaks Trail
Houston, TX 77079
(281) 497-1500

Rite of Committal

NOV 20. 2:15 PM (CT)

VA Houston National Cemetery
10410 Veterans Memorial Drive
Houston, TX 77038-1502
<http://www.cem.va.gov/cems/nchp/houston.asp>

Tribute Wall



“ So sorry guys that I didn't see this till now. I just saw a photo that reminded me of a time when I looked up and saw a stray baby running down the street and then Laura come running after him and I wondered if I could find out how old he was now and my googling brought me up on this. I am so sorry for your loss. Your dad was a very nice man and I know you must miss him very much. 🙏🙏🙏💕



Maria Tupper

Maria Ann - April 11, 2024 at 05:22 PM

AA

“ Allen & Louinda Anz purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Ben Treviño Gonzales.



Allen & Louinda Anz - November 27, 2023 at 12:05 PM

BD

“ Ben you will truly be missed. We shared the same birthday and you were always so welcoming. I offer my prayers and condolences to the family and my honey Mary. Love you

Bessie Dorsey - November 17, 2023 at 10:20 PM

TR

“ Mr. Gonzales was the most loving man, his warm heart and love he had for his family just shined!!! He will be greatly missed and always remembered for his hard work, love, encouragement he gave to others, his smile, and his sweet generosity he always gave to his family and friends!!!! Love you Mr. Gonzales..... I will see you again one day!!!
I love you,
Tami Russell

Tami Russell - November 14, 2023 at 12:23 PM

JL

Condolences to Ben's wife Mary & family 🙏 Ben & Mary are our "Friendly" neighbors now for over 1 & yrs, we will miss his friendly smile & sparkle in his eyes, was always willing to help us with our mail when we were out of town, we miss him so much ❤️ Blessings to the family 🙏
❤️ your neighbors Hans & Janet 💕

Janet Lehmann - November 18, 2023 at 09:57 AM

JL

Correction, neighbors for 18 yrs

Janet Lehmann - November 18, 2023 at 09:58 AM

MC

Prayers and thoughts of the Gonzales family in their loss of a good gentleman, family man and friend.

From Mike and the entire Cummings family

Michael A. Cummings - November 19, 2023 at 08:07 PM