



## José Luis Bravo

June 28, 1954 - November 22, 2022

José Luis Bravo, 68 of Houston passed away November 22, 2022. José was born June 28, 1954, in Mexico City, Mexico to Dr. José Luis Bravo and Rosario Dosal de Bravo. He is preceded in death by his parents and his beloved grandmother, Ana Maria de la Vega de Dosal. He is survived by his wife, Deborah of 23 years of marriage, his sisters, Lucero Barragan and husband Felipe Barragan, Ana Siman and husband Roberto Siman, and his brother, Javier Bravo and wife Ana Bravo. He is also survived by many nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews who all adored him.

José grew up in Mexico City, Mexico and graduated from Tepeyac High School. He graduated from Universidad Iberoamericana, Ciudad de Mexico with his Bachelor's Degree in Chemical Engineering, The University of Texas with his Master's Degree in Chemical Engineering, and completed the Executive Leadership for Business Program through The Wharton School of Business. Most recently he was the CTO for Newchem21, a company developing technology to produce chemicals from gas. Between 2018 and 2021 he served as president of Fractionation Research Inc., where he led a research consortium of more than 90 companies from the oil, gas and chemicals industry focused on separations technology. He was also a visiting professor of Chemical Engineering with Tianjin University, China. From 1995-2016 he served Royal Dutch Shell Group in several capacities: Chief Scientist for Thermodynamics and Separations, strategic consulting in technology and

R&D for Shell Upstream, Downstream (chemicals and refining), gas, renewables, and hydrogen businesses. He served as Business Development and Technology Commercialization Director for the Americas Houston, Latin America node leader in Houston, and research manager Distillation Group, The Netherlands. Jose' consulted with Jaeger Products in Spring, Texas where he provided technical consulting in distillation, process engineering and development globally. He was appointed VP of Engineering in 1991. From 1983-1991, he served as Research Program Manager at The University of Texas in Austin where he managed a consortium research program in separations technology, supervising research students and occasionally teaching in the McKetta Department of Chemical Engineering. He has published more than 50 technical papers and ten patents in gas processing, distillation and extraction areas and authored fluid mixture separation technologies for cost reduction and process improvement. He has received honors from AIChE and served on advisory boards for McKetta Department of Chemical Engineering and Hildebrand Department of Petroleum and Geosystems Engineering at UT Austin.

In addition to his passion for Chemical Engineering, José enjoyed spending time with family and was an extraordinary outdoorsman. He especially loved spending time in Africa. His love for Africa took him, his family, and his friends across the world on many Safaris. Just recently he planned a trip to Namibia with a group of 21 family and friends. In 2019, he compiled many of his favorite stories in his published book, *Africa Mia*. His love for outdoors also took him to Alaska fishing for salmon and halibut with great friends.

His work with Shell took him to several Formula One races including Monte Carlo and Montreal where he was responsible for entertaining his guests in the Paddock Clubs. Because he knew so much about racing, everyone wanted to sit at his table.

His Funeral Service will be held December 9, 2022 at 2:00 at St. Martin's Episcopal Church 717 Sage Rd. Houston, TX 77056. In Lieu of flowers, please consider a charitable donation to the McKetta Department of Chemical Engineering, University of Texas at Austin, 200 East Dean Keeton Street, Austin, Texas 78712.

For those who are unable to attend, livestream will be available on You Tube. Links to the stream will be placed on the church website at least 24 hours before the service at:

<https://stmartinsepiscopal.org/funerals/>

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

DEC 9. 2:00 PM (CT)

St. Martin's Episcopal Church  
717 Sage Road  
Houston, TX 77056

# Tribute Wall



“ José Luis Bravo

October 08, 2023 at 10:52 AM



“ José Luis Bravo

October 06, 2023 at 01:12 AM



“ José Luis Bravo

October 05, 2023 at 09:45 AM



“ José Luis Bravo

October 05, 2023 at 01:54 AM



“ University of Texas at Austin purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of José Luis Bravo.



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