



Noe Santana Sr.

December 12, 1943 - January 17, 2017

On January 17, 2017 the Lord called his faithful servant Noe Santana home. He was born in Rio Hondo, Texas in 1943. Mr. Santana proudly served as a Houston Fire Fighter, graduating class 70-A and rose the rank of Junior Captain in only one year and nine months. His ascension caused the city to change their civil service procedure. He suffered an on duty injury that left him paralyzed and forced him into retirement after only 5 years of service.

Never one to let the world pass him by, he recovered and opened a grocery store in the East End, and a bail bond company. He then chartered a multi-line casualty insurance company, (i.e. GEICO, Farmers, Progressive) in 1984, becoming the first and only Hispanic in North America to do so. Mr. Santana founded Santana Funeral Directors, which has served thousands of families in the greater Houston area with distinction. In 2008 after Hurricane Ike devastated Galveston, his Hazmat and Rescue Company secured the contract for the recovery of the people lost in the aftermath.

Many will remember him as an entrepreneur, investor and founder of many companies, even more will remember him as the loving and caring family man that he was to his beloved wife of 56 years, the former Ruth Torres. He was preceded in death by his parents Julio and Juanita Santana and his brother Israel. He is also survived by his sons Noe, Jr., Israel and his daughter Rebecca, eight grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

Mr. Santana's family would like to acknowledge their gratitude and appreciation to the Fire Fighters of Station 71 and to the caring nurses, doctors and staff of Clear Lake Regional Hospital. Your efforts were truly heroic and gave us the closure we so needed. In addition we would like to thank Pastors Steve Riggle and Garret Booth and the staff of Grace Community Church who made the Memorial of our beloved Noe Santana possible. Thank you all so very much from the bottom of our hearts.

Services in honor of Mr. Santana will be held at Grace Community Church, 14505 Gulf Freeway, Houston, Texas. Visitation is scheduled for Friday, January 20, 2017 from 6:00-9:00pm, with a Memorial Service at 7:00pm. Final services will be on Saturday, January 21, 2017 from 9:00am-1:30pm with a service scheduled for 11:00am. A funeral procession will follow from the church to Forest Park Lawndale Cemetery, 6900 Lawndale Avenue.

Flowers will be received at the church on Friday, January 20, 2017 after 3:00pm. If you should choose, in lieu of flowers a donation can be made in honor of Mr. Santana to the Shriners Children's Hospital. On behalf of the family of Noe Santana, the faithful staff of Santana Funeral Directors, all prayers, thoughts and condolences are acknowledged and greatly appreciated.

Cemetery Details

Forest Park Lawndale Cemetery

6900 Lawndale St.
Houston, TX 77023

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 20. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Grace Community Church
14505 Gulf Freeway
Houston, TX 77034

Service

JAN 20. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Grace Community Church
14505 Gulf Freeway
Houston, TX 77034

Visitation

JAN 21. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Grace Community Church
14505 Gulf Freeway
Houston, TX 77034

Funeral Service

JAN 21. 11:00 AM - 1:30 PM (CT)

Grace Community Church
14505 Gulf Freeway
Houston, TX 77034

Interment

JAN 21. 3:00 PM (CT)

Forest Park Lawndale Cemetery
6900 Lawndale St.
Houston, TX 77023

Tribute Wall



“ *Noe Santana Sr.*

October 08, 2023 at 05:34 PM



“ *Noe Santana Sr.*

October 05, 2023 at 02:04 PM



“ *I come with a heavy heart knowing your gone Mr.S. I had the pleasure to know you and your wonderful family and great staff at the funeral home. God is love and he loved you Mr. S and called you home. My heart and prayers are with you'll in this hard time of need. With Love Always Neri B.*

Neri - January 25, 2017 at 11:26 AM



“ *BONO PULIDO lit a candle in memory of Noe Santana Sr.*



BONO PULIDO - January 21, 2017 at 01:29 PM



“ *My condolences to The Santana family and staff at Santana Funeral Home. I had the opportunity to work with him personally and he was not just a good person but an amazing man!!*

Jose N Idalia Hernandez - January 21, 2017 at 01:04 PM

LU

“ His cousins in Michigan, send our deep sympathies, may our Lord and Savior Jesus give you all peace, knowing he is in his home in Heaven now serving his God., our remembrances' of him as a young boy are still in our minds, blessings to you all, Eloise Breathour, Irma Gaffke, and Lucilla Adams- Kaminski

Luci - January 21, 2017 at 11:59 AM

MG

“ I'M AM SO DEEPLY SORRY TO HEAR THE LOSS OF A GREAT HARD WORKING HUMANENESS MAN. I WORKED FOR HIS FUNERAL HOME AND HE ALWAYS TRIED TO HELP FAMILIES IN NEED OF HIS FUNERAL HOME. MAY GOD HAVE YOU BY HIS SIDE. MY CONDOLENCES TO ALL THE FAMILY AND SO SORRY I'M NOT ABLE TO BE WITH YOU ALL IN THIS DIFFICULT TIME. REST IN PEACE MR. SANTANA



MARIVEL GUTIERREZ - January 21, 2017 at 11:44 AM

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“ MARIVEL GUTIERREZ sent a virtual gift in memory of Noe Santana Sr.



MARIVEL GUTIERREZ - January 21, 2017 at 11:43 AM

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“ I'M AM SO DEEPLY SORRY TO HEAR THE LOSS OF A GREAT HARD WORKING HUMANENESS MAN. I WORKED FOR HIS FUNERAL HOME AND HE ALWAYS TRIED TO HELP FAMILIES IN NEED OF HIS FUNERAL HOME. MAY GOD HAVE YOU BY HIS SIDE. MY CONDOLENCES TO ALL THE FAMILY AND SO SORRY I'M NOT ABLE TO BE WITH YOU ALL IN THIS DIFFICULT TIME. REST IN PEACE MR. SANTANA.



MARIVEL GUTIERREZ - January 21, 2017 at 11:28 AM

AC

“ Alfred & Licha Cruz-Morris lit a candle in memory of Noe Santana Sr.

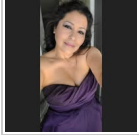


Alfred & Licha Cruz-Morris - January 20, 2017 at 12:35 PM

AC

Our deepest sympathies to you & your family during these difficult times. I'll always remember how hospitable Noe was during an over night stay at your home. How he got up next morning (Sat.) & made breakfast for everyone!! God Bless each family member as each one finds the Love, Peace, Comfort & Strength that is found in OUR LORD & SAVIOR JESUS!! Thank you, Noe & Ruth Santana

Alfred & Licha Cruz-Morris - January 20, 2017 at 12:55 PM



“ *Lidu Tellez lit a candle in memory of Noe Santana Sr.*



Lidu Tellez - January 20, 2017 at 11:50 AM



“ *May care and love of those around you provide comfort and peace to to get you through The days ahead. My most sincere condolence. Danilo & Judeska Sandoval.*

Danilo Sandoval - January 19, 2017 at 09:05 PM



“ *You are all in my Prayers. Noe was an unforgettable person and I know he will be missed. Ritta Torres*



Ritta Torres - January 19, 2017 at 12:27 PM



*To the Santana Family:
Please know that we are so sorry for your loss. We include the family and friends of Mr. Santana in our prayers. Mr. Santana was extremely good to us in our time of need, his goodness will never be forgotten! May his legacy continue through his precious family. God bless the Santana Family and may they each find comfort and peace in our Savior Jesus. You are all in our prayers and thoughts and you are not alone! We send our prayers, thoughts and love!
Elizabeth Escobar*

Elizabeth Escobar - January 19, 2017 at 11:53 PM

BP

FROM BONO PULIDO AND THE STAFF AT ESPERANZA FUNERAL HOME WE OFFER OUR MOST SINCERE CONDOLENCES TO BECKY, BRYAN AND THE REST OF THE HARD WORKING STAFF AND FAMILY AT SANTANA FUNERAL HOME. MR SANTANA WAS A KIND HEARTED AND GIVING GENTLEMAN AND ALTHOUGH WE WERE HIS COMPETITION WE HELD HIS AND HIS STAFF IN HIGH REGARDS. HE IS AND WILL BE THOUGHT OF IN OUR PRAYERS AND DEVOTIONS. THANKS MR. S FOR THOSE TIMES OF ENCOURAGEMENT AND LOANING EACH OTHER VEHICLES WHEN WE MOST NEEDED.

BONO PULIDO - January 21, 2017 at 01:28 PM

MC

On behalf of Enrique Ramirez and his family, we send our condolences to the family of Mr. Santana. May your memories comfort you in your time of grief. My Dad was in tears when he told us of Mr. Santan's passing. He thought the world of him.

M M Cook - February 17, 2017 at 06:55 PM