



Ray Cortez

June 26, 1931 - November 16, 2017

Ray Cortez was born on June 26, 1931 in Harlingen, Texas. At the young age of 16, he joined the Army, serving for four years, Upon his Honorable Discharge from the armed forces, he enrolled at Texas Southmost College in Brownsville, Texas for two years and then transferred to South Texas College of Law, where he earned his Law degree. He practiced Law for 50 plus years in the Houston area as a civil Attorney in his own private practice, including a period as the Asst County Attorney.

In 1965, Ray married the love of his life, Toni Beecher and were blessed with one daughter, Yolanda Martinez, three grandchildren, Caleb, Morgan, Madison, one great-grandson, Brandon, many nieces and nephews, as well as a brother, Richard Cortez and a sister, Mary Abraham.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Elizabeth Leston Cortez and Refugio Cortez, one brother, Ernie Cortez and one sister, Elisa "Nina" Torres.

Ray was a loving husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother, uncle, and friend. He was a smart, hard working, kind-hearted, gentle man and will surely be missed by all. A special thanks to our loved ones for all the unwavering love and support throughout his journey of life.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **21**. 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Santana Funeral Directors - Katy
5352 Katy Freeway
Houston, TX 77007
(713) 880-2828
santanafuneraldirectors@gmail.com

Interment

NOV **21**. 1:45 PM (CT)

Houston National Cemetery
10410 Veterans Memorial Dr.
Houston, TX 77038

Tribute Wall



“ *Ray Cortez*

October 08, 2023 at 05:34 PM



“ *Ray Cortez*

October 05, 2023 at 02:04 PM



“ *Family of Mr. Cortez,*

I am so sorry to hear about Ray. May the God of All Comfort continue to give you all strength and peace during this most difficult time. 2Cor1:3-4

SM - November 21, 2017 at 04:58 PM



“ *Shirley Dollens and family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Ray Cortez .*



Shirley Dollens and family - November 20, 2017 at 01:19 PM

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“ On my first day as an Assistant County Attorney Ray was the first person to come up to me and welcome me to the office. We became instant friends and will remain so forever. I will miss the many good times that I have shared with Ray and his family. Ray is one of the truly good persons that God places in this world to remind us all of what we should strive to emulate. I will miss his friendship and counsel.

Jim Guiberteau

Oliver J. Guiberteau - November 19, 2017 at 12:23 PM