



Gregory H. Cortez Jr.

May 31, 1941 - March 15, 2021

Gregory H. Cortez, Jr., age 79 of Houston entered into eternal rest on March 15, 2021. He was born on May 31, 1941 to Gregory, Sr. and Amelia Cortez in Houston, TX.

Gregory is preceded in death by his Father Gregory Cortez Sr, Mother Amelia Cortez, Son Steven, Sister Juanita, Sister Mary, Sister Theresa, Granddaughter Jaclyn, Grandson Jason.

He is survived by his wife of 34 years, Mary Helen Mares Garcia Cortez, Son Gregory III and wife Olga, Son Isaac and wife Doris, Son Mark, Daughter Veronica, Daughter Elizabeth, Daughter Noemi, Son Joseph and wife Olga, Daughter Elsa. He has 19 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren. His Brother Thomas and wife Lupe, Brother Robert and wife Linda, Brother Roger and wife Lupe, and Sister Carmen. And many friends and family.

Visitation will be held Tuesday, March 30, 2021, 4:00 pm - 9:00 pm at Felix H. Morales Funeral Home, Houston, Texas with a Rosary beginning at 7:00 pm.

This Saturday, April 10th is the mass in memory of my Dad at 11 am. Please join us in honoring his memory.

Saturday, April 10, 2021

Mass 11 am - 12 pm

St. Patrick's Catholic Church

4918 Cochran St, Houston, TX 77009

Reception to follow

12:30 pm - 3:30 pm

TJ Sokol Reception Hall - Large Building

1314 W Patton St, Houston, TX 77009

For the safety of all guests, gatherings at our facility will be limited to 80 family members and guests. Individuals at increased risk, sick or not feeling well should not attend the service. Please visit <https://www.moralesfuneralhome.com/covid-19-updates/> for COVID-19 updates and regulations.

All services are under the care of Morales Funeral Home. For any questions or concerns regarding the services for Gregory Cortez, please contact Morales Funeral Home at (713) 223-1167.

Events

MAR 30 **Visitation** 04:00PM - 09:00PM

Felix H. Morales Funeral Home
2901 Canal St., Houston, TX, US, 77003

MAR 30 **Rosary** 07:00PM

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APR 10 **Funeral Mass** 11:00AM - 12:00PM

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Comments



“ A webcast video has been added.



Morales Funeral Home - March 30 at 07:45 PM



“ An external video has been added.



Morales Funeral Home - March 30 at 12:13 PM



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veronica garcia - April 08 at 12:01 AM



“ I first met Mr. Cortez through his wife MaryHelen, who is good friends with my mother Emily. Growing up I would occasionally spend the night at their home to hang out with my middle school friends Veronica & Noemi. Mr. Cortez was a man whose life reflected his values. He was a great father, step-father, grand-father & great-grandfather. He loved his family dearly and valued his marriage with MaryHelen most of all. Anyone who was around them could see the great love they had for each other.

I will miss seeing him dress up as Santa Claus and watching his eyes light up with excitement as he took pictures with everyone. I will miss how he always greeted me throughout childhood & adulthood. Always with a warm smile, hug & kiss on the cheek. I will miss seeing him and MaryHelen dance together. So many great memories.

May he Rest In Peace & May his family have peace as each one transitions without him.



Christina Reyna - March 30 at 10:10 PM



“ Norma Garza lit a candle in memory of Gregory H. Cortez Jr.



Norma Garza - March 30 at 06:54 PM



“ My sincere condolences to Greg, Olga & the entire Cortez Family. I just saw the video and it has me in tears. Your Dad lived a full and beautiful life, so much family. He enjoyed every minute of it, it shows on his face and the sparkle in his eyes. I feel the hurt and pain you all are going through, it's hard and it does get a little better with time. Remember every memory of him for he will forever live in your heart. My prayers for you all for strength & endurance in the coming days! May Mr. Cortez rest with the Angels!

Norma Garza - March 30 at 06:53 PM



“ Dear Mary Helen and family...I just saw the video tribute..just beautiful. It brought both Jack and myself to tears. Although, he has not been a part of my life for so long...I still thought of him as my brother-n-law. He was a special man who would help me out, cared about me when growing up...he is the reason I am a licensed driver! I wanted to give up...but, he would not allow that to happen. I have many wonderful and sweet memories of Greg and will keep them in my heart always. Sending my love and prayers to you all...may God's love surround you all with comfort. Rest In Peace Greg.



Maria Adella & Jack Kiser - March 30 at 06:04 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Gregory H. Cortez Jr..



March 28 at 01:31 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gregory H. Cortez Jr..



March 25 at 02:37 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gregory H. Cortez Jr..



March 25 at 01:45 PM



“ From The Guerrero Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Gregory H. Cortez Jr..



From The Guerrero Family - March 22 at 10:16 PM



“ Greg was such a treasure to the St. Patrick family. His contribution to our faith formation team and bazaar committee was immeasurable. Hugs to the entire Cortez family especially the love of his life, Mary Helen. I will miss seeing his smiling face at church.

Lisa Moreno - March 22 at 03:06 PM



“ From your BFS family purchased the Serenity Wreath for the family of Gregory H. Cortez Jr..



From your BFS family - March 22 at 11:58 AM



“ Mr.& Mrs. Marcial Chavez lit a candle in memory of Gregory H. Cortez Jr.



Mr.& Mrs. Marcial Chavez - March 21 at 08:28 PM



“ Compadre, may you Rest in the presence of our Lord Jesus. Many prayers for the family and friends.

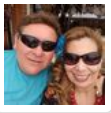
Mr.& Mrs. Marcial Chavez - March 21 at 08:30 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Gregory H. Cortez Jr..



March 19 at 03:51 PM



“ 19 files added to the album Memories Album



Wendy Andrade - March 18 at 09:19 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Maria Adella Kiser - March 18 at 03:26 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gregory H. Cortez Jr..



March 18 at 03:16 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Gregory H. Cortez Jr..



March 18 at 01:30 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Gregory H. Cortez Jr..



March 18 at 01:21 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Gregory H. Cortez Jr..



March 18 at 10:14 AM



“ Thank you so much father God for my oldest brother Gregory. He was truly a godly man who loved well An example of Christ always there when you needed him always a phone call to say I love you.

Always a smile on his face ready to pray for you cause He knew you need one.

faithful to his Family and church family. The best Santa I've known I just can't say enough about my big brother all I know is I'll miss him so much

Save a place for me brother give everyone a kiss see you soon Carmen

CarmenGarcia - March 18 at 10:02 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gregory H. Cortez Jr..



March 18 at 09:43 AM



“ Divine Light was purchased for the family of Gregory H. Cortez Jr..



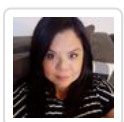
March 18 at 08:53 AM



“ I have known Mr. Cortez for approximately 29 years. I met him and Mary Helen through my best friends Greg and Olga. He was truly an amazing person. He enjoyed life. He did a lot for his family. When I introduced him to my other half, Carlos was immediately drawn to Mr. Cortez's personality. Mr. Cortez was one you can always count on. This past couple of months, Mr. Cortez and Mrs. Cortez went on many road trips. Listening to Mr. Cortez tell us about having family and friends throughout Texas was so cute. He would light up. We will definitely miss his talks. To Mary Helen, your sidekick will always be around you. Your guardian. To the Cortez children, your Dad's spirit lives on through you. To the rest of the family, may you continue to make the right choices in life and make your Grandpa proud.

Love Kathy Danas and Carlos Parra

Kathy Danas - March 18 at 12:05 AM



“ I know Greg through my best friend Veronica. I met him a few times when they would come visit her in her home across the street. From social visit to family parties to holidays. As my friendship grew with Veronica so did my love of her family. I was invited to her mom's house for one Christmas. If you know you know how they celebrate Christmas.. he was Santa !!! Grew his beard and all!! Years went on and I fell in love more and more with her family. I'll never forget how welcomed I felt. You will be missed Santa RIP

Toni Avila - March 17 at 10:27 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gregory H. Cortez Jr..



March 17 at 10:26 PM



“ My Uncle Greg spent decades making me laugh. He was always cracking jokes about everyone and everything. That is how I will always remember him. Telling jokes & dressing up as Santa. The last time I saw him in person was in the late summer of 2019. He came to my house to help move furniture to my sister's house in Houston so of course he volunteered to drive the truck from Houston to here (San Marcos 3 hrs away) and then back to Houston. Tia Mary Hellen & Tio Greg visited with my parents, who were here at the time too. We had a nice visit and talked about spending next 4th of July together at Canyon Lake next year but then the pandemic happened. God Bless, Uncle Greg. Please tell Grandma & Grandpa and all that have gone before us, that we miss them and look forward to the day we will all be together again. Condolences to the family. I know he loved you all and will be desperately missed.

Denise Cortez - March 17 at 09:39 PM