



Joe A. Berlanga

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Joe Anton Berlanga passed away at his home with family members at his side on March 3, 2014. Joe was born August 16, 1924, in Mercedes, TX to Aurelia and Leo Onofre Berlanga. Joe was raised in Bryan, TX and was the eldest of 10 children. His family moved around to Arkansas, Tennessee, and Texas to make a living picking cotton. Joe's dad pulled him and his brothers out of school to help support the family at age 9. Joe was able to complete the third grade at that time, and had a lifetime love of learning and education. As a young man, Joe worked as a dish washer at Texas A&M and soon after joined the US Navy 1942 and was honorably discharged on December 6, 1945 as an Electrician' Mate Third Class. He re-enlisted on March 27, 1946 and honorably discharged on January 21, 1948. Joe was stationed at R/S TI San Pedro, California; NRS Los Angeles and Naval Air Base Orote, Guam. He received the Victory Medal which commemorated military service during WWII. Joe also received the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign medal for serving in Second World War. Joe married Sara Ramos of Juarez, Mexico on January 18, 1960 in Las Cruces, New Mexico. They were married for 54 years and started their family in Phoenix, Arizona. They had four daughters, Anna, Rosa, Ema and Josie. Joe had one daughter and two sons from previous marriages, Karen, Tyrone and Arturo. Joe also had 12 grandchildren, and 14 great grandchildren. Joe was the center of his family and was a loving, patient and caring man. He is admired and loved by many whose heart he touch and shaped their lives. He gave so much and asked for little in return. He will be missed greatly.



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JR

Jessica Rodriguez posted:

Uncle Joe, may you rest in peace. You will be greatly missed and never forgotten.

March 21 at 5:00 PM

RR

Rafael Rodriguez posted:

I will always remember the cookouts out by the pool, the great salads you would prepare from the garden you grew, how you made everyone feel like at home, and the work you did every weekend in the backyard. Thank you for opening the doors to your house when we needed it and the most, everyone is very proud of you, especially your beautiful daughters. We'll love you forever. Rest in peace Uncle Joe. Rafael

March 18 at 5:00 PM

AB

Arturo Berlanga posted:

I am so glad you came in my Life.Eighteen years,for me short.I will miss you,your son.Arturo Berlanga.

March 14 at 5:00 PM

GP

Greenwood Memorial Park posted:

So glad you came into my Life eighteen years.I will never forget you, glad you got to know me your son.Arturo Berlanga.

March 14 at 5:00 PM

NE

Norma Ramos-Espina posted:

Uncle Joe I will never ever ever forget you. You told me once that there was nothing I could not accomplish....and I believed you. Rest in peace, I KNOW you are in a better place.

March 12 at 5:00 PM



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AR

Adrian Ramos posted:

What a great man, a man that I love and care for, and view as a father and a grandfather figure, but also as a role model. He lived a long beautiful life with his wife, my aunt Sarah. Leaving behind an impressive legacy; that, being his vast family. With more grandsons and great-grandsons than I can count, not to forget his impressive military service, as well as his involvement with his community. He was a lifelong learner, that's what I will never forget about him. He cared to make a difference in people's lives, helping shape my own in such a vast and meaningful way. He made a patriot out of me and influenced me to serve in the military as well. Now I hope to continue to progress in life and attempt to accomplish as much as he did. He will continue to live in my memory, always. With a bid of respect and affection, may you rest in peace uncle.

March 12 at 5:00 PM

JS

Jessica Snyder posted:

I am very lucky to have such a strong male role model in my life, my Tata. He was so smart he can build anything, fix anything and grow anything effortlessly. Tata was a family oriented man, he never turned away family in need and always helping when he could. He also cared for his community. Tata found ways to be active in the community and giving back was important to him. All the little things about my Tata I will keep close to my heart such as his favorite ice cream butter pecan, cold Coors Original with a salted rim and a green chili, fish and chips, the way he answered the phone ?yello?, his love of airplanes and reading the daily paper with his black coffee. I also got to witness a true love story; my Tata loved my Nana to the very end. Our family lost a great man here on earth but we know he is at peace and at home with all our loved ones we have lost. Until we see each other again, I love you Tata and rest in heaven.

March 11 at 5:00 PM

JL

Joey Lizardi posted:

Hi Great Grandpa, I love you and will miss you forever. Your Great Grandson, Joey

March 8 at 5:00 PM



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IF

Ide Fugate posted:

My name is Ide Fugate and Joe Berlanga is my grandfather, better known to us grandkids as ?Tata? I have many happy memories of Tata that I will always hold dear to my heart. One constant memory that stands out is when I was a young girl, my Tata would hold up an exotic fruit or vegetable and ask me, ?Do you know what this is?? I often replied with, ?nope, what is it?? and he would tell me the name, the origin and an interesting fact about the fruit or vegetable. Tata was amazing in that way. He was extremely smart and would teach us something new all the time. He was so intelligent that he can talk to anyone about any subject. My Tata was a multitalented person, I remember Nana and Tata having celebrations at their house and boy were their parties legendary. Tata would get his accordion out or harmonica and start playing while the guest and Nana sang. Tata would try to teach us how to play the harmonica and accordion but it never stuck. Tata had a love for all things in life and through the years he has taught me about being a life long learner, love for family, and with hard work anything is possible. I'm happy that I was able to spend so much time with you. I love you, Tata.

March 7 at 5:00 PM

JO

Jim Owenby posted:

Our condolences for your lost. Our prayers and our thoughts are with you. Jim & Nel Owenby

March 6 at 5:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Joe by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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