



John Ruben Alonzo

August 2, 1937 - July 15, 2024

North Augusta, SC- Memorial Services for Mr. John Ruben Alonzo, 86, who entered into rest July 15, 2024, will be conducted at a later date.

Mr. Alonzo was born in Corpus Christi, TX, on August 2, 1937, to the late Jesus Alonzo and Irene Rodriguez Morales. He moved to Phoenix, AZ during his military service and later made North Augusta, SC his home. Mr. Alonzo retired from the United States Army as a First Sergeant and served in the US Army 82nd Airborne during the Vietnam War from 1954 to 1985. Mr. Alonzo assisted with the US Bureau of Reclamation from 1988-1996; he was actively involved with the computer-aided drafting of several dams in Phoenix, AZ; served as an Engineering Draftsman and was a Marksman, Paratrooper and Master Jumper. He earned the First Oak Leaf Cluster Metal and the Meritorious Service Metal. Mr. Alonzo was an avid fisherman and enjoyed spending time with his family. He will be remembered as a devout Christian who loved Christ, our country, cats and Charles Stanely, who he listened to every Sunday morning.

Surviving members left to cherish his memory include a daughter, Michelle Whittaker and two grandsons, Christopher Whittaker and Matthew Whittaker.

Posey Funeral Directors of North Augusta, SC is in charge of arrangements (803) 278-1181.

Tribute Wall

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“ In memory of 1st Sgt. John Ruben Alonzo whose military service began by age 17 when his mother, Irene Ashton Rodriguez Morales, signed for her only son to join the US Army. John Ruben, in addition to his 2 daughters, is survived and remembered by his maternal Texas family continuing in the Georgetown/Austin area from his grandmother, Amelia Ashton Rodriguez Ramirez. The point of contact for this part of John Ruben's family is BettyJo Ramirez Miranda Patterson, 1006 Scenic Drive, Georgetown, Texas 78626. John Ruben's maternal Texas family also includes the progeny of his elder sister, Oralia Mesa Pena, interred at Fort Sam Houston Texas with her husband. John Ruben's nieces and nephews are: Irene Fiocca-Pena Miller; Dan David Pena, deceased; Nelda Yvonne Pena; Ronald Rey Pena; Maurice Michael Pena; Nathan Noel Pena, deceased; and Loretta Denice Pena Haggard. Surviving nieces and nephews live in both central Texas and coastal Corpus Christi. The point of contact for for this part of John Ruben's Texas family is Irene Fiocca-Pena Miller, PO Box 5084, Camp Verde Tx 78010 who was raised at 116 Joy Street, San Antonio with John Ruben, as brother and sister by her name sake, Irene the elder, John Ruben's mother.

1st Sgt. John Ruben Alonzo is respectfully and lovingly remembered by Oralia's 5 surviving children as "Uncle Ruben" as well as the Patriarch of their family since 2012 with the passing of Oralia's husband, 1st Sgt. Dan Paredes Pena of Corpus Christi, Texas. Both career army veterans are honored as heroes by John Ruben's entire Texas family.

Respectfully rememberd for the love of God, Family and Country.
Irene F-P Miller

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“ *I am thankful for Mr. Alonzo’s career service to our nation in the United States Army. It is men like Mr. Alonzo that selflessly served to safeguard our freedom and liberty. I offer my sincere condolences to his family, may he rest in peace.*

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