



Juan M. Hipolito Jr.

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Obituary

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On August 13, 2023, at 2:15 am, Juan Martinez Hipolito Jr. died in Las Vegas, Nevada, at the age of 75. He was surrounded by his ex-wife, children, sister and brother.

He was born in Lamesa, Texas and grew up in Austin, Texas. Juan served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War, 1966 to 1969. He was selected for Soldier of the Year Award at the age of 20 year old. After his discharge he decided to go to college.

He graduated from the University of Texas in Austin in 1975. In 1978 he graduated from Western State University College of Law with a degree of Juris Doctor with all of the Rights, Privilege and Honors appertaining thereto, in the State of California. In 1979 Juan Hipolito was admitted as an Attorney and Counselor at Law in all the Courts of the State of California.

He met Cesar Chaves in 1982 and Cesar Chavez invited him to assist with the struggling farm workers who had no money to pay for legal fees for cases related to injuries and civil rights violations. Juan was happy to help as his parents had also worked in the fields.

In 1983 the GI Forum elected him National Legal Counsel for a term of four years. His best legal work was performing services for those who could not defend themselves in legal proceedings. He also assisted Legal Aide clients

during his law practice years.

Juan's family occupied a special place in his heart. Especially his children Stephanie, John John, John Paul, Kathy, Davis, Joshua, Holly, Shela, Nicholas, 26 grandchildren, and 6 great grandchildren.

Juan was predeceased by father Juan M. Hipolito, Sr. and mother Hortencia M. Hipolito, daughter, Kathy Hipolito. Juan is survived by brother-in-law David Recinos-Najarro, sisters Elsa Peralta-Recinos, Betty Duran, brother Davis Hipolito, and many nieces and nephews.

We will remember your everlasting memories and the love you shared with all of us.

One day we will meet again. RIP Juan.

Cemetery Details

Fort Sam Houston National Cemtery

1520 Harry Wurzbach Rd
San Antonio, TX 78209

Previous Events

Memorial Service

SEP 2. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (PT)

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Tribute Wall



“ To the family of Juan Hipolito,
I met Juan in the early 80's. We were in the same organization the American GI forum and he was a friend. I had great respect for him. He was a true fighter for the people. I just found out today that he passed away. I am sadden to see this news. He was a good man. He left a legacy for America. God bless him and Rest in Peace. And to his family I am blessed to have met him and worked with him. I am sorry for your loss. He will be missed...



John Estrada - April 04, 2024 at 05:54 PM

MD

“ My grandfather was someone who truly lived life to the fullest. He loved his family and knew that family was truly the most important thing there is and I am grateful to have been able to spend the time with and learn what I did from him. The fight and drive in him was truly admirable. And to know i come from someone as strong as him is a blessing.

Marissa Hipolito Dorsey - September 06, 2023 at 01:35 PM

JH

“ *My grampa Juan Martinez-Hipolito
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Although it's hard to say goodbye to loved ones, I can't help but think how blessed we are. Blessed to have this time to talk to my grampa and listen to his stories. Where our name comes from. Learning of all the accomplishments he did and how he stood with Cesar Chavez, fighting for immigration reform and civil rights. He was a veteran, like my father and brother and others in my family. He was not a perfect man and owned up to his faults but he was a good grampa and loved all of his grandchildren. We didn't get a lot of time together, but I can't help but feel blessed to have that chance to know him.
Love you, Grampa. I know you're no longer hurting and with Great Gramma and Grampa and Tia Kathy. 🧡*



Jessica K Hipolito - September 06, 2023 at 01:15 PM

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“ *3 files added to the tribute wall*



Glenda Hipolito - September 02, 2023 at 11:15 PM

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“ In loving memory of my uncle, we mourn the loss of a remarkable man who embodied courage, strength, and unwavering dedication. His journey as a veteran, lawyer, and gifted writer touched the lives of many. Beyond his professional life, uncle John's greatest joy was his nine children, whom he loved dearly, along with his adoring grandchildren. He was married for 34 years to Virginia who he loved so deeply. His love for family, zest for life, and the special sister/brother bond he shared with my mother, Elsa, leaves us with lasting memories of a cherished soul. His knowledge of our family history was unparalleled, and he often shared those cherished stories with all of us. Though he is gone, his memory will forever live in our hearts, a reminder of the enduring power of love and resilience. He will be deeply missed and fondly remembered.

Glenda Hipolito - September 02, 2023 at 11:09 PM

VH

“ My beloved ❤️ Today we will celebrate your life! 34 years is not enough time with you. All your children and grandchildren and great grandchildren will celebrate together. Elsa and David have been pillars for the family. Neices and nephews are going to miss you dearly. Rest in peace my love 💕

Virginia Hipolito - September 02, 2023 at 04:12 PM

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Glenda Hipolito - September 02, 2023 at 10:13 PM

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John and I went through basic training together at Ft. Polk la. We became good friends and we looked so much alike that we once swapped shirts to fool the drill sergeant and it worked (long story). I have tried several times to locate him and it occurred to me to try tonight and found his obituary. He was a great guy and good friend.

Winston Wade - December 04, 2023 at 08:35 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Juan M. Hipolito Jr..*



September 01, 2023 at 04:22 PM

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“ I worked with Juan for a while at Safeguard Mini Storage. At that time he was also doing some legal work for a law firm. Juan was very easy to get to know. We talked about our Military service, some life experiences, family, & hopes for the future. He was always as interested in my life, as I was about his. Juan was definitely very proud of his family & all accomplishments they had achieved. Once when we were having an issue with the Company computers, Juan, asked & was allowed to bring his son Nick, who was pretty sharp with computers, into the Office to troubleshoot & make some adjustments. Nick got some issues resolved & I saw the 'proud Dad' look on Juan's face. I also remember that we talked about Cancer, & all the money spent on research over the last 50 years & still so many people contract some type of Cancer, & eventually pass away from it. We both had members of our families & close friends die from some type of Cancer. That really got Juan worked up. I had prayed for Juan almost daily when he, himself contracted pancreatic cancer, all the 'hoops he went through' to fight it. Yes, he won that battle, but, in the end, lost the War.

In conclusion I have to express how very saddened I was/am to learn of the passing of Juan from his loving Wife, Virginia, who was with him during his most difficult & challenging events. She was by his side when he died, & that is a very profound life experience to say the least. Juan & I had kept in contact even when he moved to California, & I can honestly say I will really miss 'visiting' with him here on earth. May you 'rest in peace' my good friend; (Via Con Dios). My very sincerest condolences to you Virginia & all of Juan's children & family/friends & relatives. May you all find peace & strength going forward. Best wishes from 'a friend' Kenneth Rondeau

Kenneth Rondeau - September 01, 2023 at 03:02 PM