



Fernando S. Muzquiz

March 22, 1942 - July 15, 2022

We are heartbroken to announce that on the early morning hours of Friday, 15 July, 2022, Fernando S. Muzquiz passed away peacefully in his sleep, at the age 80, following a brave battle with Parkinson's disease.

Fernando spent 30 years serving in the United States Army, retiring as a Chief Warrant Officer 4. His service included three tours in Vietnam (including a special assignment with the Department of State) and several overseas assignments. He earned a Bronze Star and Legion of Merit for his exceptional service to our nation. He served as a "Green Beret" in the U.S. Army's Special Forces, the 82nd Airborne Division, and the U.S. Army Parachute Team (also known as the Golden Knights). In 1985, Fernando was recognized as the Parachute Team's Golden Knight of the Year. Finally, a capstone of his outstanding military career was his 2018 induction into the U.S. Army's Quartermaster Corps Hall of Fame, as presented by his mentee and dear friend Major General Rodney Fogg.

Fernando was known for his playful sense of humor, sharp wit, and diligent work ethic. He was a kind, thoughtful, and loving husband, father, grandfather, and friend to so many. His memory will live on in the countless stories and anecdotes shared by the many people who had the privilege and opportunity to interact with him. Even in his later years, with Parkinson's taking its toll on his body, he still had a twinkle in his eye, a wink for his wife, and would often

blow kisses. As his ability to express himself diminished, he would still lift his eyebrows in his funny way to make us laugh or put us all at ease. He never lost his clever sense of humor. His friends and family, while sad that he's gone, will celebrate his life and the many gifts he gave to us all.

Fernando was preceded in death by his parents Fernando and Genevieve Muzquiz, his brother Salvador Sanchez, his infant daughter Jo Ann, his son-in-law Ashok Patel, his loving San Antonio family Salud Castro, Rafael and Florinda Castro, and Lupe Sobrino.

Fernando is survived by his loving wife of nearly 60 years, Mary Ann, his sons Fernando Jr. (Angela) and Michael (Robin) and his daughter Linda. He is also survived by his grandchildren Natasha, Manuel (Callista), Steven, Kendra (JR), Alyssa (Miranda), Jason, Selina (Will), Justin (Kathryn), Candi (Steven) and Sierra; and great-grandchildren Gabriel, Isaiah, Aliyah, Julian, Ethan, Skylar, Henry, Madelyn, Noah, and Everlee (who is on her way), Leighton, Layla, Ariana, Maya, Paris, Lydia and Anthony. Fernando will be missed by special family including Lizzie, Juan, and John Castro; the Patels and Bells; Lumy and Felix Guevara Rodriguez; Janie and Rodney Fogg, and many additional extended Muzquiz, Sanchez, Tapia, and Peregrina family members, and loving friends who meant so much to him.

The family would also like to recognize Fernando's special, extended family ... those who helped care for him and who loved him dearly: Amanda, Beth, Christine, Cindi, Delilah, Kim, Latesha, Maria, Marlena, Michelle, Rachel, Raiyn, Shasta, and Tawana.

In lieu of flowers, we are asking friends and loved ones to consider donating toward Parkinson's disease research (<https://www.michaeljfox.org/homepage>) or to "Animal Friends" for the care of animals in need (<https://www.thinkingoutsidethecage.org>).

Fernando will be laid to rest with full military honors at 9:00 AM on Monday, September 26, 2022 at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, VA.

Cemetery Details

Arlington National Cemetery

Arlington, VA

Previous Events

Graveside

SEP 26. 9:00 AM (ET)

Arlington National Cemetery
Arlington, VA

Tribute Wall



“ *Fernando S. Muzquiz*

October 08, 2022 at 11:31 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Fernando S. Muzquiz.*



September 26, 2022 at 09:25 PM



“ [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was purchased for the family of Fernando S. Muzquiz.

September 10, 2022 at 07:26 AM



“ *Blue skies Fern and fair winds. You were the first guy I encountered at the GK reunion in '83. I'd not been back for over ten years, and you took the time to kindly bring me up-to-date. My sincere condolences to the Muzquiz family, and I share your loss.*

*Rick Young, D2016 GW #283
USAPT '69-70*

Rick Young - August 23, 2022 at 02:35 PM



Thanks Rick, We sure do miss him...best wishes.
Linda Muzquiz

Linda Muzquiz - September 29, 2022 at 06:42 AM

JC

“*Dear Maryann & Family. We are so sorry, Fernando was the model of the man and loved by all that surrounded him. We'll miss him too. With Heartfelt Sympathy. Love, John & Connie Castillo*

John & Connie - July 23, 2022 at 01:43 PM



I will always carry you in my mind and heart, you were a man of example and with a very beautiful family!!!! 🙏🥲🥲

Luz Rodriguez - July 23, 2022 at 02:59 PM

JL

*The Lewis family sends our condolences and sympathy to the entire Muzquiz family. We first met in 1976 at Yadkin on Fort Bragg and Michael and Linda went to school with me on Post. He was a kind man with a loving family and was and is respected by his fellow soldiers and team mates. Rest easy Golden Knight!
Kevin Lewis and Family*

james kevin lewis - August 22, 2022 at 06:01 PM

BW

To the Muzquiz Family I offer my sincerest condolences. While I was Commander of The Golden Knights in the late eighties, I had the pleasure of serving with Fernando. He was an outstanding supply officer who knew his job inside and out. I relied on his expertise often. In addition he was a fine human being that I admired greatly.

*With Sympathy,
Bruce Wicks
Col (Ret.)
US Army*

Bruce Wicks - August 23, 2022 at 11:00 AM

DE

R.I.P. hero

Donnie Everett - September 21, 2022 at 01:12 PM

CG

Fern. It was a pleasure and honor to serve with you on the Team, and to work with you at ILCI / DNV. Thanks for being the great soldier you were. To the Muzquiz family, my sincerest condolences. Chuck Garwood.

chuck garwood - November 15, 2022 at 04:11 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Fernando S. Muzquiz.*



July 23, 2022 at 01:38 PM