



Salvador "Chava" Ornelas Hernandez

July 22, 1929 - October 27, 2014

On October 27, 2014, Salvador 'Chava' Ornelas Hernandez went home to heaven.

It was through God's will that he married someone with whom he had shared baptism, first communion and confirmation. On August 5, 1952, he married Ernestina 'Nina' Jimenez. They lived in Presidio most of their lives and had five sons whom they loved with all their hearts.

Salvador served in the United States Air Force and Army from 1952-1956 and was Honorably Discharged. He was a Disabled Veteran and active in the American Legion.

After his military service, he and Ernestina lived in Carlsbad, New Mexico before moving to El Paso, Texas. He was an entrepreneur and had several small businesses throughout the years before moving back to Presidio, Texas.

His love for his country never ceased but took on new meaning. He served on the Presidio Independent School Board for many years and also served on the Presidio City Council. He worked tirelessly on state and federal government grants for both the PISD and City of Presidio to ensure he was leaving a positive impact. When he wasn't serving on boards and councils, he worked on numerous city, state, and federal campaigns as a campaign

consultant. He felt voting was everyone's responsibility and that even one vote had the power to change lives.

He is preceded in eternal life by his parents, Manuel and Maria de Jesus Hernandez, his six brothers, Ernesto, Arturo, Manuel, Moises, Albino, and Raymundo along with his eldest son Salvador, Jr.

He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Ernestina, four sons- Juan, Abel, Felipe and Jaime, 14 grandchildren , 2 great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

You are invited to join us in celebrating and remembering Salvador O. Hernandez on Saturday, November 29, 2014 at Santa Teresa De Jesus Catholic Church in Presidio, Texas at 10:00 am.

“He will wipe every tear from their eyes; there will be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying, nor pain.”