

Anthony Cervantes Carmona

SAN ANTONIO -- Anthony Cervantes Carmona died on March 28, 2007.

Mr. Carmona was born in Cananea, Sonora, Mexico on Nov. 29, 1920. He was the only child of Felipa Carmona de Cubedo and Jesus Cervantes. His stepfather was Francisco Carmona.

Mr. Carmona served as a Sergeant in the 676th Bomb Maintenance Squadron in three tours of duty for the Air Force in World War II. He was awarded the American Campaign Medal, Asiatic Campaign Medal, Victory Medal, Chinese War Memorial Ribbon and Distinguished Unit Badge.

Mr. Carmona established his career in the grocery business working for Safeway Foods in 1952 in Arizona and founded his own grocery business in Houston in 1962. A successful businessman, he owned stores in Houston and Livingston. He served on the board of the Retail Grocers Association in Houston .

Serving as an example of community and church service for his children and family, Mr. Carmona served in civic clubs like the Lions Club and the Kiwanis Club. He served as the president of the Northside Lions Club from 1970-1971 in Houston. He was a fourth degree Knight in the Knights of Columbus. He served in church communities in Houston, Livingston, and Deming, N.M. as a lector and Eucharistic minister. He helped start a mission food pantry in Livingston for the poor and indigent.

Mr. Carmona is survived by his wife of 64 years, Linda Zaragoza Carmona and a daughter, Alicia Carmona Reyes and sons, Anthony Carmona, Andrew Carmona and Mark Carmona. He is preceded in death by two daughters, Patricia Carmona and Linda Carmona. He is also survived by one son-in-law, Tony Reyes, and three daughters-in-law, Linda Kay Carmona, Rosa Carmona and Liz Valdivia Carmona. Mr. Carmona has six granddaughters, Monica Reyes, Allison Carmona, Cristina Reyes, Patricia Carmona, Alyssa Berry and Emily Carmona. His grandsons are Jason Carmona, Christopher Carmona and spouse Ana, Samuel Carmona, Tony Reyes II, Marcos Carmona, and Aaron Carmona. His great-grandchildren are George Carmona, Sophia Carmona, and Rachel Carmona.

Rosary was recited Sunday, April 1, at Sunset Northwest Funeral Home Chapel on Bandera Road in San Antonio. Funeral mass was celebrated Monday, April 2, at St. Brigid Catholic Church, San Antonio. A memorial service was conducted Wednesday, April 4, at Forest Park Westheimer Chapel, Houston.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to The Patty and Linda Carmona Fund, c/o 8030 Veleta, San Antonio, TX 78250. Patty and Linda Carmona were the daughters of Anthony Carmona and these funds go towards formal education for those in need. Visit www.mem.com for a memorial and tributes.