



Alfonso "Al" Solana

December 8, 1933 - May 9, 2018

Alfonso "Al" Martinez Solana was born on December 8, 1933 and went home to Jesus on May 9, 2018. He was the youngest son of Louis M. Solana and Virginia Martinez Solana of St. Augustine. The Solana family originated in the "Kingdom of Navarra" in the Valley of the Solanas in Spain. The family was awarded a crest from the King of Spain. It was awarded to them for fidelity and excellent service to the King. The Solana family is documented to have had a relative aboard the ship that landed at the La Leche Shrine in St Augustine in 1565, and they are the oldest documented family in the United States. Hence forth, the Solana family has occurred forward as a continuous family lineage with each generation to present day.

Al was a brick and block mason by trade, and worked most of his life as a contractor in the construction industry. He was also a journeyman printer by trade and worked for the Florida Times Union and the Atlanta Constitution. Later, he retired from St Johns County Road and Bridge as a maintenance supervisor. In his later years he began carving as a hobby and created beautiful carvings of animals and birds, and other wildlife.

He is predeceased by his father Louis M. Solana, his mother Virginia Martinez Solana, brothers Clement A. Solana and Terrell Francis Solana both of St Augustine, son Bradley Louis Solana of Jacksonville, Grandfather Alfonso Martinez of Puerto Rico, and Grandmother Matilda Mcquaig Martinez.

He is survived by his wife Norma Gay Solana of St Augustine, daughter Patrice A. Stamper (Eric), of Jacksonville, son Jeffrey Alan Solana of California, three step sons and one step daughter all of St Augustine, Donald Eugene Heymen, Sterling Wayne Heymen (Catherine), David Alan Heymen (Beth), and Terri Lee Heymen, Nephews James Louis Solana (Diane), and Robert A. Solana (Janet), and niece Jaqueline Ann Jaquett of Jacksonville. He also had 7 Grandchildren and 3 Great Grandchildren

Visitation is at Craig Funeral home Tuesday May 15 from 5-7 PM (prayers begin at 6 PM), and Mass at San Sebastian Catholic Church on Wed May 16 at 10 AM.

Events

MAY **Visitation** 05:00PM - 07:00PM
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Craig Funeral Home
1475 Old Dixie Highway, St. Augustine, FL, US, 32084

MAY **Catholic Prayer Service** 06:00PM
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MAY **Funeral Mass**
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San Sebastian Catholic Church
1112 SR-16, St. Augustine, FL, US, 32084

Comments



“ Patrice and Jeff purchased the Rose Tribute for the family of Alfonso "Al" Solana.



Eric Stamper - May 14, 2018 at 01:16 PM



“ Patrice wanted to describe one of our favorite visits to the creek, so here it is: This is my narration (Eric, Patrice's husband). My brother, Joseph was in town visiting and the 3 of us went down to the creek house to visit. Al suggested we all take a boat ride, which we always loved to do when visiting down there. We took a nice ride and some other boaters told us they had seen some manatees a little ways down. We went to investigate and saw them as well. Al turned off the boat and we watched them as we drifted closer to the shore. Patrice wanted to reach over and touch one, and when she did, it suddenly turned in the water and threw a large volume of water over the boat with it's tail. She and a couple others of us got quite wet, but we all laughed. Then Al started the boat to go, and we realized we had drifted over a submerged tree and were stuck. We all moved to the front of the boat to try and ease off, but still were held prisoner by the tree. A kindly couple on a pontoon boat came to our rescue with a rope and pulled us free. My brother had a great experience to share with his wife in Missouri and we all still laugh about it to this day.

Eric Stamper - May 14, 2018 at 12:54 PM



“ 131 files added to the album LifeTributes



Craig Funeral Home Crematory Memorial Park - May 14, 2018 at 07:53 AM



“ Cheeseboard Complete was purchased for the family of Alfonso "Al" Solana.



May 11, 2018 at 03:21 PM



“ Carolyn Shoals lit a candle in memory of Alfonso "Al" Solana



Carolyn Shoals - May 11, 2018 at 03:07 PM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Alfonso "Al" Solana.



May 11, 2018 at 03:04 PM