



Epifanio "Eppie" Zapata

April 7, 1944 - July 27, 2015

Epifanio "Eppie" Zapata, age 71 of Rockdale passed away Monday, July 27, 2015 in the Winnie L. Nursing Home in Cameron. Funeral Mass is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. Friday, July 31, 2015 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Rockdale. Burial will follow in St. Joseph Cemetery in Rockdale. Rev. Ramon Frayna will officiate. Visitation is 4:00 pm to 9:00 pm with Rosary at 7:00 pm Thursday, July 30, 2015 at Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home.

Epifanio "Eppie" Zapata, one of 15 children of Feliciano and Manuela (Reyes) Zapata was born April 7, 1944 in Rockdale. He served in the U.S. Army during Vietnam, receiving National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal with two Bronze Stars, Vietnam Campaign Medal with Device 1960, one o/s Bar, and Expert (M-14). After his honorable discharge, he worked as a Landscaper for Milam County and the Temple V.A. He was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church and a former member of Rockdale Knights of Columbus. He loved playing music, and started the group "Little Eppie and the Latin Five." He was the lead singer and played the Saxophone.

Eppie was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Carmen Silva; seven brothers, Nehi Zapata, Simon Zapata, Juan Zapata, Victor Zapata and three infant brothers.

Survivors, two sons, Phelipe Zapata and wife Norma Jean of Belton, Vecente

Zapata and fiancé Gisela Colahan of Moody; one granddaughter, Liana Amaya Zapata of Belton; four brothers, Steve Zapata and wife Mary of Rockdale, Nick Zapata and wife Terry of Arkansas, Nat Zapata and wife Marie of Rockdale, Butch Zapata and wife Lucy of San Antonio; two sisters, Amelia Montelongo and husband Sonny of Rockdale, Adelia Lerma of Rockdale.

Serving as pallbearers are Lorenzo Zapata, Mike Zapata, Sr., Maurillio Zapata, Jr., Marcos Zapata, Diego Montelongo and Nick Montelongo.

Previous Events

Public Visitation

JUL 30. 4:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - Rockdale
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Rockdale, TX 76567
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Rosary

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Mass of Christian Burial

JUL 31. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Joseph Catholic Church
234 San Gabriel St.
Rockdale, TX 76567

Tribute Wall



“ *Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Epifanio "Eppie" Zapata*



Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - July 30, 2015 at 03:09 PM

LG

R.I.P. old Soldier your work is done here on earth. Now go forth and play your music to the angel's in heaven. My heart goes out to his family. Thank's for the pictures of his life after high school. With regards, Leonard "Tommy" Grubbs, Kountze, TX.

Leonard "Tommy" Guubbs - August 01, 2015 at 07:25 AM

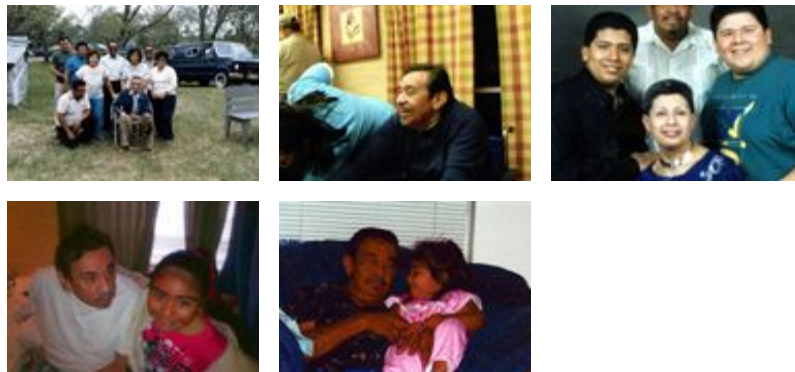
JS

Sorry to hear about Eppie, my brother David Baca passed way on June 15th, hard to deal with said losses.

Jesus Baca Sr. - August 03, 2015 at 12:42 PM



“ 43 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - July 30, 2015 at 07:08 AM

EO

“ *Gone but never forgotten!
Every time I hear " I Feel Good" on the radio, I will think of you
Uncle Eppie!
Heaven just received another jokester because all of my Zapata
uncles that are no longer with us had the best sense of humor... I
love them all!*

Elena Olmos - July 29, 2015 at 01:50 PM

EZ

“ *Eternal rest be granted to Uncle Eppie. GOD BLESS YOU. Say hi to
my POP's and the rest of our family.*

Eddie Zapata - July 29, 2015 at 01:35 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Epifanio "Eppie" Zapata.*



July 29, 2015 at 12:29 PM