



Steve Bustamante

August 23, 1948 - February 24, 2020

Steve Bustamante, 71, of "Stinky" Luling, TX died February 24, 2020, at Ascension Seton Hays Medical Center in Kyle. A service will be held at Phillips & Lucky Funeral Home in Rockdale.

Steve was born in Edenburg, TX on August 23, 1948 to Esteban Bustamante and Teofila Morales. He was accepted by the Lord at an early age when he was baptized at Sacred Heart Church on October 19, 1948.

Steve married Christina Casarez on August 19, 1967 in Lubbock, Tx.

Steve earned an AA degree from the Los Angeles Valley College and a Bachelors in Psychology from Cal State Northridge.

Steve's favorite activities were going to the movies, riding his Harley, working on camera equipment, on his classic cars, and constantly harassing his grandchildren to remind them they were loved.

Steve first worked at Traide Corp supervising the production of commercial photography cameras.

In May 1971, he enlisted in the Air Force and served in Vietnam until June 1974, and later joined the Air Force Reserves until 1977.

He gained employment with Panavision Motion Picture Productions through sheer will and personality, where he led and innovated for 30 years.

Steve received an Oscar, on behalf of Panavision, for the development of the 65mm camera lens for the IMAX movie system.

Steve retired in 2005 from the motion picture industry, due to military service related injuries.

After his retirement, Steve continued to be a major part of the entertainment industry through his employment with Miller Productions filming various Longhorn and NFL games.

Predeceased sisters: Sister Audy Bustamante and Aurora Morales.

He is survived by his wife Christina.

Sisters: Louisa Bustamante from Los Angeles, Estella and Mary Ortiz also from Los Angeles, and Connie Ortiz from Alabama.

Brother: David and Johnny Ortiz from Alabama.

Daughters: Norma from Los Angeles and Stefanie Bustamante residing in Luling.

Grandsons: Andrew Bueno and wife Rosa currently residing in Japan, Christian Bueno and John Lawrence from Los Angeles, and Dru Hettler and his wife Rita residing in Lockhart.

Great Grandchildren: Benjamin Bueno, Aubree and Addison Hettler, and Alexandria Bueno.

His pallbearers will be his

Grandchildren: Andrew, Christian, Dru, and John.

Nephews: Carman Lopez and Steven Contreras from Rockdale.

A service will be held 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, March 4, 2020 at Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home in Rockdale with Rev. Pedro Castillo officiating. Burial in the St. Joseph Cemetery in Rockdale. Visitation is 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 3, 2020 with a Rosary at 7:00 p.m. at the funeral home.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 3. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - Rockdale
1041 West Highway 79
Rockdale, TX 76567
(512) 446-5454
phillips_luckey@yahoo.com
<https://www.phillipsandluckey.com/>

Rosary

MAR 3. 7:00 PM (CT)

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Chapel Service

MAR 4. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ I finally have the strength to say to all who knew my dad. He was the man who spent time with me no matter how busy he was. He was my protector, when he promised to be there to pick me up from school, softball practice, or anything no matter how far on location when he was filming he showed up. I can't ever say he left me crying and waiting. He taught me how to not let anyone tell me I couldn't do anything and believe them. He made me fight and learn and be proud of who I am and that I was better. I was called his "Shadow" in the film industry, but I was better known as his "Monster"

When he was down I picked him up and never lost faith in him and like he did for me. He believed in me when others didn't, he took me everywhere with him. He was my teacher when I started in the industry and we were always together. When I had my son, he loved him like it was me and when my first grandchild Aubree was born, he loved her like it was me as a little girl again. I am so honored and blessed to have had such a great dad. He was my teacher and my hero and I am going to be proud to have my Oscar next to his because they belong together.

*I Love You Daddy always & Forever
Love Your Monster*



Stefanie Bustamante - July 09, 2020 at 08:01 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Steve Bustamante.*



March 02, 2020 at 11:03 AM



“ *Chris, Norma, and Stephanie and family, May God Bless you and give you the strength needed to get through this time of sorrow. My heart aches for you for I know what you're going through.
Love always,
Albert and Linda Morales*



Linda Morales - February 29, 2020 at 09:10 PM



“ *Boyd Traluksamee & Ranee Gaines purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Steve Bustamante.*



Boyd Traluksamee & Ranee Gaines - February 28, 2020 at 10:12 PM



“ *Gary Hood and Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Steve Bustamante.*



Gary Hood and Family - February 27, 2020 at 12:25 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Steve Bustamante.*



February 27, 2020 at 11:52 AM



“ *This picture is how I remember Little Steve, he looks so happy. He was always making us laugh whenever we would visit Aunt Lupe and he was there. As children we thought he was cool because he was so cute and funny. I know in later years his health slowed him down a bit, like all of us, but I believe him and Goya and Lelos and all love ones before him are having a grand reunion!*



Our Prayers are with the family, wish we could be with you guys. I am looking forward to the day we will all be together with no more tears or good-byes. Rest in his arms Little Steve.

Love Ginny

Virginia Overstreet - February 27, 2020 at 09:43 AM



“ *Connie lit a candle in memory of Steve Bustamante*



Connie - February 26, 2020 at 09:07 PM

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“ *Wicho&Bradley,Pete&Stella,Mary&Pirom, Davy, Connie purchased the Heaven's Tears - Peaceful Reflections Marker for the family of Steve Bustamante.*



Wicho&Bradley,Pete&Stella,Mary&Pirom, Davy, Connie -
February 26, 2020 at 08:58 PM

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“ *Our brother Steve is In the company of Jesus Christ our Lord, Who died and now lives.
May our brother rejoice in Your kingdom Lord,
where we are whole again and all our tears are wiped away and
where one day we will all be united together again in one family, to
sing Your praises Lord forever and ever.*

Connie Gutierrez - February 26, 2020 at 02:40 PM

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*To our sister Chris,
We Pray that your Faith will give you and your Family strength to carry
on in this time of sorrow.*

Angie Lopez, Sam and Carlos Casarez - February 28, 2020 at 07:58 AM