



Henry Nieto

July 15, 1931 - January 22, 2021

*** The funeral home is limited to 50 people at any given time and everyone must wear a facial covering ***

Henry Nieto joined the Lord – passing peacefully holding his daughter’s hand, surrounded by prayer and song.

Henry, 89 years old, was a loving husband, father and brother who lived his life based on the teachings of the Catholic Church as instilled by his mother.

Henry was the last living, and youngest son of one of Baytown’s first Mexican American settlers. The family of twelve lived in a sparse two room cabin lit by a single kerosene lamp that illuminated the late-night poetry writings of Henry’s father. Back-breaking labor at the oil refinery would lead to his father’s untimely death, leaving his mother to raise 10 children alone during the Great Depression.

As a child Henry delivered ice and milk and picked up odd jobs on construction sites. Money was tight. Shoes and clothes were hand-me-downs.

Henry attended the now historical Baytown Mexican School, first established in the 1920’s for Mexican American children in the city. During his school years, Henry played brass instruments and tennis. He took up photography...

all passions passed on to his children.

Henry became the only son to graduate high school. But the celebration was short-lived. One day after graduation he reported to the U.S. Air Force. The Korean War was underway.

During the war, Henry's brush with death didn't come from a bullet, but a tsunami. Two-mile-long Johnston Island where he was stationed was to take a direct hit. He was ordered to write a goodbye letter immediately, then wait for the tsunami. Some men climbed the air tower, the highest point on the tiny island. Henry chose to remain on the ground to await his fate. His life was spared, as was most of the island which suffered damage.

A few years later, Henry married the love of his life Mary. He remembers his first glimpse of her "tiny-waist, wearing peddle pusher pants and glass shoes." He fell in love with her that night. They were married more than 60 years, raising two children they raised in the church and sent to college. Henry devoted his life to his wife, supporting her during two bravely fought cancer battles and serving as her caregiver during her journey with Alzheimer's. He never left her side, sleeping in a recliner next to her hospital bed in their home.

The two were founding members of St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Church in Houston. Their family's hard work is memorialized there. They served as Eucharistic Ministers, visiting the sick. Henry joined the Knights of Columbus and served as usher at St. Mark and at Holy Family Catholic Church in Missouri City.

Henry loved his kids. He encouraged their interests in the arts and championed their academic and professional success. He built sets for his daughter's college TV productions, assisted his son's wildlife photography

pursuits and survived a nail-biting effort to teach his daughter to drive a stick. He was a constant source of wisdom.

Henry attended business school and worked more than 30 years as an accountant in the energy industry. In retirement he caught up on reading, diving into history, politics, and the daily paper. He loved to BBQ and travel.

Henry loved sports too. He held coaching positions on his son's sports teams, taught his daughter to slide into home, and to ride a bike. He was a devout baseball fan – Astros and Yankees. He loved the stats, the history and took his kids to early batting practice at the Astrodome to watch Astros' César Cedeño and Jose Cruz.

Henry died the same day as Hank Aaron, a baseball player he deeply admired. On that fated day, they each rounded the bases a final time, heading for home, peacefully and with grace to heaven.

Henry is now with the Lord, reunited with his wife Mary, son Henry, his parents, brothers and sisters who've gone before him. He is survived by daughter Rebecca and son-in-law Alfredo Del Real, sisters Vera Barajas, Mary Nieto and Lydia Castillo, as well as in-laws, nieces, nephews and extended family.

A walk-through visitation will be held at Davis Greenlawn Funeral Chapels and Cemeteries between 1 and 3pm Sunday, January 31st. A private burial with military honors will be held at the cemetery February 1st. Davis Greenlawn is located at 3900 B.F. Terry Blvd, Rosenberg, TX 77471. Ph: 281-341-8800. You are welcome to send flowers to Davis Greenlawn.

Cemetery Details

Greenlawn Memorial Park

3900 B.F. Terry Blvd.
Rosenberg, TX 77471

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 31. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

RN

“ Thank you for your condolences and your love... I am deeply touched. They provide me the strength knowing you are in my life
❤️🙏

Rebecca Nieto - February 01, 2021 at 09:06 AM

RN

“ Rebecca Nieto lit a candle in memory of Henry Nieto



Rebecca Nieto - February 01, 2021 at 09:03 AM



“ Caring Condolences Sympathy Basket was purchased for the family of Henry Nieto.



January 31, 2021 at 05:28 PM

GV

“ *Becky and Al,
Our hearts will forever be broken but the memories they left us will
always be cherished.
The love your parents showed to you and Bebe was phenomenal.
They were so proud of all the accomplishments and all the love and
kindness you shared with everyone. We will always miss the visits,
all the Christmases you shared with my family for many years, the
sweet conversations over the phone or the many texts by your dad
and Bebe. We will embrace this forever. God will help you and Al
through this difficult time so you can move forward and know we are
only a phone call away. We love you...God bless you both.*

Gloria and Gene Salinas & Aunt Vera - January 30, 2021 at 08:34 PM

JB

“ *Juanita Brewer lit a candle in memory of
Henry Nieto*



Juanita Brewer - January 30, 2021 at 08:17 AM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the
family of Henry Nieto.*



January 30, 2021 at 08:12 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Henry Nieto.*



January 29, 2021 at 10:29 AM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Henry Nieto.*



January 29, 2021 at 10:03 AM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Henry Nieto.*



January 29, 2021 at 09:36 AM

SW

“ Rebecca, my heart breaks for you! I know the three of them are reunited in Heaven and I hope that gives you comfort. I can picture the front on your Dad’s face as he reunited with the love of his life again! I am so glad that you were able to be with him as he gained his wings!

You have done an amazing job advocating for your Mom, Dad and brother! I wish you and your husband nothing but the best moving forward. You deserve some joy in life again! Let me know if there is anything I can do for either of you in the future. Take care!

Susan P Williams - January 29, 2021 at 06:33 AM

RN

Dr. Williams, thank you so much for your wonderful words. I am so very grateful to you for your support during this difficult journey and for your guidance as we encountered previous health challenges. You are an amazing doctor... thank you. Much Love - Rebecca & Al

Rebecca Nieto - January 29, 2021 at 01:38 PM



“ Delightful Dieffenbachia was purchased for the family of Henry Nieto.



January 28, 2021 at 08:21 PM

LH

“ Lupe Hernandez purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Henry Nieto.



Lupe Hernandez - January 28, 2021 at 07:23 PM

MN

“ *Mary C. Nieto lit a candle in memory of Henry Nieto*



Mary C. Nieto - January 28, 2021 at 07:18 PM

LC

“ *Lydia Castillo lit a candle in memory of Henry Nieto*



Lydia Castillo - January 28, 2021 at 07:17 PM

LH

“ *Lupe Hernandez lit a candle in memory of Henry Nieto*



Lupe Hernandez - January 28, 2021 at 07:15 PM

LM

“ *Lydia and Mary purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Henry Nieto.*



Lydia and Mary - January 28, 2021 at 07:08 PM

WL

“ We love you, Karen LaFleur purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Henry Nieto.



We love you, Karen LaFleur - January 28, 2021 at 02:10 PM

RM

“ Becky - we are deeply saddened upon learning of your Dad's passing and we convey our most heartfelt sympathies. We greatly admired, respected, and loved Uncle Henry. We pray that God give you and Al strength during this difficult time. You are truly blessed to be the daughter of Henry and Mary and sister to dear Bebe. We love your family.

*Love and Blessings,
Richard and Mia Marron*

Richard Marron - January 28, 2021 at 01:25 PM

IG

“ My condolences to my cousin Rebecca del Rio and Al & Rodriquez family. A time of healing will arrive, the beautiful memories of your parents and brother are left for you to cherish.

They always looked up to you but get comfort you were there for them everytime. Will miss their presence. Love Silver and Isabel Gonzales



Isabel Gonzales - January 27, 2021 at 04:46 PM

EG

“ Emma Garcis lit a candle in memory of Henry Nieto



Emma Garcis - January 26, 2021 at 10:12 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Henry Nieto.



January 26, 2021 at 09:30 PM

EG

“ My sinceré n deep felt condolences to my cousin Becky n her husband Al. My aunts Lydia, Mary and Elvira. This has been very difficult to process at the loss of three family members during a very short period of time. My heart goes out to Becky as do my prayers for her spiritual peace, accepting the will of God. May Uncle Henry rest in the perpetual eternal light n peace of the Lord along side his son Henry Jr and his beautiful wife Mary.

We will miss all three of you but your memory and the many celebrations that we shared in grandmas home will remain deeply in our hearts. Rest In Peace 🙏🙏

Emma Garcis - January 26, 2021 at 09:10 PM