



## Mariano S. Alaniz, Jr.

November 9, 1949 - November 4, 2021

Mariano (Jay) S. Alaniz, Jr., 71, of Mission, Texas, passed peacefully at Houston Methodist of The Woodlands Hospital in the early morning Thursday, November 4, 2021, after an 18-year battle with idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis. Jay was born in 1949, or “Al” as he was known by his colleagues, was 5 days shy of celebrating his 72nd birthday on November 9th. His interests and talents were vast and varied. A natural athlete with a fondness for music, affection for animals, and a life-long obsession with automobiles.

Jay married his childhood sweetheart and the love of his life, Ana Maria Cavazos, in his hometown of San Antonio, Texas in the Summer of 1966 where they raised a family of four. A deeply religious man, his faith was devout although quietly personal. He was well-known for his sarcastic wit, tenacious attitude, and charming personality. His closest family and friends will confidently assure you he is mad as hell that he is not still calling the shots here on earth for he lived a full life on his terms and without apology.

He is preceded in death by his parents; Mariano Alaniz Sr., Guadalupe Alaniz, Antonio Cantú, and Belen Reyna Cantu and 8 siblings; Rodrigo Cantú (Rigo), Lydia Rendon (Lile), Peter Michael (Mike) Alaniz, Mercedes Cantú (Meche), Maria Elisa Rocha (Maria Lisa), Octaviano Cantú (Chicho), Norma Linda Cantú Hernández, and Angela (Quela) Cantu.

He is survived by his children; Mary Ann Cordoba, Maxine (Troy) Wenzel,

Marla (Alex) Goulis, Mariano Alaniz III, and 6 siblings; Antonio Cantu Jr. (Borrado), Enedina Cantu (Nina), Martina Mata (Tia Chata), Guadalupe Cantú (Tobi), Rebekah (Becky) Haevischer, and Sandra Perales, as well as 12 grandchildren; Mark Anthony Alaniz, Ariel Marie Cordoba, Carlie Alaniz, Casidi Alaniz, Alexandria Alaniz, Luis Tomas Rios, Christian Lucas Cordoba, Sydney Ann Cordoba, Gabriel Elijah Goulis, Leonidas Stephen Goulis, Charlize Alaniz, and Mariano (Baby Jay) Alaniz and 5 great grandchildren.

A funeral mass will be held at St. James the Apostle Catholic Church, 22800 Aldine Westfield Road, Spring, Texas 77373 beginning at 10 AM on Saturday, November 27, 2021.

Tributes and words of condolence may be left for the family at [www.davisgreenlawnfh.com](http://www.davisgreenlawnfh.com).

Arrangements are under the direction of Davis-Greenlawn Funeral Home, 3900 B.F. Terry Blvd., Rosenberg, Texas 77471, Phone: 281-341-8800.

# Previous Events

## Funeral Mass

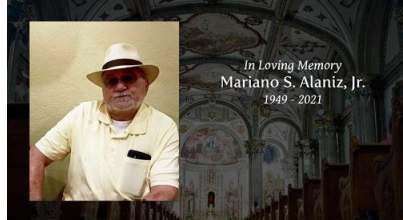
NOV 27. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. James the Apostle Catholic Church  
22800 Aldine Westfield Road  
Spring, TX 77373

# Tribute Wall



“ *Davis Greenlawn Funeral Chapel and Cemeteries created a Tribute Video in memory of Mariano S. Alaniz, Jr.*



**Davis Greenlawn Funeral Chapel and Cemeteries** - November 19, 2021 at 09:07 AM



“ *I didn't have the pleasure of knowing Jay very long, however I became his care provider and became very close to him quickly. We would have awesome conversation, watch TV and just enjoy spending time together. I also became close to Maxine, I felt very much at home the minute I walked into their house. Jay will be missed very much !*

**Lanette Freese** - November 20, 2021 at 09:52 AM



“ *Delightful Dieffenbachia was purchased for the family of Mariano S. Alaniz, Jr..*



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**Marla Alaniz Goulis** - November 18, 2021 at 09:53 AM

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**Marla Alaniz Goulis** - November 18, 2021 at 09:46 AM