

Adolfo Bermea Segura

June 17, 1941 - February 22, 2022

Adolfo Bermea Segura transitioned peacefully with his family by his side on 2.22.22. The twos that defined the day of his passing may have been a sign of his luminous being and the power of his presence on earth. The number two is known as a supremely feminine force, one that represents both grace and power. It represents partnership—and leads to harmony and teamwork, not control and authority. Indeed, Adolfo's presence was always understated but powerful as he assisted his wife of 51 years, Guadalupe, with her many DIY projects. Married en la Iglesia San José in Piedras Negras they always worked together as a team and raised three children—Fito, Susana and José Luis in the southside of San Antonio. Adolfo always put his family first and was a source of peace and balance for them. His favorite time of year was lent which this year began on March 2nd—Ash Wednesday—a day he insisted his family observe.



Adolfo & Guadalupe Segura were married for 51 years.

Susana, his daughter, who is part of the Esperanza staff, recalled on FB the time she forgot to get her ashes. Getting home late after work at 2am, her Dad met her at the door and asked, “Where are your ashes?” “Awwww man,” responded Susana. No problem! Her Dad simply rubbed his greasy forehead on hers and recited, “You are dust, and to dust you will return.” Even though Adolfo missed lent this year, his favorite recipe for capirotada will always be part of the family's celebration at lent. In post after post on feisbook, Susana shared stories about her father and his gentle nature. In waking her up, for instance, he would first turn on her light. After a bit of time, he would return to whisper in her ear “wake up sleeping beauty, wake up!” If he got no reaction from her, he would return and tug on her ear or grab her big toe and wiggle her foot, a little. The last resort was rubbing between her eyebrows. He said people could get sick or get “susto” if awakened,

abruptly. After retiring Adolfo took charge of fixing breakfast and cooking. Having compassion for people in need, Adolfo, responded to a call for help when over 20 years ago the Sisters of Jesús, María y José from Sacred Heart Church needed help distributing bread to low income folks. Adolfo knew where to find gente that needed help. He began to serve those in need with his family's help. Prepping fruits and vegetables and providing needed

items donated by the community Adolfo continued ministering to those who were in need. When Susana began to live on the Westside ten years ago, the family focused their work there especially during the pandemic when there was a surge of unsheltered folk. With Adolfo now gone, the family will continue distributing bread and needed items. The outpouring of community support for Adolfo's mission began almost immediately following his passing with Susana posting on Feisbuk how people can contribute to the effort. [To donate contact Susana Méndez Segura on FaceBook.] In preparing Adolfo's despedida with the ultimate destination being his burial at San José Burial Park, Guadalupe turned to her skills as a florist that she had used many a time before to adorn weddings, quinceañeras, funerals and other celebrations. This time Adolfo would not be around to expertly pack the van and gently place the flowers in so as to not harm them. He would not be there to set up and take down the arrangements. And, he would not be the one who would handle the casket spray—a job only he could do. The family would be going it alone, from now to forever—but his presence and guidance remains. He will now live in their hearts.

The Esperanza staff, board and Buena Gente extend our heartfelt sympathy on the passing of Adolfo Bermea Segura, loving husband of Guadalupe Segura who has always been a part of *Día de los Muertos*, *Peace Market/Mercado de Paz* and *Paseo por El Westside*—always with the help and presence of Adolfo. An amazing dad, husband, grandpa, yerno, cuñado, compadre, uncle, brother and son, Adolfo—with roots in the culturas of the Yaqui, the Mexican, and the German—was right with God and the Universe and left the world ready for the next. May he rest in peace and power! ¡Que descanse en paz y poder!

