

Rest in Power, Jesse Vidales

By Rachel Delgado

Rest in power, Jesse Vidales. I first met Jesse in 2015 shortly after our mom, Juanita Delgado, celebrated her 100th birthday. He had seen her photo in the newspaper and reached out to us. He had worked with our father, Pedro Delgado, when they were both house painters and shared many stories about them. Jesse and I shared a common interest in San Antonio and Westside history and the importance of documenting our stories. We attended the



Jesse Vidales poses at the Alameda Box Office with Rachel Delgado acting as a ticket agent and inside the theater he shared his stories of the Alameda as a young man.



community input sessions for the restoration of the Alameda Theater. He had actually performed there on stage while a student at Lanier with his trio, Los Romanticos. Both of us shared memories with Save Old Hwy 90. The street name was restored last year. He was also a poet, and read at the Las Palmas Library one year. He wrote and read many tributes at our family functions. Some of you may remember him from his performance in *Still Here*, the Alameda Symposium, TPR and all those political rallies.

Jessie R. Vidales PRESENTE!!!



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