



Jorge Gustavo Prendes

October 20, 2023

McAllen - Jorge Gustavo Prendes, beloved husband, father, grandfather and friend, passed away on Friday, October 20, 2023 in McAllen surrounded by his loving family. He was born on November 18, 1933 in Guantanamo, Cuba to Alvaro Prendes and Esther Sagebien. He is remembered by Nuria Boada Prendes, the love of his life for 63 years and two daughters: Nuria Putnam of Denton, Texas and Maelia & Angus Davis of Cypress, Texas. He is also survived by 12 grandchildren who he was most proud of: George Anthony & Tina Putnam, David Charles Putnam & Nuria A. Putnam (Denton, Texas), Roger & Haley Macin (Austin, Texas), Alex Macin (West Point, New York), Kara & Tom Haywood (Monroe, Georgia), Emily Davis (Spokane, Washington), Heather Davis (San Antonio, Texas) and Tania Macin (Mexico City, Mexico). He was preceded in death by his brother Alvaro Luis Prendes and his son-in-law George Charles Putnam. What he treasured above all else was rounding up his large extended family and spending time together. Jorge's story began in Cuba where he grew up and studied law at the University of Havana hoping to follow in his father's footsteps who was a very well known lawyer and mayor of Guantanamo. He met his wife at the Union Club in Guantanamo and as God would have it, rescued her and her friends the following week when their car got stuck in the sand at the beach. Sources say he described her eyes as "ojos como un farol de un carro" (beautiful big eyes like headlights on a car). They were married on April 29, 1960 and had an idyllic life until the government changed. Once Communism destroyed the

once beautiful island, he was forced to work in the sugar cane concentration camps created for those that refused to commit to Communism. He made the brave decision to leave Cuba with his young bride and two young daughters in order to seek freedom and a better life for his family. On April of 1969 he was given 48 hours notice to fly out the country and they moved to Spain without a penny in their pockets and only the clothes they had on their backs. Jorge worked 3 jobs in Madrid round the clock to earn enough to start a new life. Eventually he was able to fly his family to the United States in 1970 where they lived in Silver Springs, Maryland then Elizabeth, New Jersey.

In 1975 he moved the family to McAllen, Texas where all of his wife's family lived and created a home. He was a banker for most of his life very proud to work at McAllen State Bank and D-Tronics and retired at the age of 80. He enjoyed wood working, painting, drawing and cultivated an amazing array of fruit trees, plants and flowers in his backyard. He loved Cuban music and played it every day in the house. He was well known for his yearly calendars which he created and printed for 20+ years for his large family that had everyone's birthdays and anniversaries noted. He always said that his greatest achievement was seeing his two daughters graduate from college, be fully bilingual and succeed in their careers. He was immensely proud of all his grandchildren and always tried to inculcate the Cuban culture and language in their lives.

Family and friends are invited to attend a visitation on Tuesday, October 24, 2023 between the hours of six and eight o'clock in the evening at Kreidler Funeral Home in McAllen. A recitation of the holy rosary will commence at seven o'clock in the evening. Memorial Mass will be celebrated at ten o'clock in the morning on Wednesday, October 25, 2023 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church in McAllen where Father Martin De La Cruz will serve as celebrant. Burial will immediately follow at Valley Memorial Gardens in McAllen.

In lieu of usual remembrances, please consider a donation in Jorge's Honor to MD Anderson Cancer Center, P.O. Box 4486, Houston, TX 77210-4486 or

MDAnderson.org/Gifts or Texas Oncology, 1901 S 2nd St, McAllen, TX 78503.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **24**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Kreidler Funeral Home, Inc.
314 N 10th St.
McAllen, TX 78501
(956) 686-0234
kreidler@sbcglobal.net
<http://www.kreidlerfuneralhome.com/index.html>

Rosary

OCT **24**. 7:00 PM - 7:30 PM (CT)

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Memorial Mass

OCT **25**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Our Lady of Perpetual Help
2209 Kendlewood Avenue
McAllen, TX 78501

Interment

OCT **25**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Valley Memorial Gardens
3605 N Taylor Rd
Mission, TX 78501

Tribute Wall

MP

“ *Queridas Nuria y primas: I grew up knowing him by his middle name "Gustavo" and then later I realized that I was missing the "Jorge" part . . .
He was kind, muy cariñoso, y de un carácter muy bondadoso. How sad that we have all lived so far from each other. Abrazos, Maricel*



Maricel Quintana Baker, PhD - October 31, 2023 at 03:20 PM

MD

Hi Maricel--thank you for your note about my dad. Great stories. He loved taking pictures and always had a camera with him. Wish we lived closer too.

Maelia Davis - November 05, 2023 at 03:11 PM

JL

“ *I'm sorry to hear of Jorge's passing, he was born in Cuba and made the courageous decision to leave his beloved country. I worked with him at Mcallen State Bank in the late 80's and he was a class act. May his family know that he is at peace reaping the reward that awaits us all.*

Jake Longoria - October 26, 2023 at 01:11 PM

MD

Thanks for this note Jake. We really appreciate hearing about his time at McAllen State Bank. He was very proud to work there.

Maelia Davis - November 05, 2023 at 03:10 PM

TM

“ *Tania Macin lit a candle in memory of Jorge Gustavo Prendes*



tania macin - October 25, 2023 at 03:41 PM

MD

Gracias Tania. Abrazos.

maelia davis - October 26, 2023 at 12:30 PM

ET

“ *I always thought Jorge and Nuria had a romantic marriage. My last time seeing them is when they drove to Washington DC. to visit his cousin, my mom, Monina. They arrived with a dented car, They had had a car accident! They stayed with us, watched the movie SoapDish (they laughed so hard they were both crying) and visited with my mom. I remember Jorge taking multiple pictures of the squirrels (he couldn't get over them). I treasure a picture I have with both sitting with my beautiful boy Jordan and my little Gabriela. I will miss this sweet man. much love Estrella*

Estrella M. Triana - October 25, 2023 at 10:23 AM

MD

Thank you for sharing that wonderful story. He loved taking pictures. Always had his camera everywhere we went.

maelia davis - October 26, 2023 at 12:33 PM

RG

“ *We worked together at McAllen State Bank in the 80s. He always had a smile on his face. May he rest easy.*

Rene De La Garza - October 23, 2023 at 04:27 PM

MD

Rene, he would have loved this comment. Thank you for sharing. He loved his time at McAllen State Bank.

Maelia Davis - October 24, 2023 at 11:00 PM

PG

“ *Pedro Garcia lit a candle in memory of Jorge Prendes*



Pedro Garcia - October 22, 2023 at 09:32 PM

MD

Thank you:)

Maelia Davis - October 24, 2023 at 11:00 PM

MD

“ *Maelia Davis lit a candle in memory of Jorge Gustavo Prendes*



Maelia Davis - October 21, 2023 at 06:44 PM

MD

“ 18 files added to the tribute wall



Maelia Davis - October 21, 2023 at 06:32 PM