



Alonso Andara, Sr.

December 30, 1930 - October 23, 2021

On October 23, 2021, Alonso Andara Sr. passed away peacefully in his home. He was born in Puerto Cortes, Honduras and was 91 years old. His life was one full of experiences.

Alonso came to America in 1952, with nothing but a dream for a better life and his business ambition. He served in the U.S. Army from 1954-55, travelling the world, and eventually – and proudly – becoming a U.S. citizen in 1955.

He was one of the first Hispanics to obtain a freight forwarding license after he purchased and began operating Magnolia Forwarding Company, Inc. in 1960. Alonso transformed Magnolia into a thriving family business where his wife and children have worked.

Magnolia was Alonso's passion – he showed up every day for 61 years. He was a titan to his family and those who knew him, but he was also a man of character and generosity. While he never liked to admit it, he often helped out those around him without expecting anything in return.

Even in old age, Alonso was a young spirit. He could recount his life stories with vivid detail, whether he was discussing his time on the ships in Vietnam, Panama, and Europe or his two-week stay in Argentina for the FIFA World Cup in 1978, all while wearing his fitted teal colored blazer.

Alonso leaves behind his wife of 59 years, Carmen Andara and their three children Alonso Jr. (wife: Zinnia), Maria (husband: Allan), Frank (wife: Colleen); his grandchildren; Alonso III, Alexander (deceased), Alexandria, Anthony, Mackenzie, Kennedy, and Hannah; his brothers, Gustavo and Salomon (deceased); his family member, Alcira; and many other loved ones too numerous to name.

Goodbye, Alonso. We know you are watching over us from a better place.

Family and friends are welcome to attend the Visitation and Funeral Mass this Saturday, October 30, 2021 at L.A. Muhleisen & Son Funeral Home, 2607 Williams Blvd., Kenner, LA 70062. Visitation will be from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. followed by a Funeral Mass at 11:00 am. Interment in Jefferson Memorial Gardens Cemetery, 11316 River Rd, St Rose, LA 70087.

To share memories or condolences, please visit www.muhleisen.com

Cemetery Details

Jefferson Memorial Gardens Cemetery

11316 River Road
St. Rose, LA 70087

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **30**. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

L. A. Muhleisen & Son Funeral Home
2607 Williams Boulevard
Kenner, LA 70062

Funeral Mass

OCT **30**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Alonso Andara, Sr.*

October 15, 2023 at 09:39 PM

CA

“ *Tío Alonso un hombre muy sabio, un líder en su familia y en su vida, siempre velaba por el bienestar de las demás personas. Muy trabajador y honesto, con anécdotas muy valiosas. Lo extrañaremos siempre. Que Dios lo tenga en su gloria.*

Carlos Eduardo Díaz Andara - October 31, 2021 at 10:14 AM

LA

“ *Tío Alonso, lo recordaré siempre por estar pendiente de nuestra familia en el transcurso de su vida. Poseedor de muchas virtudes, muy trabajador, disciplinado, solidario, inteligente, honesto, entre muchas cualidades. Lo extrañaremos mucho.*

Lesly Carolina Andara - October 31, 2021 at 09:53 AM

MS

“ *Alonso was always so Resourceful, kind, with always a way to things done. I'll Forever Have Special Memories of Alonso, a man true to His Convictions, Dedicated to Family, Friends & His Work, He passed his Strong Work Ethic to his Loving Family & all who worked with him. May God Bless Carmen, Alonso, Maria, Frank & Families. May They Find Sweet Comfort in Their Many Memories. Sincerely Maggie Smith*

Maggie Smith - October 30, 2021 at 10:24 PM

BT

“ *We are neighbors of his daughter! The sweetest man in the world very handsome every time you see him he was always on point!! We will miss you 🤔 from the . From Greg/ Buffie / Suri*

Buffy Lynette Thomas - October 30, 2021 at 11:10 AM

AH

“ *Mis condolencias para Alonso JR y su familia. No dudo que Don Alonso fue una gran persona y siempre estara vivo por los recuerdos de las personas con las que compartió*

Andres Herrera - October 29, 2021 at 08:50 PM

LA

Querido tío Alonso, siento mucho no poder hablar más con usted, lo extrañaré por siempre.

Lesly Carolina Andara - October 31, 2021 at 09:18 AM

LA

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Lesly Carolina Andara - October 31, 2021 at 09:31 AM

LT

“ *Lourdes Villafranca Tucker lit a candle in memory of Alonso Andara, Sr.*



Lourdes Villafranca Tucker - October 29, 2021 at 12:11 PM

IA

“ *Durante mis años en la industria naviera tuve la oportunidad de conocer a Magnolia Forwarding con Don Alonso Andara a la cabeza, quien con su gran conocimiento de la industria y su sonrisa bonachona se ganó el respeto y admiración de todos los que tuvimos el privilegio de tratarlo. Rezo por su eterno descanso y hago llegar a Carmen, Maria, Alonsito y el resto de sus familiares mi más sentido pesame. Descanse en paz Don Alonso y que brille para él la luz perpetua.*

Rest in Peace Don Alonso!

Imara Arredondo

Miami, FL

Imara Arredondo - October 29, 2021 at 11:55 AM

JN

“ *Such a charming, charming, gentleman of good humor. I have fond, fond memories of his beautiful soul.. Condolences, Carmen... and condolences to your lovely family.*

He always made me smile. It was my great pleasure to know him

John Nee

New Orleans

John Nee - October 28, 2021 at 09:50 PM

LT

“ Mis sinceras condolencias y resignación cristiana a todos mis primos Andara, en especial Carmencita.

Alonso para mi fue una linda persona, muy cariñoso y amable. Fue un hombre muy trabajador y un verdadero y excelente esposo y padre de familia.

Recuerdo que muchas veces que nos mirábamos se acercaba a mi y me metía en mi bolsa unos dolaritos, jaja!. Esto lo hacía desde que yo era más joven y hasta hace unos cuantos años atrás.

Quiero recordar a Loncho desde la última vez que lo vi en persona que fue para el velorio de su hermano Salomón, y se miraba muy bien, y siempre con su sombrero se miraba piquetero. También me recuerdo haber visto fotos de él para su Cumpleaños, y Aniversario de Bodas que por el Covid sus hijos y nietos me imagino le decoraron su yarda deseándole Felicidades y el parado afuera viendo pasar el desfile de carros de su familia y amigos felicitándolo.

Esa sonrisa que tenía fue algo muy lindo. Así recordar a mi querido primo.
Bendiciones para ti. Tu prima, Lourdes Villafranca Tucker

Lourdes Villafranca Tucker - October 28, 2021 at 08:14 PM

LT

With the grace of God and the merciful Angels, keep my Cousin Alonso in that beautiful Glory call Heaven.

And may his family be blessed always. In Jesus name, Amen 🙏

Lourdes Villafranca Tucker - October 28, 2021 at 08:47 PM

EF

Estamos conmovidos y tristes con el fallecimiento de Alonso, nuestro cuñado, siempre fue un hombre amable y colaborador un magnifico hombre de empresa al frente de SU Magnolia. Nuestro mas sentido pesame a mi hermana Carmen, a sus hijos Alonso 2, Maria y Frank asi como a sus esposas y esposo, sus nietos y toda la familia.
Eduardo y Haydee Fernandez
Guatemala

Eduardo Fernandez - October 30, 2021 at 02:50 PM

FF

“ I had a summer job at Magnolia Forwarding Company as a teenager in the mid-1960s. It was one of the best summer jobs I ever had. I will always remember Alonso as a calm, level-headed businessman and how generous and kind he was with me.

Fernando Furlan

New Zealand

Fred Furlan - October 27, 2021 at 10:43 PM

AL

“ I first met Alonso in 1979 when my employer at the time relocated me to New Orleans, Magnolia Forwarding’s office was then in the CBD , we’ve been friends ever since , even after I moved to Florida. I’ll never forget when in 2012 our families travelled to Portugal together and visited Fatima , the site of the apparition of Our Lady of Fatima in 1917. It was a riot when 5 of us piled into a small car for the 1 1/2 hour drive from Lisbon and kept getting lost around a traffic circle which kept taking us in the wrong direction , but ended up at the same starting point every time, I will miss our Soccer discussions and your customary greeting “ Augie Lopes “, may God open the gates of heaven for you , but then , I’m sure you’re already there . Rest In Peace my friend.

augie Lopes - October 27, 2021 at 09:18 PM

AJ

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Alonso Jr - October 27, 2021 at 06:02 PM

AA

Para nuestra familia Dn Alonso Andará era un tío muy afectuoso y lo mismo su querida Carmensita. Pido a Dios fortaleza y consuelo para ella y sus hijos y q Dios acoja amorosamente a Dn Alonso.

Aura Arevalo - October 27, 2021 at 07:20 PM

PS

“ I met Mr. Alonso many years ago when I handled sales for Barber Steamship Lines. He was a very kind and giving man. He always made me feel so welcomed when I visited the office of Magnolia Forwarding Company. His spirit and passion for his work carries on within his family whom are the kindest people you would ever want to meet. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family and friends. May all of the wonderful memories carry you through this difficult time. God bless, Pam Showalter

PAMELA SHOWALTER - October 27, 2021 at 04:49 PM

JN

*A very close and dear friend. I will miss our telephone conversations and visits.
Sincere Condolences Carmen and to Maria, Alonso and Frank and your families.
REST IN PEACE...Don Alonso*

Joe Noto - October 29, 2021 at 11:23 AM