



# Ildefonso Aranda Jr.

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**I**ldefonso “Al” Aranda was born in Laferia, Texas. Growing up, he worked in the cotton fields and dairy farms alongside his family. After graduating from high school, Al voluntarily joined the U.S. Air Force, where he served from 1971 to 1975. During his time in the service, Al did a one-year tour in Vietnam. He was Honorably Discharged as a Sergeant.

In 1975, Al met Miss Brenda Thomson while working at the NCO Club at McChord Air Force Base. Both Al and Brenda knew they were destined to be soul mates. They later married April 16th, 1978 and were blessed to enjoy 45 years of marriage together.

Al tended bar at El Torito’s Restaurant in Seatac Mall and Tacoma, Washington, making many friends over the 26 years. People would come from all over the Pacific North West “PNW” just to come watch Al work. Following his bartending, Al became business owner of AA Janitorial for 30 years. There is no denying Al was one hard working man. Al considered his employees his family. Al made lifelong friends and was deeply loyal to everyone he met. Al had high integrity, honesty, and strong moral principles - which he showed in all he did.

Al had a deep love for his family. Al is survived by his wife, Brenda Aranda, son Ildefonso “Al” Aranda III (spouse LeeAnn) and daughter, Jovita Aranda. Al’s brothers George Aranda (spouse Alice), Luis Aranda (spouse Dana), Johnny Aranda (spouse Elvia), and Arturo Aranda (spouse Lisa). Honorary mentions Al Roy, Brother Al (spouse Linda), Sisters San Juana, Olga, and Rosa. Grandchildren Tiana Fitzsimmons, Thomas Aranda, Ildefonso W. Aranda IV, Emanuel Aranda, Elliana Aranda. Great-grandchildren Michael Aranda, Chloe Fitzsimmons, Emberson Aranda, and many other nieces and nephews. Al is preceded in death by son William Aranda, mother Marciana Aranda, father Ildefonso Aranda Sr., and sister Maria Nyola.

Al taught us all invaluable lessons in life. Some of his wise words we will never forget and will be instilled in us forever. These are some of his words we’d like to share with you all.

“It’s not the words I say, it’s what I do.” “If you’re 15 minutes early, you’re already late.” “Did you



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learn your lesson?" "Handle your business." "If you're going to do something wrong, make sure you're the only one who knows about it." "Use the right tool for the right job." "If you say you're going to do something, you better do it."

Some of our favorite sayings:

"What's up with this Mickey Mouse bullshit?" "What's up rookie?" "It's all about the love."

While we miss Al here on Earth, Al is beginning his new journey with our loved ones in Heaven.

Ildefonso - my husband - will always be my love, my rock, my everything.



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**E Ara** posted:

"Grandpa, I didn't know you speak bird!" is what I said when I was about Three years old. I'll always remember you when I hear the birds sing.

April 14 at 9:51 PM



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words will never be able to explain how much you influence my life. When I retired on this day and I was able you hug you and tell you I finished the job after 21 years I could feel your happiness and pride. Thank you Dad you will always mean the world to me!!!

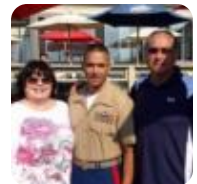


May 18 at 10:57 AM



**Ildfonso Aranda lii** shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Marine Week Washington State. Got to has dinner with my parents.



April 28 at 5:30 PM



**George L Aranda** posted:

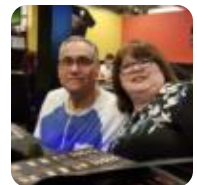
AI was a great brother. His generosity and kindness was one of a kind. He had a gift of making people feel special. Those qualities will live with us forever. We love you AI!

April 28 at 4:48 PM



**Ildfonso Aranda lii** shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Mom and Dad enjoying dinner.



April 28 at 12:58 PM



**Ildfonso Aranda lii** shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Dad having a good time in The PNW.



April 28 at 10:59 AM



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JA

**Johnny Aranda** lit a candle in honor of Ildefonso.

Our deepest condolences, Johnny & Elvia

April 28 at 4:33 AM



BA

**Brenda Aranda** lit a candle in honor of Ildefonso.

April 27 at 9:19 AM



IA

**Ildefonso Aranda lii** posted:

Deeply missed.

April 27 at 8:42 AM

GV

**George Vanorden** posted:

I never met the man, but he raised a great man in his son. Prayers to the family.

April 27 at 8:39 AM

IA

**Ildefonso Aranda lii** shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Love you Dad!!

April 27 at 8:19 AM





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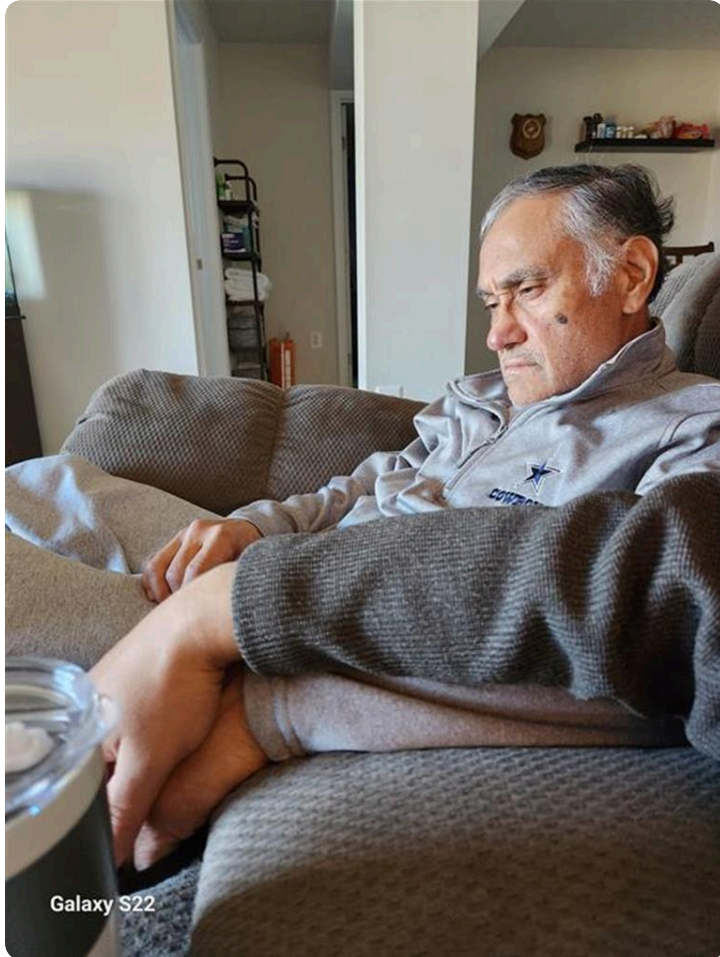
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