



## Benjamin Rosales

May 17, 1959 - July 18, 2019

Benjamin Rosales passed away on July 18, 2019 in San Antonio, Texas. Benjamin was born May 17, 1959 in Harlingen TX. He was preceded in death by his father Jose A. Rosales; sister, Dr. Anna Marie Rosales-Lozano and step-father, Felix Salazar. He is survived by his mother Janie Rosales-Salazar; sister, Jackie Redwine; nieces, Hannah Redwine and Elena Lozano; nephews, Joshua Redwine and Estevan Lozano.

Ben was a graduate of Thomas Edison High School class of '77, then continued his studies at USC from 1978 through 1980 in Film Production. He earned his Communications-Journalism Film/Video BA at Trinity University in 1984. Realizing he was destined to teach, like his father, he studied at UTSA from 1988 through 1990 to earn his teaching certification.

While studying, Ben earned his scuba certification and went treasure hunting off the coasts of Key West and Honduras while only eating whatever was caught and he was not a fan of seafood. It was a life-changing experience.

He was a waiter at The Fairmount Hotel fine dining restaurant, Polo's. He met many stars and local high-profile residents, and always had a story to tell about his experiences working there.

He started his first of two teaching positions at Christa McAuliffe Middle School in 1991 as the originating Journalism teacher and developed a national award-winning Journalism program. His yearbooks won numerous state and national competitions. He moved to Highlands High School in 2000 where his Journalism program won numerous awards for Yearbook, Newspaper and Photography. At both schools, he worked very hard with his students to fundraise to cover the expense of the yearbook and conventions and competitions they attended. Sadly, his health declined and he was forced to retire in 2015. His legacy is the numerous lives impacted by his passion for teaching students to look at life through the lens of world events.

His love of film and politics was known to anyone who conversed with him.

As a teen, Ben would spend the entire day watching the same movie multiple times. He was an usher at the Broadway theatre while in high school, and was the lone usher during the summer blockbuster release of Jaws. He saw it so many times he could recite the lines from memory. His breadth of knowledge of film trivia was amazing and he would light up while discussing it. As he got older, he was known to sit around the dinner table quizzing his nieces and nephews about movies, world events, and politics. As a big believer in being a voice for the underdog and Democratic Party, Ben had many a rousing dialogue of politics.

Benjamin Rosales was a wonderful, intelligent, and kind man. He was a loving and caring son, brother, uncle, and friend. He spent his life dedicated to his students. As a patient, he appreciated all the wonderful care he received throughout the years and only had good things to say about his providers and fellow patients. He will be dearly missed and always remembered.

Visitation will begin on Saturday, July 27, 2019 at 11:00am, followed by A Memorial Service at 12:00pm at Mission Park Funeral Chapels North.

For personal acknowledgement, you may sign the online guestbook at [www.missionparks.com](http://www.missionparks.com) in the Tributes section.

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Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemetery - July 24, 2019 at 03:43 PM

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“ Mr. Rosales was my Photojournalism teacher at McAuliffe during the 92-93 school year when I was in 8th grade. I learned a lot from him working on the yearbook staff. He taught me a lot about photography and working in the darkroom. He was a great teacher who really cared about his students. My condolences to his friends and family.

Amy Melendez - August 01, 2019 at 11:24 AM

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“ To The Rosales Family,  
I worked with Ben at Northwest 6 Theaters back in the late 70's. He was always making small movies and you could tell his interest was certainly in film. It was the best job I have ever had and Ben helped make it that. He always had that smile and was in a happy place at the theaters.  
I myself have ended up in the Film Business in Hollywood. I cherish the time I got to work with him and will always honor his friendship.  
Many of the coworkers from NW6 are still friends, 40 plus years later.  
Thank you for sharing Ben's pictures.  
God Bless.  
Dicky Broussard

Dicky Broussard - July 25, 2019 at 07:34 AM



“ He loved working at Northwest 6. A dream job for a movie buff, so cutting edge for San Antonio at that time to have the multiplex theater. Thank you for your kind thoughts and memories

Jackie RedwineRosales - July 25, 2019 at 09:16 AM



“ I, too, worked with Ben at NW6, while I was in high school. Thank you for sharing some earlier photos of Ben, as that is how I remember him and learned of his death-from this instantly recognizable photo. I remember Ben as dear, sweet, kind person and always a gentleman. He took his job seriously and was a model for all of us. I second what Dicky Broussard said that it was the best job we all had in high school and Ben helped make it

so. My deepest condolences to you and all of Ben's loved ones. May the wonderful memories we all share of Ben bring you comfort. With deepest sympathy-Christina Rosas

**Christina Rosas** - July 25, 2019 at 09:32 AM

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**Jackie RosalesRedwine** - July 24, 2019 at 07:30 PM

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**Jackie RosalesRedwine** - July 24, 2019 at 06:16 PM

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**connie catron** - July 24, 2019 at 02:50 AM



“ Thank you Connie for sharing these wonderful pictures of Ben!

**Jackie RosaledRedwine** - July 24, 2019 at 11:55 AM

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“ Ben became our sons' closest friend in the late 70s when they met working in a San Antonio restaurant. Our political views certainly differed which led to lively discussions at our encounters. I could say we'll help fund President Trump's re-election campaign in Ben's honor....that would certainly get his heart going! But instead we will make a donation in his memory to the Military Officers' Association of

America scholarship fund which provides scholarships and grants to kids of all ranks in the military. Ben was so proud when he began teaching and was so enthusiastic about his journalism classes and award-winning yearbooks. And we, in turn, were very proud of him and all he accomplished. We will miss him, his lively banter and keen sense of humor. Connie and Don Catron

connie catron - July 24, 2019 at 02:41 AM

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“ Ben brought immeasurable honor to Highlands High School through his efforts in producing an award winning yearbook each and every year. I shall always remain in awe of your talents, Ben, and am proud to say that we shared an alma mater and many years together at HHS. You enriched every person who came into your orbit. Bless you, Ben.



Betsy Duncan - July 22, 2019 at 04:52 PM



“ Very kind words. Thank you very much. He loved teaching.

Jackie RosalesRedwine - July 24, 2019 at 10:00 PM

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“ Though we never met face to face, his friendship meant so much. Whenever I was down or just needed someone to talk to, he was always there. Whether it was to encourage, discuss, or simply gush over movies and books, our talks made my days a bit brighter. It's with a heavy heart that I say I will forever miss him.

Brooks K. Watford - July 22, 2019 at 11:55 AM



“ Thank you very much.

Jackie RosalesRedwine - July 24, 2019 at 10:00 PM

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“ Brooks K. Watford purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Benjamin Rosales.



**Brooks K. Watford** - July 22, 2019 at 11:43 AM

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“ Ben, I will forever cherish our trips together to Austin for the UIL Journalism/Yearbook conventions and awards ceremony. It was a blast chaperoning our AMAZING students whom we both loved. The laughter and shenanigans still bring a huge smile to my face. You truly had the heart of a teacher! The students and I could talk to you about anything without any fear of judgement. Our friendship blessed me beyond measure, and I will always treasure our memories made together. Love you, Ben!!

**Nelda Criswell** - July 21, 2019 at 08:16 PM



“ He would always come back with so many stories from those trips. He loved taking them. Thank you for sharing.

**Jackie RosalesRedwine** - July 24, 2019 at 10:03 PM



“ Ben's passing is all the more painful to me because I had meant to contact him but I kept putting it off. Thanks to our time together at Trinity University, I got to work with him doing the kind of student filmmaking unique to that time and place but that's now part of a bygone era. . I'll always appreciate how the fact we graduated in different years never stopped him from hanging out and debating pop culture with me and even at times confiding in me. In a sense, Anna and Jackie's classmates were just as much his. I think he epitomized what's been sometimes said about San Antonio, that its a city where everyone knows each other.

**Homer Ochoa** - July 27, 2019 at 09:12 PM



“ Thank you Homer.

**Jackie RosalesRedwine** - July 30, 2019 at 07:42 PM