



## David R. Davila

December 26, 1953 - February 19, 2022

David left his earthly body, when his heart ceased, to begin his new life with our Lord Jesus on February 19, 2022 at the age of 68. He was born on December 26, 1953 in San Antonio, Texas to Nicholas Davila and Amelia Rivas Wheeler. He is preceded in death by his parents, his stepfather Clifford Wheeler, grandparents Martin and Maria Rivas, and siblings Daniel Davila, Diana Lozano, and Ricky Martini. He is survived by his loving wife, Linda; daughters Leslie “Nicki” Martinez (Stan III) and Stephanie Davila (Casey IV); brother Matthew Martini (Paula); grandchildren Tanis IV, Millie, Esai, Eleazar, and Lucas; his dog-son Hondo and grand-dogs Quinn and Duke, along with numerous loving family members and friends.

David and Linda met as members of the St. Stephen’s Youth Club over 50 years ago and were married 43 years. Linda immediately knew David was THE ONE because he came to the first meeting with a big bag filled with popcorn. After high school graduation, David started working at USAA where he worked his way up from the Mailroom to the Claims Training Department. After his 30-year career at USAA, he turned his woodworking hobby into his business, Fresh Start Designs. His handiwork can be seen throughout South Texas grocery stores and in the homes of his family and friends. Up to the day of his passing, David could be found in his workshop crafting tokens of his affection for loved ones. Anyone who knew him will also remember his love of cooking, barbequing, hunting, and spending times outdoors at the family ranch.

David’s Catholic faith was deeply rooted in him. He achieved Third Degree Knight in the Knights of Columbus Council 4786. His legacy lives on through the multiple ways in which he served the Westside community with the Disciples of Christ, ACTS, and Finance Council at St. Timothy. David’s love of and devotion to Jesus Christ was as a model for those who crossed in his path.

David always had a way to light up a room with his quick-witted humor. No one was safe from his pranks and jokes! He maintained close, special relationships with so many people, such as Tio Richard who was like a father to him, Tony, Dorelia, Paula, and Victor,

as well as the Quintero, Fierro, Herrera, Hightower, Meneses, and Ramirez families. Yet, nobody could bring him more joy than his five grandkids. "Papi" made the best BBQ and spaghetti as far as they were concerned. They knew they could count on Papi to learn how to make a watch when all they wanted was the time. Papi was known to share words of wisdom and taught all of his grandkids life lessons that they will carry with them for the rest of their lives, especially how to leave the world better than they find it. He will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Visitation will begin on Tuesday, March 1, 2022 at 8:00 a.m. at Mission Park Funeral Chapels South with a procession to depart the funeral home at 9:30 a.m. Rosary will be recited at 10:00 a.m. with a Funeral Mass to follow at 11:00 a.m. at St. Timothy Catholic Church. Interment to follow at Mission Burial Park South.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations in his honor to the Knights of Columbus Council 4786 or to St. Timothy Catholic Church.

Knights of Columbus 4786  
PO Box 27654  
San Antonio, Texas 78227-0654

St. Timothy Catholic Church  
1515 Saltillo Street  
San Antonio, Texas 78207

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 1. 8:00 AM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels South, Cemeteries & Crematories  
1700 SE Military Dr  
San Antonio, TX 78214  
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

## Rosary

MAR 1. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Timothy Catholic Church  
1515 Saltillo St.  
San Antonio, TX 78207

## Funeral Mass

MAR 1. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Timothy Catholic Church  
1515 Saltillo St.  
San Antonio, TX 78207

# Tribute Wall

CV

“ *My condolences to the family. David had big shoes to fill and will be dearly missed. Wishing you peace, comfort and lots of love. Cris Villarreal*

**Crist Villarreal** - March 01 at 05:00 PM

LH

“ *Our condolences to Linda & family. David was a beautiful man. His big heart made everyone around him welcomed. We were blessed in meeting David and spending time with him, Linda & family. Always enjoyed his deliciously scrumptious meals and always remember his fried turkey which we now cook each year at Thanksgiving.*

*We will miss David's laughter, jokes and beautiful smile but will always remember him in our hearts. God bless Linda & family & all those that knew David.*

**Leonor & Kelly Hargis** - March 01 at 10:29 AM

DG

“ *Linda, may God bless you and your family in this time of sorrow. I worked with David at USAA. I learned so much from him and have very fond memories working and laughing together. I also am fortunate to have some of his woodwork in my home. David will be missed by all, may he rest in peace.*

*Diana O. Garcia*

**Diana O. Garcia** - February 28 at 04:55 PM

CM

“ *My deepest condolences to Linda, Nicki, Stephanie and their extended families. I grew up with the Quintero family and that's how I had the pleasure of meeting David. Such a good man. He will be missed. My prayers and thoughts are with you'll.*



**Carol A. Martinez** - February 27 at 11:11 PM

JR

*Our condolences to Linda and family and prayers for healing.*

**Joe and Abby Rodriguez** - March 01 at 02:33 PM

RG

“ On behalf of my brothers and I and the entire Garza family I offer my sincere condolences to the Davila family. David and his family are great ranch neighbors. He kindly befriended my parents Jorge and Olga when he purchased his property next to ours. My brothers and I continued the relationship with him after they passed on. He will be missed. RIP

René Garza - February 27 at 08:59 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of David R. Davila.



February 27 at 12:02 PM

LY

“ My sincere condolences Linda to you , family and friends. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Love you all . Sending you lots of love and hugs to each and everyone of you .

Lydia - February 26 at 11:20 PM

LC

“ My condolences to you Linda, Leslie and Stephanie on the passing of your husband/dad. I am thankful that I got to meet David. He was a God-fearing and a loving family man. I thank David for sharing his spider prank but know my wife and daughter didn't. Every time I will use it he will come to mind.

Leonard Calderon - February 25 at 04:05 PM

DM

“ Condolences to Linda & her family!



Debbie M. Garcia Millman - February 25 at 02:15 PM

RM

“ David was a good and kind man. Richard and I are humbled and privileged to call him friend. Rest in God's peace, my dear friend. I know you are on a great adventure with Christ, Our Lord. Til we meet again...

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**Richard and Patsy Meneses** - February 25 at 11:27 AM

YR

“ David's family and mine grew up on Bronte St. in the Brady Gardens. Our Mothers knew each other and David's grandparents lived next door to us. David and I graduated from Lanier High School in 1972. Although we did not hang out together, I feel like he and Linda and the girls became part of our extended family when they selected my Mom as Nickie and Stephanie's babysitter. I saw him and Linda practically every afternoon after work when we were picking up our children at Mom's.

David was always kind and we enjoyed many conversations. He and Linda were great parents to the girls. Although we all went our separate ways, I have a special place in my heart for David. He was such a gentle soul.

Linda, please know that you and the girls are in my prayers. May you find peace and comfort as your healing begins. Please feel free to reach out to me if you need to talk.

Yolanda Rodriguez-Escobar

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**Yolanda Rodriguez-Escobar** - February 25 at 10:21 AM

RL

“ My condolences to the Davila family. Linda, I know it's been years since we've seen each other, but recall the memories of you and David from St Stephens Catholic Church. Our families had always been close over the years since we all went to school at Immaculate Conception Church, then Lowell Jr High, and separated our ways in high school and college. I'm glad we always got to see the families at church and or other social gatherings. My heart goes out to you and the family, but I will always remember all the good times our families shared over the years. Know that I am thinking of you all at this time. May you all find comfort and peace among your family and friends. David, rest in peace my friend.

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**Rick Lopez** - February 24 at 10:33 PM

TL

“ *In Memoriam of David R. Davila, prayer for our Beloved deceased.*



*Gracious God, look with mercy upon the souls of our deceased family, relatives and friends. Grant that those You have called from our homes and our hearts may enter the embrace of Your faithful and everlasting love in Heaven.*

*Eternal rest, grant to them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls, and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

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**Tina Lopez** - February 24 at 01:26 PM

TL

“ *"Beloved Compadre David,*

*Words cannot express the brokenness I feel of your passing, you are a beautiful soul and will be dearly missed. The Joy and Love of God you shared was such an inspiration. I am honored to have been a small part in your life, you will forever remain in my heart.*



*Thank you and Linda for welcoming my family into your loving family with open arms, it was on the wedding day of our children Stephie and Casey when we first met. You and Casey(son) wasted no time in building a special bond and for that I am forever grateful. Our grandson Lucas already misses you his 'Papi', Thank you for loving him!*

*These past 10 years have flown by quickly, it's been ever so sweet, never a dull moment, so much laughter. tears, joy, prayer, growth, fun, celebration and delicious food.*

*"Thanks for the memories ~ David you said your last Goodnight ~ RIP*

*Comadre Linda, thinking of you in this time of sorrow to let you know that my thoughts and prayers are with you and asking God to surround you with his perfect peace and love.*

*I Love You*

*Comadre Tina Lopez & family*

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**Tina Lopez** - February 24 at 01:03 PM

MG

“ We grew up across the street from the Quintero family and I was in the St Stephen’s Youth Group while David and Linda were leaders. Davis was a great example of a faith filled young man and a great role model. He gave me my first (and last) motorcycle ride. The Youth Group went to the Poteet Strawberry festival and I got to ride with David there and back. It was a great time that I will always remember.

*My thoughts and prayers go out to Linda and the rest of the family. May God grant you peace and comfort.*

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**Matt Galindo** - February 24 at 12:40 PM

RM

“ Although I don’t remember David personally but since he was a graduate of Lanier H.S. I just want to say rest in peace my friend and may your family heal rapidly from this loss.



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**Rito Medina** - February 24 at 09:20 AM

JM

“ I met David through Linda as a member of the Cool Cats Cycling Club . From the moment I met David I knew I had just met a caring, friendly, non-judgemental person who I immediately considered a friend. My favorite times with David were “Movie Nights “ at our house and the fact that David loved my “home Made” brownies 😊 I also loved to spend thanksgiving celebration at David and Linda’s home. We felt so welcomed that it was like being at a family member’s home . I will miss your welcoming smile , your wonderful meals, and I’ll never forget that you were such a beautiful person .

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**John A Martinez** - February 24 at 08:47 AM

RV

“ I met Big D, (as we called him) when we formed the St. Stephen’s Youth Club. I was the first president and Big D followed. He was a wonderful young man and was a great leader. He grew up to be a good man and always so great to be around. In all the years I knew him, I can’t remember him ever being anything but kind and gracious. I’m deeply saddened by his passing.

*Rest In Peace my friend, Rev. Sylvia Vasquez*

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**Rev. Sylvia Vasquez** - February 24 at 05:21 AM

LA

“ My first meeting with David was on the phone. As St. Timothy’s church secretary I called David and Linda to ask them to become registered parishioners because I noticed they had been contributing regularly. David had such a kind, loving and friendly voice on the phone. Eventually they got involved with the church and we became friends, I loved David’s sense of humor and kindness. I will truly miss you David, you have made an imprint on my heart! 💕  
Rest In Peace my friend! 🙏🕊️

Letty Alvarado - February 24 at 01:29 AM

RE

“ David was a good friend, as well as Linda. We went on a couple road trips with them to California,, along with the Fierro family. We made many memories. We also went to many socials , dancing, BBQ , Rockport, and He welcomed us to his home. He was a good Husband and Father. We will miss him.

Ruben Elsa - February 23 at 09:42 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of David R. Davila.



February 23 at 07:55 AM

RV

“ We had the opportunity to know David and Linda while at USAA. David and I also attended Lanier HS. David is a great guy and easy to get along with. We played softball against each other and played with Linda on coed teams. Diana and I will hold the Davila family in our hearts and prayers. May David have a good journey to Heaven.

Rudy n Diana Villanueva - February 22 at 09:04 PM

DD

So sorry to hear this. David was such a great person. I worked with both of them while I worked at USAA. Prayers for the family.

Debbie Demoin - February 23 at 07:47 AM