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Alvino (Nino) Alderete Ramos, born on April 26, 1936, went to be with our Lord on June 1, 2023, at the age of 87. He is preceded in death by his parents, Valentin and Irenia Ramos, his younger brother, Valentin Jr., and granddaughter, Erica Perez.

He is survived by his loving wife of 49 years, Olga, and their two sons, Juan Carlos and Luis Alberto (Kim Davis); his four children from a previous marriage to Sofia: Myra Janette (James Malkiewicz), Alvino Geovanni Jr., Laura Elizabeth (Edward Robinson), and Jesus Anthony (Kareena); and his daughter, Rosemarie Coronado. He is also survived by his younger brother, Gavino Ramos, and family; ten grandchildren: Lorraine Yvette Gonzalez, Raquel Cassandra Dao, Jovan Nicole Ramos, Ian Anthony Ramos, James Matteo Ramos, Roy Cortez, Joanna Coronado, Jose Luis Coronado Jr., and Julie Coronado; twelve great-grandchildren: Benicio Cash, Marcela, Jude Cash, Alejandro Benjamin, Zara Laveaux, John Esparza, Matthew Esparza, Julian Coronado, Joel Pazaran, Adrien Pazaran, Erica Pazaran, and Arianna Pazaran; and numerous cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Alvino — Nino to his friends and family — was born in Floresville and later

moved to Southton, where he attended elementary school. His memories of that time included hitching a ride from the mailman at dawn to get to school, and visiting the nuns at the local church, who would give out candy. On the way home from school, Nino and his brother Gavino would stop at the dairy where their grandfather worked, and they would bring milk home to their mother, who would make them milkshakes.

In 1945, the family moved to San Antonio, and Nino attended school at Stonewall, Collier, and Harlandale. His childhood hobbies included going hunting with his uncles, playing with tops and marbles, and going to the movies on Saturday for the double feature (Westerns) and another chapter in the ongoing serial story. Later, as a teenager, he liked shooting pool with his brother Gavino.

As a young man, Nino worked many jobs, beginning as a farm worker and later working for several large local companies, including Roegeleine Meats, Goodyear, and Hawkington Tires (where he was shop foreman and hired his brother Gavino to work with him). The brothers enjoyed having a beer together after a long week at work. Nino always liked cars and would change cars often when he was a young man.

In 1962, Nino, Sofia, and daughter Myra moved to Chicago, where Alvino Jr. was born. Nino's youngest brother Valentin later joined him there for work. The family returned to San Antonio to help care for Nino's mother after she suffered a stroke. After working at various jobs, including as an electrician when the South Park Mall's Woolco was built, he joined H.B. Zachry Company for construction of the Hilton Palacio Del Rio on the River Walk. That project used the new process of modular construction to speed up building to open in time for the 1968 HemisFair World's Fair.

In the 1970's, Nino and Olga were married. He continued his career with H.B.

Zachry Company, which later sent him to work as construction engineer in the Sinai Desert, where they also used modular construction to build housing for peacekeeping forces. He was then hired by Gulf Oil Company to work in Africa building housing for offshore oil workers in Cabinda, Angola. During his time abroad, he visited many cities in Europe and particularly enjoyed Paris. When he returned to San Antonio, he took a year sabbatical and then began working for the San Antonio Housing Authority, where he worked for 14 years before retiring. After retirement, he continued working part-time as an independent contractor in construction for many years — his motto was “you can have it cheap, fast, or good, pick two.” His last job was at the San Antonio Produce Terminal Market, where he finally retired again on April 1, 2023.

Nino loved to travel and visited several states to see his children and other family. He often helped them with small (and large) home improvement projects during his visits. His hobbies included playing guitar and accordion, dove and deer hunting, fishing at Corpus Christi or in local rivers and lakes, riding his bicycle through the Mission Trails, walking with Olga in Espada Park, and vegetable gardening in his backyard. He also enjoyed reading history books and listening to books on tape — he read the Bible completely multiple times. More recently, he was on his computer reading political news and internet blogs so he could debate and dispel the “myths.” He loved telling stories about his past (usually starting with “Well, you know, when I was a boy...”) and visiting local sites to share their history. He also loved jokes and laughing at people who did “dumb stuff.”

Nino lived a long, full life. He worked hard starting in childhood, but he also enjoyed life and had many adventures along the way. He will be missed dearly by family and friends.

Pallbearers:

Alvino Ramos, Jr.

Jesus Ramos

Juan Carlos Ramos

Luis Ramos

Ian Ramos

Fernando Vasquez

Cemetery Details

First Memorial Park

Hwy 16 South
San Antonio, TX 78224

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 12. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Palm Heights Mortuary
3711 S Zarzamora St
San Antonio, TX 78225
(210) 924-4568
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

Rosary

JUN 12. 6:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Mass

JUN 13. 10:00 AM (CT)

San Juan de los Lagos Catholic Church
3231 El Paso St.
San Antonio, TX 78207

Tribute Wall

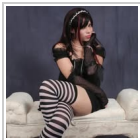
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“ *Death leaves a heartache no one can heal.
Love leaves a memory no one can steal. Rest
In Peace, Alvino Amen.*

Mrs "GG" Bigrigg



Mrs "GG" BIGRIGG - July 18, 2023 at 12:35 AM



“ *I got to meet and have a conversation with Grandpa Ramos and grandmother Olga a year before I was to be married to my now husband. I never got to have that moment while I was younger for various reasons, so I am very thankful that I got to fill in the blanks of a very interesting and full of life human being. Although I had causal conversations throughout my youth and when I got to meet my sister; this moment was the first real conversations of getting to know him through his story telling.*

Thank you Olga for opening your door and allowing me time to get to know you in that brief moment in my life as well. Although not here presently but in spirit, I'm so thankful and honored that grandpa Ramos gave me the time just to share his story of his life with me.

I wish I had more time to get to know more of him and his stories and his experiences but I'm thankful for what I was able to have. He seemed like a cultured man who lived his life according to how he wanted to live.

I'm lucky to have my sister to continue to tell me amazing things about him and Olga. It was nice to hear how kind and loving he was to her. Thank you and may you, Grandpa Ramos rest peacefully with love and happiness. My sincerest condolences and heart to everyone.

Raquel Dao - June 13, 2023 at 11:44 AM

VG

He was very proud of you; just like I am. Love you...

Vino Giovanni - July 03, 2023 at 10:26 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Alvino (Nino) Alderete Ramos.*



June 12, 2023 at 11:58 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Alvino (Nino) Alderete Ramos.*



June 10, 2023 at 01:17 AM

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“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Laura E. Robinson - June 08, 2023 at 10:15 PM

LG

“ *Vino Jr., Although I never met your Dad, David and me offer our condolences to you and your family. So very sorry for your loss...*

Lola and David

Lola Garcia - June 08, 2023 at 05:38 PM

BR

*Jay, Kari and Family .
We are sorry to hear of your Dad's passing. Though we can't be with you, we are thinking of you in this difficult time. We send you our love*

*♥
Bill & Evelyn Rayner*

Bill Rayner - June 09, 2023 at 12:19 PM

VG

Thank you...

Vino Giovanni - July 03, 2023 at 10:18 AM