



## Anthony L. Ruiz

September 14, 2021

It is with great sadness and a heavy heart that our beloved son, brother, uncle, cousin, and friend Anthony L. Ruiz entered eternal rest on September 14, 2021 at the age of 40. Anthony was born in San Antonio, Texas to Richard Ruiz and Caroline (Martinez) Tovarez.

He was met in heaven by his paternal grandparents, Pedro and Juanita Ruiz and maternal grandmother, Janie Martinez. He is survived by his mother Caroline (Martinez) Tovarez, father and stepmother Richard and Maria Ruiz; maternal grandfather, Jimmy Martinez; sisters, Elizabeth April Ruiz and husband Gilbert Ramos and Emily Renee Ruiz; and niece, Emilia Ramos; numerous other loving family members and friends.

Anthony had a passion for football. He was a graduate from McCollum high school in 1999 where he found the love for the game on the field. He then graduated from Palo Alto College receiving his Associate Degree. Anthony completed all three levels of certifications through National Standards for Athletic Coaches. In 2015, he graduated from Texas A&M University where he earned his teaching degree. Anthony always wanted to help the kids in the community. He volunteered his time coaching Pop Warner football for the South Central Cougars and Wolverines for many years. Anthony also volunteered his time coaching the San Antonio RUSH and the San Antonio Warriors Semi-pro football. He was loved by his Warrior family. He walked

along the sideline with head coach Glen White. Coach White treated Anthony like he was part of this family. His experience with the Warriors was very special to him. He taught and coached at several schools including St. Mary's Hall, Kingsborough Middle School, Lamar Middle School, Brooks Academy, Temple, and Runge High School. The Runge Community have taken in Anthony as a true Yellow Jacket. He enjoyed working there and felt so welcomed by everyone. Anthony was a very humble, dependable, kind-hearted, playful spirit, and family oriented person. He had his own way of keeping in touch with everyone by sending his random messages to make you laugh. He made a difference in many people's lives. He is going to be missed and loved by everyone who knew him.

Visitation will be held on Monday, September 20, 2021 from 5:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M. at Mission Park Funeral Chapels South. A funeral mass will be celebrated at 11:30 A.M. on Tuesday, September 21, 2021 at St. Lawrence Catholic Church. Interment will follow at Mission Burial Park South.

In accordance with CDC safety precautions, everyone is required to wear a mask and practice social distancing in the chapel and at the cemetery. There will be a 40 person maximum allowed in the chapel. We thank you in advance for your understanding.

# Cemetery Details

## Mission Burial Park South

1700 SE Military Dr.  
San Antonio, TX 78214  
<http://www.missionparks.com>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **20**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels South, Cemeteries & Crematories  
1700 SE Military Dr  
San Antonio, TX 78214  
(210) 924-4242  
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

## Funeral Mass

SEP **21**. 11:30 AM (CT)

St Lawrence Catholic Church  
236 E Petaluma Blvd  
San Antonio, TX 78221-3335  
(210) 924-4401

## Interment

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SEP 21 (CT)

Mission Burial Park South  
1700 SE Military Dr.  
San Antonio, TX 78214  
<http://www.missionparks.com>

# Tribute Wall

JD

“ I am sorry for the loss of your son. Anthony was a good coach and a good friend. He was ever vigilant of keeping in touch since we worked together at Runge and it was a trait I admired about him. In competition no matter the odds after the game plan he would say " so your saying we have a chance!" It was a standing joke that always brought a smile to my face. His service was very nice and I think he would have thought so. He will be missed. - James Duprie

James duprie - September 22, 2021 at 01:01 AM

DG

“ Coach Ruiz thank you for all you did for me this year at Runge ISD. Our coaching staff will miss you deeply. You have the best seat in the house now to watch our boys on the field!

Daisy Garcia - September 21, 2021 at 12:21 PM

JA

“ Coach Anthony Ruiz was a great coach and friends I'm glad I got to know him .when he was coaching my boys at Brooks I remember before Friday night game we all meet up at Peter Piper Pizza and plant stuff for the next game we just laugh and have fun you were going to be Miss Coach.



JamieRodriguez - September 21, 2021 at 11:25 AM



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**South Central Cougars** - September 21, 2021 at 10:54 AM



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**South Central Cougars** - September 21, 2021 at 10:54 AM



“ *Serenity Wreath* was purchased for the family of Anthony L. Ruiz.



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September 20, 2021 at 01:45 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* was purchased for the family of Anthony L. Ruiz.



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September 20, 2021 at 11:48 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Anthony L. Ruiz.*



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September 19, 2021 at 05:49 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Anthony L. Ruiz.*



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September 19, 2021 at 01:16 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Anthony L. Ruiz.*



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September 19, 2021 at 12:33 PM

VT

“ *It pains me to lose someone like coach Ruiz. Not only was he a mentor, but a friend as well. I still remember the times some other players and I had lunch in his room. We would go over play schemes, talk about life, or anything really. It is all so unreal to me right now. With this said, I am out at college and I can't attend any of the services. I will be sending my parents in my place and some flowers with prayers. My sincerest condolences to his family and all other hearts that he has touched in his life.*



Vincent Tello - September 19, 2021 at 12:01 PM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Anthony L. Ruiz.*



September 18, 2021 at 10:54 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Anthony L. Ruiz.*



September 17, 2021 at 09:22 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Anthony L. Ruiz.*



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September 17, 2021 at 08:21 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Anthony L. Ruiz.*



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September 17, 2021 at 07:36 PM



“ *Saint Mary's Hall Athletic Department purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Anthony L. Ruiz.*



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**Saint Mary's Hall Athletic Department** - September 17, 2021 at 05:41 PM



“ *May he rest in peace...love and prayers to all. Love The limon family*

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**Vanessa limon** - September 17, 2021 at 04:10 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Anthony L. Ruiz.*



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September 17, 2021 at 03:13 PM



“ *Runge ISD Board of Trustee purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Anthony L. Ruiz.*



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**Runge ISD Board of Trustee** - September 17, 2021 at 02:52 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Anthony L. Ruiz.*



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September 17, 2021 at 01:26 PM