



## Charles Edward Golla

January 4, 1936 - February 15, 2024

Charles Edward (Chuck) Golla of San Antonio, Texas passed away in Rockport, Texas on Thursday February 15, 2024, at the age of 88. Chuck was born January 4, 1936, in Converse Texas to Edward G. Golla and Nellie Stanush Golla whom have preceded him in death, as well as wife Barbera J. Riggs Golla, son Michael L. Golla, Sr, grandson Nathan Golla, brothers August C. Golla, Victor Golla wife Lorine Golla, sister in laws Lucy Golla, Jolie Bailey husband Kirby.

He Married Barbera J. Riggs February 11, 1961, at St Benedict Catholic Church in San Antonio Texas.

Chuck is survived by his sons Charles A. (Tony) Golla wife Catherine Bednarz Golla of Rockport, Texas, daughter-in-law Susan Shoemaker Golla of Floresville, Texas, Matthew J Golla wife Colleen Heine Golla of San Antonio Texas. Grandchildren: Sheri Harris husband Joshua, Christopher Golla wife Ruby, Justin Golla wife April, Michael Golla Jr wife Kaitlyn, Megan Golla, Nichols Golla wife Sara, Jessica Crady husband Brandon and Darren Golla. Great grandchildren: Cayden Harris, Jackson Harris, Odella Golla, Darcy Crady and Jace Crady. Sister-in-law Lucilla Golla and Brother Joseph Golla. He has numerous nieces, nephews and other loving family and friends.

Chuck followed in his brothers' footsteps and served his country in the US

Navy during the Koran War era from 1954 – 1958. He was stationed aboard the USS Jason (AR-8) at San Diego, California and achieved the rank of Petty Officer Second Class. He then worked at CPS of San Antonio, Texas as a heavy equipment operator in the gas leak department until his retirement in 1991. Having to always dig around dangerous live gas lines, he would jokingly tell people that he was so good with a backhoe that he could tickle an earthworm with his bucket without hurting it. During this time, he and Barbera raised their three sons on the family farm where they grew grain crops and livestock. He was an accomplished gardener and always had a large crop of vegetables. This led to so many fond memories with his grandkids picking and eating fresh vegetables right of the vine.

Chuck always enjoyed a good card game. Playing poker was his favorite. This started his love of card tricks and magic effects leading all the way back in his navy days and culminated in his second professional career. Chuck became so good at performing magic effects that he had a booking agent and would perform magic shows all over the country. He was known as the “World’s Most Honest Magician” These would include events like grand openings, weddings, and birthday parties. One of his bigger events was stand up magic at the Randolph field Air show. He specialized in children’s magic and received the greatest joy from seeing their little faces light up in amazement and disbelief. He performed magic effects up until his final days in the nursing home where he was known by all the residents as the “Magic Man.” He was President of the International Brotherhood of Magicians, Texas Association of Magicians, San Antonio Ring 18. One of his proudest accomplishments as the T.A.O.M. President in 1994, was to facilitate and oversee the State of Texas Magic Convention in San Antonio Texas.

Chuck was an avid outdoors person. He enjoyed spending as much time as he could with family and friends target shooting, hunting, fishing, and camping. Whitetail deer hunting and saltwater fishing was his favorite because

it always meant quality time with his family.

Chuck was a loving person that was always there for everyone that touched his life. He prided himself on always being an honest person with everyone. He will be greatly missed by all.

A visitation will be held on Monday, February 19, 2024, from 4:00 to 8:00 PM at Dellcrest Funeral Home, 2023 W.W. White Rd. San Antonio, TX 78222. The rosary will begin at 6:30 PM. A funeral mass will be held Tuesday, February 20, 2024, at 10:00 AM at St. Monica Catholic Church, 501 North St. Converse, TX 78109. Interment with military honors will follow at Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Cemetery, 14011 FM 1346 St. Hedwig, TX.

# Cemetery Details

## Annunciation of the Blessed Mary Roman Catholic Cemetery

14011 FM 1346  
Saint Hedwig, TX 78152

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB **19**. 4:00 PM (CT)

Dellcrest Funeral Home  
2023 S WW White Rd  
San Antonio, TX 78222  
(210) 337-4082  
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

*Rosary begins at 6:30 PM*

## Funeral Mass

FEB **20**. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Monica Catholic Church  
501 North St.  
Converse, TX 78109

# Tribute Wall

CO

“ CCC Group Corpus Christi Office purchased the *Beautiful in Blue* for the family of Charles Edward Golla.



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**CCC Group Corpus Christi Office** - February 19, 2024 at 10:07 AM

CO

“ CCC Group Corpus Christi Office planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Charles Edward Golla.

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**CCC Group Corpus Christi Office** - February 19, 2024 at 10:07 AM

FF

“ *Francisco Lopez & Family* purchased the *Divine Peace Bouquet* for the family of Charles Edward Golla.



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**Francisco Lopez & Family** - February 18, 2024 at 03:32 PM

AG

“ Chuck was a wonderful, loving, fun and very funny man, who was a big part of our life. Chuck loved his boys very much, and talked so highly of "ALL" of them continually through his life. Al knew Chuck from City Public Service and worked very closely with him every single day. Chuck made everyone's day full of laughter, even while working outside in the Texas heat. Al truly loved Chuck as a true friend and mentor. and he will very much be missed. Our children and grandchildren knew Chuck and he was also in their lives. He went to almost every family gathering and birthday party that we had for Chuck was part of the entertainment with all his known Magic Tricks. Our kids loved it!!!!!! So Chuck we want to thank you so much for being a constant part of our lives. For the laughs, memories and happiness that you have brought to our family and Soooooooooooo many families. We LOVE and MISS you Mr. Chuck. "The Most Honest Magician!!!!" We know that your entertaining and doing Magic for God and all the Angels in Heaven!!!! Till We Meet Again Chuck...We raise a glass in your Honor, you soooo very much deserve it!!!!

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**Al & Trish Gavegan** - February 17, 2024 at 03:28 AM

JB

“ Jerry and Rane Brown purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Charles Edward Golla.



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**Jerry and Rane Brown** - February 16, 2024 at 09:35 PM