



Delano P. Ruiz

May 20, 1945 - February 10, 2021

Delano “Ray” Ruiz, 75, beloved husband, brother, and uncle, entered eternal rest on February 10, 2021. He was born on May 20, 1945 in San Antonio, Texas. Mr. Ruiz was a proud US Army Vietnam War veteran. He was a paratrooper with the 101st Airborne Division Company B 3d Battalion (Airborne) 187th Infantry Regiment “Rakkasans”; 82D Airborne Division Company B 2d Battalion 325th Infantry; 173D Airborne Brigade Company B 3d Battalion (Airborne) 503d Infantry.

“Airborne-All the Way”

SSG Ruiz, a decorated Soldier and Hero, earned the Silver Star Medal, Bronze Star Medal (1st Oak Leaf Cluster), Air Medal (1st Oak Leaf Cluster), Army Commendation Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon with 2 Device, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal with Device (60-), Parachutist Badge, Combat Infantry Badge, Rifle Sharpshooter Badge, Marksmanship Badge. He enjoyed the open road and traveled across the United States “home of the brave” and Canada as a long-haul truck driver, retiring from TSI Trucking Company. His love of family was strong, quitting school early to assist his Mother and siblings after the sudden death of his Father. He continued helping by giving advice and encouragement through

the years. Mr. Ruiz lived his life with steadfast determination and commitment, a firm “no” or “yes”. He was a jovial and interesting conversationalist with a quick and incredibly humorous wit who never met a stranger. He faced several medical conditions, yet his faith never wavered. Preceded by his parents Domingo and Carolina Ruiz. He was given the name Delano Roosevelt by his mother, who admired the recently deceased President and in keeping with the “D” names. The name “Ray” was given to him, as a young boy, by his father. Survivors: His wife, Maria Q. Ruiz; niece, Betty Jo Quintela; sisters, Dolores Morales, Delpha Arocha, Della Ayala; brothers, Domingo Jr. (Betty), David (Irene), Daniel (Ofelia), Dante (Mary), Douglas (+Mary), Donald (Gloria), Del (Sherrie); sisters-in-law, Carmen (Roger) Reimer, Rosa (Gustavo) Trujillo; brother-in-law, Felipe Quintela Jr. Beloved “Uncle Ray” to all his nieces and nephews. Beloved godfather to his godchildren. Many friends. Loyal pet, “Cowboy”. Thank you to the nurses and doctors who cared for him through the VA Health System. A special thank you to the VA SICU staff for the care and compassion given to him in November 2020. A heartfelt thank you and appreciation for the long-term care given to Mr. Ruiz by the VA Dialysis Unit staff.

I have fought the good fight.

I have finished the race.

I have kept the faith.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR **24**. 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

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

Rosary

MAR **24**. 7:00 PM (CT)

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

Funeral Mass

MAR **25**. 8:45 AM (CT)

St. James Catholic Church
907 W. Theo Ave
San Antonio, TX 78225

Interment

MAR **25**. 10:15 AM (CT)

Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery
1520 Harry Wurzbach Rd
San Antonio, TX 78209
(210) 820-3891

Tribute Wall



“ *Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemeteries created a Tribute Video in memory of Delano P. Ruiz*



Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemetery - March 13, 2021 at 02:12 PM

HZ

*Dearest Mary,
I want to express my heartfelt condolences on the loss of your beloved Delano, a brave, decorated veteran. Thank you for sharing the beautiful video of his life. Praying for you and your family. 💕Linda Zamora*

herlinda zamora - March 14, 2021 at 02:54 PM

RR

It was a great honor for the Alamo Eagles Chapter of the 101st Airborne Division Association to say goodbye to this fine local hero soldier on Thursday, March 25, 2021 at the Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery. The chapter presented Mrs. Ruiz with an Alamo Eagles Chapter coin and sympathy card. She was most grateful for our presence.

Alamo Eagles Chapter Honor Team

Richard S Rios - March 26, 2021 at 10:09 AM

BA

He was a brave soldier, a brave paratrooper, and above all a brave American. When he passes through the gates to heaven, the angles will salute

LTC (ret) Bob Aylor

Bob Aylor - March 26, 2021 at 08:45 PM



The Ruiz family wishes to acknowledge your comments on behalf of our sister-in-law, Mary Ruiz.

Del Ruiz - May 12, 2021 at 07:01 PM

JB

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Javier Banuelos - March 26, 2021 at 08:59 PM

TS

“ Hello Ruiz family. I received this picture from Javier Banuelos who served in Vietnam with Ray. Javier was with Alpha Company of the 3/187th and Ray was Bravo Company. I'm not sure the date of this picture but it was sometime in 1968 - the two are on R&R together. Sincere condolences to the family.



Theresa Scheets - March 26, 2021 at 06:30 PM

DR

Thank you

Della ruiz - April 15, 2021 at 01:32 AM



Dear Theresa, thank you for sending in this picture from Javier. It was with a sincere feeling of gratitude receiving it.

Del Ruiz - May 12, 2021 at 06:58 PM

RR

“ Aunt Mary, I am so sorry for your loss and the families loss. Uncle Ray was a great uncle and Patriot. We will miss him always but will always be in our heart's. God bless...Ricky Ruiz

Ricky Ruiz - March 26, 2021 at 05:23 AM



Rick, Aunt Mary asked me to acknowledge your message.

Del Ruiz - May 12, 2021 at 07:02 PM

AR

“ My dearest uncle ray godfather and hero , I will miss You deeply..words can't explain how heartbroken I am over your passing. Aunt Mary and Betty jo ..I continue to pray for healing and comfort for y'all as well as our entire family 🙏

Ashley Rodriguez - March 23, 2021 at 03:32 PM



Ashley, Aunt Mary wanted me to thank you for this sentiment. As time was passing and she could not reply she was me to do so on her behalf.

Del Ruiz - May 12, 2021 at 07:31 PM

AR

“ Maria my deepest condolences to you and your family , as well as Betty.

Adela Rodriguez - March 22, 2021 at 01:07 PM



Adela, I am Ray's brother. On behalf of the family I was asked to acknowledge your sentiment, as Mary is still not able to attend to this matter.

Del Ruiz - May 12, 2021 at 07:33 PM

OJ

“ TO ALL THE RUIZ FAMILY

OUR CONDOLENCES ON RAY'S PASSING AWAY

WALLY AND JANIE PEREZ

ovidio perez jr - March 21, 2021 at 08:08 PM

MM

“ *Mrs. Carmen Reimer's Officemates, MDW purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Delano P. Ruiz.*



Mrs. Carmen Reimer's Officemates, MDW - March 21, 2021 at 06:48 PM

CM

“ *Aunt Mary what a wonderful memorial to my uncle Ray thanks so much for always being there for the family and taking such great care of him you are our rock! We all love you so much ! Please don't hesitate to reach out to us if you need to talk laugh and remember the great times you both shared! I'll always have you in my prayers*
❤️❤️ *Carolina morales*

carolina morales - March 16, 2021 at 06:00 PM

RR

“ To my uncle Ray my hero my favorite uncle always. You always gave my sisters and I your time when we were growing up. Babysitting us and taking us to events that was happening around San Antonio. Thank you so much your advice and love you will never be forgotten ,Rest in Peace. Airborne love Rick Ruiz and Family

Ricky Ruiz - March 15, 2021 at 02:27 AM

MA

“ I love you Uncle Ray. I'm so sorry I can't be there to say a proper goodbye. I'm so sorry I didn't get to see you before you left us. I will see you soon. I want to thank you for being such an awesome uncle.

Aunt Mary, we love you so much and I'm so sorry for your loss trust that our hearts are with you in your pain.

Maria Ayala - March 14, 2021 at 04:27 AM