



Dennis G. Ortiz

February 22, 1964 - April 2, 2026

Dennis G. Ortiz entered eternal rest on Thursday, April 2, 2026, at the age of 62. He was born in Karnes City, Texas, on February 22, 1964, to Candelario and Esther (Gutierrez) Ortiz.

Dennis was a proud graduate of McCollum High School, where he earned All-District First

Team and All-City honors his senior year as the Cowboys' outstanding shortstop and #3

hitter. It was also during his senior year in 1982 that he met the love of his life and future

wife, Elaine. They were married on October 10, 1992, building a lifetime of memories rooted

in love, loyalty, and partnership.

Their sons Dominick, Derek, and Desmond, gave him such pride. As a father, he was both a

teacher and a hero, sharing his love of the game with them and spending countless hours

coaching, encouraging, and celebrating their growth on and off the field.

Those moments

were among his greatest joys. He was consistently supportive in all aspects of raising three

strong men through faith and love.

Dennis was funny, lighthearted, and lucky. He forged friendships that lasted a lifetime.

Whether on vacation with family or friends, Dennis was always at ease. As a husband, he

was always caring, present, and supportive. He was a good son, a good brother, a good

husband, and a good dad. He was truly a family man.

He lived a life rooted in service. As president of 5 Diamonds for the past 15 years, Dennis

made many thoughtful gestures, such as handing out snow cones to the kids.

He believed

in showing up and exemplified this belief by maintaining the fields. He

consistently put

others before himself by lending a helping hand to family members, offering a listening ear,

and making others feel valued and cared for. This past fall he was honored by being

inducted into the Harlandale ISD Hall of Fame.

Those who knew him will remember his warm presence, steady reassurance, and the way

he made people feel at ease. Though his passing leaves an immeasurable void, his legacy

lives in the love that he gave, the lessons he taught, and the example he set.

He was deeply

loved and will be forever missed. His world class one-liners will always be remembered

and referenced by many for generations to come.

Dennis was preceded in death by his parents, his brother Delmiro and his nephew John Daniel.

He is survived by his wife of 33 years, Elaine; his sons Dominick, Derek, and Desmond; and his siblings Danny Ortiz, Daisy Valdez (Vernon), David Ortiz (Barbara), Dickie Ortiz (Norma), Donald Ortiz (Edie), and Diana Moreno (Johnny), as well as countless nieces, nephews and extended family.

To honor his legacy, the family invites everyone to wear a 5 Diamonds shirt, an All-Star jersey or McCollum spirit wear. Special shout out to Melissa, Lori, Jobeth, Liz, Lily, Desi and Class of '82., especially Roger and Flo who worked with Dennis on EVERYTHING 5Diamonds and beyond. Thank you.

Dennis' sons will be establishing the "Dennis Ortiz Baseball and Softball Scholarship."

Cemetery Details

San Jose Burial Park

8235 Mission RD
San Antonio, TX 78214
(210) 923-0272
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 6. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels South
1700 SE. Military Dr.
San Antonio, TX 78214

Rosary

APR 6. 6:30 PM (CT)

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1700 SE. Military Dr.
San Antonio, TX 78214

Mass of Christian Burial

APR 7. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Lawrence Catholic Church
236 E. Petaluma
San Antonio, TX 78221

Tribute Wall

BS

“ *Elaine and family. Our sincere condolences and prayers on the loss of your loved one. Dennis was a sweetheart and a kind young man. He leaves behind a great legacy of service to his community. Prayers for strength and comfort to both, the Ortiz and Anaya families. May Dennis Rest In Peace.*

Barbara Soto - April 08 at 04:36 PM

GD

“ *Our condolences to Elaine and the boys. Mr. Ortiz was a very sweet man. We first met them at St. James Catholic School. May he rest in peace and perpetual light shine upon him.*

*DeJesus Family
Grace, Martin, Corina and Alexandra*

Grace DeJesus - April 07 at 10:05 AM

NR

“ *Elaine; My sincere condolences to you and the boys. My heart hurts for you during this time and for the 1st of many holidays, events, etc. Just know that God is with you at all times during the difficult times ahead.
Exodus 15:26: "I am the Lord that healeth thee."
Nora Rodriguez (Richard Rodriguez wife)*

Nora Rodriguez - April 07 at 09:23 AM

SF

“ *Sincere deepest Condolences to Elaine Anaya Ortiz and the Ortiz family. May God carry you through this time of sorrow.*

Sandy Tehrani & Family - April 07 at 08:02 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dennis G. Ortiz.*



April 07 at 07:32 AM



“ *Condolences to the Ortiz family. From Robert Gonzales Jr and family. UPS/Teamsters. I met Dennis at UPS, we worked in different centers but played a little softball and hung with the guys. I also would run into him at 5 diamond's. My daughter played fastpitch softball out there. Great guy condolences 🙏*

Robert Jr Gonzales - April 06 at 10:39 PM



“ *Our sincere condolences to the Ortiz family. We will cherish all the good memories at St. James CYO & Holy Cross. May Dennis rest in peace.*



Edmund, Brenda Rios and Family - April 06 at 09:47 PM



“ *Anthony and Vivian Barba and family purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Dennis G. Ortiz.*



Anthony and Vivian Barba and family - April 06 at 07:58 PM

RF

“ *Richard and Velma Gutierrez and Family purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Dennis G. Ortiz.*



Richard and Velma Gutierrez and Family - April 06 at 06:43 PM

JR

“ *Rest in peace , thank you for always being there for the community, you will be missed greatly*



Joe Roman - April 06 at 02:59 PM

KK

“ *Kinetic Kids purchased the Garden Accent Stone - "Wherever a Beautiful Soul..." for the family of Dennis G. Ortiz.*



Kinetic Kids - April 06 at 02:25 PM

L'

“ Love Belinda & Tommy Ramos MHS class '83 purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Dennis G. Ortiz.



Love Belinda & Tommy Ramos MHS class '83 - April 06 at 01:49 PM

YG

“ Your cousin Christie Gutierrez purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Dennis G. Ortiz.



Your cousin Christie Gutierrez - April 06 at 12:30 PM

VN

“ Sending love, thoughts, and prayers to you and your family during this tough time. We also wish you comfort and peace as you heal. Share the scholarship information with us when you have it available.
Della Nelms and family

Vicki Nelms - April 06 at 11:30 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dennis G. Ortiz.



April 05 at 11:31 PM

TC

“ TASO San Antonio Chapter purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Dennis G. Ortiz.



TASO San Antonio Chapter - April 05 at 10:42 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dennis G. Ortiz.



April 05 at 09:34 PM

TB

“ The Ortega Family (Andrew,Gina,the Boys) purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Dennis G. Ortiz.



The Ortega Family (Andrew,Gina,the Boys) - April 05 at 07:49 PM

GF

“ Gerardo Soto and Family purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Dennis G. Ortiz.



Gerardo Soto and Family - April 05 at 04:56 PM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Dennis G. Ortiz.*



April 05 at 12:57 PM



“ *Tony Resendez purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Dennis G. Ortiz.*



Tony Resendez - April 05 at 09:30 AM



“ *Korina & John purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Dennis G. Ortiz.*



Korina & John - April 04 at 09:32 PM



“ *I remember our table tennis games we played in the summer recreation at Terrell Wells cafeteria, those games were intense and so much fun.*

Mario Garcia - April 04 at 08:16 PM

MG

“ *Mario T. Garcia purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Dennis G. Ortiz.*



Mario T. Garcia - April 04 at 04:56 PM

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“ *(Cousin) JANIE CANTU BARRERA purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Dennis G. Ortiz.*



(Cousin) JANIE CANTU BARRERA - April 04 at 04:40 PM

TT

“ *The Lady Dodgers - Tietjen purchased the Ange l's Embrace Bouquet for the family of Dennis G. Ortiz.*



The Lady Dodgers - Tietjen - April 04 at 01:10 PM

JH

“ *My condolences to the Ortiz Family. Prayers are with your family.*



Joe Herrera - April 04 at 12:00 PM

DG

“ My son played for the Starz @ 5D when he was about 10 years old, and Dennis was his coach. My son is now 27, every time I’ve ran into Dennis, he always took a moment to ask how my son is doing. RIP Dennis

Denise Garcia - April 04 at 11:15 AM

CD

“ Dennis always made it a point to check in on us at 5 Diamonds, and that meant more than he probably knew. You could see how much he cared—especially about the kids.

Him and Elaine have been such a strong, positive force in this community, and they’ve truly impacted me. Dennis will be deeply missed, but the way he showed up for others will never be forgotten

Chloe Davis - April 04 at 11:08 AM

ED

“ Mr. Dennis was always so kind to everyone. He brought so much joy into our lives. I’ve been working at 5 Diamonds for almost 4 years and I always loved how excited he was to see me. He would call my sister and I “The Twins” even though we aren’t. I’ll always miss the free raspas he secretly gave us and us talking after the tournaments were over. He always made the silliest jokes! Mr. Dennis will never be forgotten! ❤️🕊️

Elisa Dominguez - April 04 at 01:04 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Dennis G. Ortiz.*



April 03 at 10:23 PM



“ *The De Los Santos Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Dennis G. Ortiz.*



The De Los Santos Family - April 03 at 09:04 PM



“ *Dennis and I grew up together in the Vestal area and attended school together all the way to graduation. We shared a lot of mutual friends. It was always great to see him and talk about some of the people we both knew and the craziness that happened during those times and beyond. It was always great to share a laugh and memories. As we got older it was as we never missed a step and pickup where we left off. My Prayers for Eliane, the boys, and his siblings! BLESSINGS*

John M. Wilkins - April 03 at 08:59 PM



“ *Our extreme condolences to this remarkably committed man of young lives he touched for so many years!!!! Henry, Sue and the boys cherish and bless the Ortiz and Anaya families!!!!* ❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️
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Henry Tejeda jr - April 03 at 06:20 PM

TS

“ *The Ortiz Brother’s and Sister’s purchased the Serenity Wreath for the family of Dennis G. Ortiz.* ”



The Ortiz Brother’s and Sister’s - April 03 at 05:52 PM