



Douglas Joseph Rabel

June 12, 1947 - February 16, 2021

On February 16, 2021, Douglas Joseph Rabel went to be with Our Lord at the age of 73. He was born June 12, 1947 to Anton and Bernice Rabel of San Antonio. He is preceded in death by his father Anton Rabel, his Brother-in-Law David Sumner, and his Mother-in-Law Victoria Hernandez. He is survived by his mother Bernice Rabel, his wife of 27 years Virginia Rabel and his children: Dwayne Rabel, Brian and Kirsten Rabel, Stephen and Kathy Rabel, DeAnne and Chris Medina, Suzanne and Ruben Castaneda, and Kathy Rosales. He was most proud of his grandchildren: Bailee, Casey, Timothy, Victoria, Nathan, Brady, Erin and Andrew. He is also survived by his siblings: Alice and Tommy Magers, Judy Sumner, AJ and Nina Rabel, Bernie and Jerry Moore. He leaves behind numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

For those that knew Doug, you know that he was always busy with a project. He was active to his last days, he especially loved to garden and working in his shed always “building something”. He especially like to get into mischief and push his limits, trouble was definitely his middle name. He taught us to figure things out, to ask questions and to make use of everything you have, even if others thought it was trash. He was notorious for taking things apart just to see how they worked and then put them back together...most of time “modified”.

Seven years ago, he was seriously ill in the ICU followed by a yearlong stay in the hospital. He showed us that God is in control, that with a stubborn German determination he recovered and was able to be here with us for the past 7 years. To say he lived life to the fullest is an understatement. He mostly defied doctor's orders, and his wife, when it came to food. He loved food! Especially his favorite foods he wasn't supposed to have, he would always find a way to get what he wanted even if he had to barter for it. He loved to be the life of the party and enjoyed talking with everyone.

He was dedicated to his faith, especially to St. Thomas More and St. Patrick's Catholic Church Parishes. He was always there to lend a hand, to build anything that they needed, and support his parish the best way that he knew how. He rarely took payment from the church for his work because for him, he was doing it for God. You would find him at the church most days, evenings and especially on the weekends. From working the Bar at a function, to cleaning the hall after the function had ended, there was not a job he was not willing to do. He was a man dedicated to serving God.

On behalf of the Rabel Family, we would like to thank you for your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. We appreciate all of the kind words and stories; he will be truly missed by many.

A rosary will be recited on Thursday, February 25th at 9:30am at St. Thomas More Catholic Church, 4411 Moana Drive. The Funeral Mass will follow after the Rosary. Immediately following the Mass he will be taken to his final resting place at Chapel Hill Memorial Park located at 7735 Gibbs Sprawl Rd. Please be sure to practice social distancing and wear a mask throughout the services, we sincerely appreciate you.

Cemetery Details

Chapel Hill Cemetery

7735 Gibbs Sprawl Rd
San Antonio, TX 78239

Previous Events

Rosary

FEB **25**. 9:30 AM (CT)

St. Thomas Moore Catholic Church
4411 Moana Dr.
San Antonio, TX 78218

Funeral Mass

FEB **25**. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Sorry to my Nephews and Niece and their children on the loss of their Dad and Grandfather. Also to his family that he leaves behind.

He was always fun to be around and the life of the party. My last meeting and memory which I will remember forever is that he ask me if I had any ink like we used when we were kids. I said no but that I could get some for him. He was using it for his calligraphy pens and since he could not be outside in the cold I offered to get it for him.

I gave it to him and while visiting with him he asked if I had an "old time" 45 and LP Record Player, I said I didn't have one but would look around. None I looked at were any good in the resale shops so I decided that for his Birthday in June I would order one and have it delivered as a surprise for him to receive. But now I won't be able to send it to him,

I guess I will need to find one that works and play some records for him on his birthday in June. He will be missed by many people he knew and loved. Love you Doug, your sister Judy

Judy Sumner - February 24, 2021 at 05:58 PM