



Edward Valdez Gonzales

August 13, 1931 - August 11, 2008

Gonzales

Cpl. Edward V. Gonzales, age 76, passed away with his family by his side Monday, August 11, 2008 in San Antonio, Texas. He fought a fearless battle of cancer just as he fought through life, with un- daunting courage. He was born on August 13, 1931 in San Antonio, Texas to Evaristo J. and Maria D.

Gonzalez. He was a graduate of Sydney Lanier H.S., the May class of 1950. Shortly after graduation he joined the United States Marine Corps. He was a member of the famous Fox 2 Company 2nd BN, First Marine Division. He was a proud member of the Chosen Few Reservoir where he received a Purple Heart medal. After recuperating from his injuries, he returned to San Antonio to wed the love of his life, Margaret Trinidad. They were blessed with 57 blissful years and four beautiful children. He worked 37 years for Kelly AFB 1827th GIA Squadron where he installed ground to earth communications. He traveled all over the world to support our Nations communications system. He enjoyed watching the Dallas Cowboys and San Antonio Spurs and was an avid fan of Sonny Corinthos of General Hospital. You could always find his screw driver and pliers in his back pocket ready to fix whatever needed to be done. Most importantly he was a mentor to everyone he encountered. This past year he was proudly elected president of the Fox 2 Seven Association Reunion. His last words were " I know I'm going to Heaven because I have already been through Hell. Semper Fi." He is preceded in death by his father and mother, his brothers Raymond V. Gonzalez and wife Helen and Joe V.

Gonzalez, sister Olga Valdez. He is survived by his wife Margaret; daughters: Alma and husband Dr. William C. Berlocher of C.C., Tx, and Kathy Gonzales of C.C. Tx; sons: Edward E. Gonzales and fiancée Diana of SA, Tx, and Maj. R. Eric Gonzales and wife Dr. Patricia Lane of C.C. Tx; grandchildren: Desiree Bertram and husband Bob; Mark Bueno; Edward E. Gonzales Jr.; Andrea Berlocher; Derek Gonzales and wife Brandy; Elaine Berlocher; Tessa Gonzales; Gigi Gonzales; Robert Gonzales; and 7 1/2 great grandchildren. Sisters: Eva Ibarra; Oralia Dominguez and husband Raymond; Victoria Salazar; and brother Johnny V. Gonzalez and wife Minnie; and numerous nieces, nephews and friends. The Family would like to extend their thanks and gratitude to Dr. Dice and the nursing staff from the Cancer Centers of South Texas for their kindness and care. Viewing will begin Thursday, August 14, 2008 at 4pm at the Mission Park Funeral Chapels North with the Rosary to be recited at 7:00 pm. The Funeral Mass will be celebrated Friday, August 15, 2008 at 11:30 am at St. Dominics Catholic Church, 5919 Ingram Rd. Cpl. Edward V. Gonzales will be laid to rest at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery at 1:00 pm amongst his fellow Marine Warriors with Military Honors. In Lieu of flowers, Memorials contributions may be made to the St. Dominics rebuilding funds.

Tribute Wall

CJ

“ Our thoughts are with you all during the weeks, months and years ahead. We remember you so fondly, from Butch's commissioning of your son to active duty, to the lovely handmade doll that sits in a place of honor in our home to this day. Ed stood out as a

Col Butch & Sandy Jones - August 19, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SP

“ Dear Gonzales Family:

It is with great admiration and respect that I want to offer my condolences on the death of Edward Valdez Gonzales. I recently learned that he was a member of the United States Marine Corps. Please know that he is mourned even b

Senator Leticia Van de Putte, R. Ph. - August 18, 2008 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ Dear Alma and Bill,

We have had you in our thoughts and prayers for the last few weeks. Edward must have been a wonderful man to have so many people love him. I'm sorry we never had the opportunity to meet him.

How wonderful that he was able to en

Karen and Phil Hunke - August 17, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RJ

“ *My sincere condolences to your family from our families in Houston. He will be remembered and a memorial plaque will be installed on our traveling Memorial Plaque that goes to our family reunions. If I should need more information please leave me a e-mail*

Robert Lee Jass - August 15, 2008 at 12:00 AM

ER

“ *Alma & Bill*

My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during these difficult times. Please let me know if you need anything. Love, Lila

Elidia E. Ramos - August 15, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JN

“ *With great sorrow I offer my condolences and prayers. I remember sitting in the kitchen drinking a cup of coffee and talking with Mr. Gonzales about life in general many years ago. He was a great man and I'm sure he will be remembered fondly.*

John W. Norton - August 15, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RW

“ *Uncle Eddie, your love and affection for my mother, sister, and I has always meant a great deal to us. Even though you are my uncle through marriage, I have always felt part of your family. While I shall miss your presence here on Earth greatly, I am glad*

Renee Juliana Willars - August 14, 2008 at 12:00 AM

NL

“ Uncle Eddie was always there for the very important times of my life. I am glad to have shared them with him. I truly miss his beautiful smile and chuckle. I have his love in my heart. My total support to all my cousins.

Naomi and Jordan Lopez - August 14, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ Please accept our condolences for your loss. We were brothers at Chosin. God will welcome Ed with open arms and he will be at peace.

*MSgt. John J. Mitchell
USMC Retired
3rd BN. 7th Marines Korea*

MSgt. John J. Mitchell - August 14, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DO

“ Please accept my deepest and most sincere condolences in the loss of my Kelly Brother, and your husband, father, grandfather. I knew Edward due to another friend, Jack Hoover who also worked in GIA and with whom I raced at Pan American Speedway. Edward

Daniel Owczarzak - August 14, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CJ

“ Mary... We are so sorry to hear of the passing of your father. We hope that the wonderful memories you shared will comfort you at this difficult time. Our prayers and thoughts are with you and your family.

Cassi & Jeanette - August 13, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ *Alma and Bill,*

Our prayers and thoughts are with both of you and your family during this very difficult time. Keith and Elizabeth Morley

Dr.Keith and Rev.Elizabeth Morley - August 12, 2008 at 12:00 AM