



## Esteban Casias Gonzales

June 27, 1930 - March 12, 2007

Esteban Casias Gonzales II, devoted father and grandfather, died on March 12, 2007. He is survived by his beloved longtime sweetheart and wife, Margaret Gaitan Gonzales; his 4 loving children: Thelma Gonzales Self and husband Michael, Gloria Arce and husband Domingo deceased, Margaret Ann Gonzalez and husband Richard, and Esteban Gonzales, III and wife Jeanne; grandchildren: Michelle Valdez, Renee Jeanee Rangel, Nicholas Garcia, Joseph Gonzales, Emily Gonzales, Stephanie Ann Gonzalez, Marcus Dominic Arce and Anna Marie Arce; great-grandson: Gilbert Michael Rangel; a sister, Margarita Sepulveda and husband Juan; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents: Esteban Gonzales I and Margarita Casias Gonzales; 3 sisters: Zulema Diaz, Louisa Mermea, and Gloria Garza, and his only brother, Jesus Gonzales.

Born in Somerset, Texas, Esteban Gonzales proudly served in the United States Army for four years and fought in the Korean War. After returning to San Antonio, he met the love of his life and started his own family and his own independent construction company. He will be remembered for his strong, unequivocal work ethic and unending dedication to his family and friends. He was a self-made man, an hard worker and he became one of the most reliable and successful contractors in South Texas. His work crew was once photographed and featured in Newsweek magazine. He will be missed for his warm kindness, clever sense of humor, and never ending generosity. He loved going out to the countryside and tended to an array of livestock out at his

ranch in Somerset. He was a kindhearted man and the stars won't shine as bright now that he's gone.

#### SERVICES

Visitation will be held from 2:00 - 9:00 PM on Thursday, March 15 at Mission Park Funeral Chapels South. Visitation will continue at 2:00 PM on Friday, March 16 at Brookehill Funeral Home with a Rosary recited at 7:00 PM.

Funeral Mass will be offered at 10:00 AM on Saturday, March 17 at St. Leo the Great Catholic Church with interment to follow in Somerset, Texas. The family wishes to express their sincere thanks to the staff of VISTA Care Hospice.

# Tribute Wall

DQ

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this sad and difficult time. May the memories of your father comfort you in the days to come.

*DeLana and Sandy*

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**DeLana and Sandy Quinn** - March 17, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ *Thelma, Our love and prayers go out to you and your family at the loss of your dad. We share your sadness. May the good times that you enjoyed give you comfort.*

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**Jackie and Pat Blackman** - March 16, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SQ

“ *We're so saddened to learn about your loss.*

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**Sandy Quinn** - March 15, 2007 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ *We are so sorry to hear of your loss. Our hearts and prayers are with you.*

*Bert and Tinka Simmons*

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**Tinka Simmons** - March 15, 2007 at 12:00 AM

LZ

“ *Thelma, your family is in our prayers at this time of sorrow. We grieve with you over the loss of your father.*

*Lane and Ed*

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**Lane and Ed Zatopek** - March 15, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ *Our sincerest and heartfelt condolences on the death of your father. Our prayers and thoughts are with you, Thelma, and your family.*

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**Marti & Richard De La Garza** - March 15, 2007 at 12:00 AM

CL

“ *Thelma, Our heartfelt sympathies and condolences are extended to you, your family, and friends. We know this is a difficult time but try to remember and rejoice in you wonderful memories of your Father. Bud and Connie*

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**Connie and Bud Lindsay** - March 15, 2007 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ *Our Hearts are filled with peace because we're always in God's care.*

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**Clara & Rick Bautisto** - March 14, 2007 at 12:00 AM