



Gilbert Gonzalez

September 26, 1936 - June 3, 2026

Gilbert Gonzalez Gonzalez was born on September 26, 1936, and passed away peacefully on June 3, 2026, surrounded by his children.

Gilbert was a man of remarkable intellect, unwavering strength, and deep devotion to those he loved. He is preceded in death by his beloved wife, Connie Salinas Gonzalez, who was not only his life partner but also his partner in career, in family, and in every dream they pursued together.

He is survived by his loving children and their spouses: daughter, Elizabeth Contreras, husband, Jose Contreras; son, Gilbert S. Gonzalez, wife, Belinda Gonzalez; son, Steven Gonzalez, wife, Mary Martinez-Gonzalez; son, Leonard Gonzalez. Gilbert's memory and legacy will also forever live on through his cherished granddaughters, Alexis Contreras, Stella Gonzalez, Julia Gonzalez, and Adalyn Gonzalez.

Throughout his life, Gilbert possessed an insatiable thirst for knowledge. He was a lifelong learner whose curiosity knew no limits. Whether studying philosophy, geometry, legal studies, art, history, or, most recently, artificial intelligence, Gilbert approached every subject with enthusiasm and determination. Those who knew Gilbert often marveled at his ability to excel in nearly any endeavor he pursued. Whatever he set his mind to, he seemed to master with remarkable ease. Yet despite his many talents, he remained

humble, always eager to learn more and share his knowledge with others.

In his younger years, Gilbert proudly served his country as a United States Marine and earned recognition as an expert sharpshooter. His service shaped the strength, discipline, and resilience that would define his character throughout his life. He loved sharing stories from his time in the Marines—some imparting valuable life lessons, others leaving family members laughing long after they were told. His stories, wisdom, and witty sense of humor were gifts he generously shared with those around him.

After his military service, Gilbert pursued higher education with the same determination that characterized every aspect of his life. He was the first student from Burbank High School to attend law school and become an attorney. He graduated at the top of his class from St. Mary's University School of Law, and earned numerous academic honors and awards. His achievements were a testament not only to his intelligence but also to his dedication and work ethic.

Gilbert not only had a love for books, but also had a gift for art, and his creativity reflected the depth of his imagination and appreciation for the world around him. He found great joy in painting and spent countless hours sketching. His artistic talents were a natural extension of his curious mind, allowing him to create pieces that captivated, inspired, and reflected the depth of his character.

No challenge Gilbert faced, whether health-related or personal, could diminish his spirit. He demonstrated extraordinary perseverance and courage throughout his life. He never allowed adversity to define him. Instead, he faced each obstacle with determination, maintaining the strength, dignity, and character that made him so admired by those around him. No matter what life placed before him, he remained the same strong and resilient man until his

very last breath.

Above all else, Gilbert was devoted to his family. He took immense pride in supporting his children, always serving as their strongest advocate and greatest source of encouragement. His love for his family was unwavering, and he found great fulfillment in watching future generations grow and succeed.

Gilbert's warmth, kindness, and compassion were felt by everyone who had the privilege of meeting him. Though celebrated for his sharp mind and achievements, his family and friends will remember him most for the gentle, humble, and deeply loving man he was.

Gilbert will be deeply missed as a father, grandfather, brother, friend, mentor, and role model. His wisdom, humor, resilience, creativity, and extraordinary mind leave behind a legacy that will continue to inspire generations to come. While his absence leaves an immeasurable void, his influence and love will remain forever in the hearts of those fortunate enough to know him.

May he now rest peacefully, reunited with his loving wife Connie.

Services

Visitation & Prayer Service:

Tuesday, June 16, 2026

Visitation: 5:00-6:00 p.m.

Prayer Service: 6:00 p.m.

Mission Park Funeral Chapels Cherry Ridge

Funeral Mass & Burial :

Wednesday, June 17, 2026

Mass: 10:00 a.m. | San Juan De Los Lagos

Procession to San Fernando #2 immediately to follow

Upcoming Events

Visitation

JUN 16. 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels Cherry Ridge
3401 Cherry Ridge Dr
San Antonio, TX 78230
(210) 349-1414
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

Prayer Service

JUN 16. 6:00 PM (CT)

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San Antonio, TX 78230
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Final Visitation and Procession

JUN 17. 9:00 AM - 9:30 AM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels Cherry Ridge
3401 Cherry Ridge Dr
San Antonio, TX 78230
(210) 349-1414
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

Procession to depart at 9:30 AM

Funeral Mass

JUN 17. 10:00 AM (CT)

San Juan de los Lagos Catholic Church
3231 El Paso St.
San Antonio, TX 78207

Procession to San Fernando #2 immediately to follow.