



## John Ruelas

April 6, 1945 - October 22, 2015

On October 22, 2015, John Albert Ruelas entered into eternal life following complications from heart surgery. He died peacefully surrounded by his family. John often known as "Beto" to the family, was born on April 6, 1945, in Mercedes, Texas. He was the youngest of ten children. He was named after his brother, Johnny Ruelas, who died in combat in World War II a month before he was born. Crossing the country looking for work, John eventually settled in Ventura, California. His childhood dream was to operate heavy machinery, and he fulfilled that dream by working construction in the Public Works, Road Maintenance Division for the County of Ventura for thirty years. In 1994, he received an award for outstanding service to the county. He retired in 2005. He was a hardworking man who valued integrity and decency.

In 2009, John and the love of his life, Aileen, returned to their Texas roots by moving to San Antonio. He reveled in his retirement years. He was often found dancing to Tex-Mex music at Graham Central Station with his many friends and visiting his grandchildren in Ventura, California. His pleasures in life were simple ones: Jack Daniels on the rocks; his daughter Yvonne's cherry dump cake; pictures drawn for him by his grandchildren; pan dulce and a cup of coffee; live Tex Mex music on Friday nights with his wife; a game of solitaire on his computer; a box of chocolates from See's Candies; his weekly phone calls from his kids catching up on their lives; and picking out movies to watch with his grandchildren Carlitos, Lorenzo, and Drake.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Rosario and Severo Ruelas TX and his siblings Johnny Ruelas, Mary Olivares, Petra Hamilton, and Roen Ruelas. He is survived by his beloved wife, Aileen Ruelas; his daughter Yvonne Martinez, her husband Carlos, their children, his cherished Carlitos and Lorenzo; his daughter Yolanda Hernandez, her husband Luis, and their son, his precious Drake; his stepdaughter, Erica Valle; son Roger, daughters Rosaline and Rebecca; numerous grandchildren, and one great grandson; his siblings, Delia DeLeon, Dora Alonzo, Rose Pena, Roberto Ruelas, Guadalupe Ruelas; and his friends Audilia, Felipe, Diana, and Frank.

A memorial service will be held Monday, October 26, 2015 at 12:00 P.M. at Mission Park Funeral Chapels North at 3401 Cherry Ridge, San Antonio, Tx 78230.

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.