



Martin Rodriguez-Gomez

February 23, 1944 - March 15, 2026

Martin Rodriguez Gomez, of San Antonio, Texas, passed away on March 15, 2026, surrounded by his loving family. He will be remembered for his bright smile, gentle spirit, captivating stories, and the kindness he so freely shared with everyone he met. Martin believed deeply in leaving things better than he found them, and he lived that belief each and every day. Through his love, generosity, and the way he cared for others, he truly left this world a better place.

Martin was born February 23, 1944 in Tunja, Boyacá, Colombia, the son of Martin Gustavo Rodriguez Beltran and Anunciación Gomez de Rodriguez.

Seeking adventure, he traveled to the United States, landing in New York City in 1965. He joined the United States Army in 1967, where he served honorably in the Vietnam War. Martin dedicated his professional life to cytology, where he examined human cell samples under a microscope to detect signs of cancer, infection, or disease. He influenced the world of medicine and cytology in the U.S. Military earning two Meritorious Service Medals awarded from the Department of Pathology and Area Laboratory Service. He served as a Medical Noncommissioned Officer in Charge (NCOIC) and Cytology Specialist at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington DC; at the U.S. Army Hospital in Wuerzburg, Germany; and at Brooke Army Medical Center (BAMC) in San Antonio, TX. Martin established

the first Flow Cytometry and Electron Microscopy in the United States Army during his time at Brooke Army Medical Center (BAMC), which were used in furthering AIDs research. He retired from the United States Army in 1989.

Martin graduated from Baylor University, earning an Associate's Degree in Science; and from Incarnate Word College, earning a Bachelor's Degree of Science in Allied Health Sciences. He also earned his Cytotechnology Certification at the U.S. Army School of Cytotechnology at Brooke Army Medical Center (BAMC).

Martin married Martha Huerfano on March 19, 1995, in Duitama, Boyacá, Colombia, in a ceremony officiated by Monsignor Ricardo Pongutá. Their love story began a year earlier, when Martha arrived in San Antonio, Texas, in 1994, marking the start of a beautiful and enduring partnership. Together, Martin and Martha built a close-knit and devoted family, grounded in a deep and abiding love. As best friends, they shared life's simplest and most meaningful joys: running at Fort Sam Houston, enjoying coffee at the kitchen table, sharing wine on the patio they built together, and spending hours walking through San Antonio's parks. They never ran out of things to talk about, always eager to learn more about one another. Martin and Martha truly embodied unconditional love, living out their vows each and every day, in good times and in bad, in sickness and in health.

Martin was the proud father of six children: Annalisa, Gustavo, Amy, Jennifer, Carlos, and Alejandra. Though he was humble in all things, he was never modest when it came to two things: his Colombian culture and his children. He took immense pride in his family and delighted in sharing their latest accomplishments with anyone who would listen.

Between 1989 and 2020, Martin worked as a Director of Technical Operations at International Cancer Screening Laboratories (ICSL), as a Compliance

Officer and Laboratory Manager at PathNet Laboratory, and retired with LabCorp in 2020.

Martin had a deep love for photography, especially capturing his travels around the world, birds, flowers, Colombian landscapes, and moments with his family. His favorite place in the world was his backyard in San Antonio, where he spent countless weekends grilling for his family and tending to his garden. As a man of many talents, he had an engineer's mind and could fix anything, from microscopes to cars and everything in between.

As a man of faith, Martin was a member of St. Pius X Catholic Church and spent many years supporting St. Pius X School in any way he could. He was also involved in professional organizations within the cytology field, including the American Society for Cytotechnology, American Society of Cytopathology, International Society for Analytical Cytology, American Society of Clinical Pathologists (ASCP), and International Academy of Cytology (IAC).

Remaining to cherish Martin's memory include his beloved wife, Martha Huérfano Rodríguez; children, Annalisa (and Michael), Martin Gustavo, Amy (and Scott), Jennifer, Carlos Martin (and Grace) and Alejandra (and Maxwell); grandchildren, Victor, Eliciana, Maya and Ava; great-grandchildren, Azul and Leia; brother, Luis Enrique; bonus kids, Myriam Lucia, Paula Catalina, and Joyce; mother in-law; Paulina Sandoval De Huerfano; cuñaditos, Luz Maela Castellanos, Ana Alejandra Huerfano, and Mauricio Palacio; and caring role model, Mario Fernández.

Preceding Martin in death are parents, Martin Gustavo Rodríguez and Anunciación Gomez de Rodríguez; sister, Ana Lucia; cousins, Manuelito, Luis Antonio, Carlos; grand-nephew, Xavier; father in-law, Carlos Huerfano-Swanha; and caring role model, Emita Fernández.

We invite you to join us at a visitation to remember Martin's life on Monday, March 23, 2026 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at Mission Park North Funeral Home on Cherry Ridge. The rosary will be held immediately after at 6:00 p.m.

The funeral mass will be held at St. Paul Catholic Church on Tuesday, March 24, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. with Reverend Krikor Chahin officiating. Honor guard service will be conducted by JBSA Army Honor guard.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in memory of Martin's life may be directed to Children's Association for Maximum Potential (CAMP Camp), American Lung Association, or the Alzheimer's Association.

Martin's life was a testament to love, faith, and strength. His legacy will continue to live on in all of those who were blessed to know and love him.

Live-stream links:

Monday, March 23, 2026 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm at Mission Park North:<https://webcasts.lifetributes.com/1390898>

Tuesday, March 24, 2026 10:00 am – 11:00 am at St. Paul Catholic Church:
https://s3-us-east-2.amazonaws.com/mf-fwp/mission/mission_20260324.html

Donation links:

Children's Association for Maximum Potential (CAMP Camp): <https://secure.giv.com/for/supportcamp/>

American Lung Association:

https://action.lung.org/site/Donation2?df_id=31272&mfc_pref=T&31272.donation=form1

Alzheimer's Association:

https://donorservices.alz.org/page/FUNZRKELQMQ?utm_source=google&utm_medium=paidsearch&utm_campaign=giving_google_SL&gad_source=1&gad_campaignid=1707986387&gbraid=0AAAAAD8nX1qXUoEb79Wg1MgNtzObWoejS&gclid=Cj0KCQjwve7NBhC-ARIsALZy9HV8HaRSXbDSQgnoilo5UapkZfAgP_fRT4MK8ryJayt4GNwHFR9nJF0aAgTVEALw_wcB

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 23. 4:30 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels North Cherry Ridge
3401 Cherry Ridge Drive
San Antonio, TX 78230

Rosary

MAR 23. 6:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels North Cherry Ridge
3401 Cherry Ridge Drive
San Antonio, TX 78230

Funeral Mass

MAR 24. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Paul Catholic Church
350 Sutton Dr.
San Antonio, TX 78228

Tribute Wall



“ *Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemeteries created a Webcast in memory of Martin Rodriguez-Gomez*



Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemetery - March 23 at 05:28 PM



Familia los acompañamos en este momento desde Chia Colombia 🇨🇴 les enviamos la luz del Espíritu Santo y un abrazo de Corazón

Liliana Rodriguez - March 23 at 07:17 PM

AR

Pensándolo y unidos en oración por el eterno descanso de Martin

Ana Cecilia Rodriguez - March 23 at 07:57 PM

LA

Acompañándolos desde la distancia, los amamos mucho. Paulita, Fede y LuisCar

Luis Carlos Avella - March 23 at 11:03 PM

AC

Unidos en oración, dando gracias a Dios por la vida y obra del primo Martin! Un abrazo con amor desde la distancia para la familia, desde Garagoa - Boyacá, Colombia!

Andrea Garzón Carranza - March 23 at 11:14 PM

EB

Desde Nueva York, los acompañe en la misa y quiero expresar mi más sentido pésame a toda la familia. Y que nuestro padre celestial les de consuelo en tan duro momento.

esperanza Beltean - March 24 at 12:17 PM

DN

“ *Dylan & Alison Niese purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Martín Rodriguez-Gomez.*



Dylan & Alison Niese - March 23 at 08:33 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Martín Rodriguez-Gomez.*



March 23 at 06:43 PM

KF

“ *Kathleen Farrell and family purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Martín Rodriguez-Gomez.*



Kathleen Farrell and family - March 23 at 01:48 PM

UF

“ *University Health Cytology family purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Martin Rodriguez-Gomez.*



University Health Cytology family - March 23 at 09:15 AM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Martin Rodriguez-Gomez.*



March 23 at 08:10 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Martin Rodriguez-Gomez.*



March 22 at 10:26 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Martin Rodriguez-Gomez.*



March 22 at 08:54 PM

LR

“ *Cuñadito hermoso, nos dejaste con el corazón partido, lleno de recuerdos hermosos, pero con la certeza absoluta que donde estas ahora eres plenamente feliz, en ese lugar maravilloso al lado de nuestro redentor. Gracias por tanto cuñadito. Aquí cuidare de tu hermanito hasta que Dios disponga otra cosa. Lo amaremos por siempre.* ”

Luz Maela Castellanos Rodriguez - March 21 at 08:27 PM

MJ

“ *Matt, Dan, Peter, and Jacob purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Martin Rodriguez-Gomez.* ”



Matt, Dan, Peter, and Jacob - March 21 at 06:21 PM

TT

“ *Trang Tran purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Martin Rodriguez-Gomez.* ”



Trang Tran - March 20 at 08:07 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Martin Rodriguez-Gomez.* ”



March 20 at 08:40 AM

PM

“ Back in 1966, Martin came to live with us. As a latino single mother of 2, she couldn't let the landlord or our neighbors know she was renting a room to this man, so Martin was introduced as her stepson. His service in the Army made his presence more "acceptable" in our very "white" neighborhood. I loved having an older brother and was so proud to tell all about his deployments. My most favorite memory is his photos of an airplane refueling mid-air, WOW. He was a great photographer and a wonder, gentle man. May he rest in peace and may his family be comforted with the many, many memories of him.

Patty Henao Mauer - March 19 at 11:51 PM

SW

“ Martin, THANK YOU for all the beautiful memories! You were such a wonderful person, with a smile and presence that could light up any room you walked into. You had a heart of gold and a willingness to help anyone and everyone. In our eyes, there was nothing you couldn't do! You were our modern-day MacGyver. You always had the best stories, and you never missed an opportunity to share stories and the accomplishments of your family who you loved so very much.

We are all better human beings for having known you. You leave behind a legacy of kindness, strength, and love. There are no words that can fully express how deeply you will be missed, but you will never be forgotten. Love you!❤️

Stephanie Webster - March 19 at 08:07 PM

AL

“ 3 files added to the album *More Photos*



Alejandra - March 19 at 04:24 PM

KF

Rest in peace, Martin. You lived a full life, created a beautiful family who loved you deeply, and made friends who cherished you. We will miss you ❤️

Kathleen Flannigan - March 19 at 06:36 PM

OP

Martin, Thank you for your guidance and for showing what a father's care really looks like. Even though we only met a few times, your advice and example helped me through hard choices and showed me how to lead a family with love and care. I grew up without a father but seeing how you care for your family and how they care for you, gave me a real person to look up to. I thank God for your friendship and I'm very grateful for the time you shared with me and the impact you've had on my life. I'll miss you my friend!!

Oscar Perez - March 19 at 10:37 PM