



Mauricio E. Gonzales

September 25, 1926 - December 26, 2020

Another member of the Greatest Generation has decreased by one. Born 25 Sep 1926, Mauricio E. Gonzales passed from this earthly realm on 26 Dec 2020, at the age of 94 years to his heavenly eternity.

Mauricio was born in San Antonio, TX and a longtime resident of the Alamo City. He was born the second son of Mauricio B. Gonzales and Josefa Trevino Gonzales. He is predeceased by his wife of 56 years, Olga Marfin Gonzales, parents, brothers, Joe A. Gonzales and Gustavo Gonzales, and sister, Angelina Brown. He is survived by many family members, nieces, nephews, cousins, and in laws.

Uncle Maurice had a kind, gentle and humble soul. He had a great love for his Savior and spent many hours reading his favorite Psalms and reciting the Rosary. He lead a Christian life and it shone through to everyone he met. Maurice shared many stories of his life growing up with his siblings. It was a joy to listen to these stories and learn of our family's history.

Maurice was hired at Kelly AFB at a young age, and at the age of 19 entered the Army/Air Corp, which later transitioned to the Air Force. He served in the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign during WWII. After returning from his military commitment, he continued his civilian career at Kelly AFB. (Kelly Field, as we all knew it), retired from civil service, and continued working for another 20

years as a contractor supporting the Air Force and Foreign Military Allies in life support systems, specializing in aircraft ejection seats.

He married Olga Marfin 17 April 1948, sharing 56 years of marriage. They enjoyed their many travels to Arizona, New Mexico, Canada and the West Coast. He had a love for the outdoors and hunted for many years with his brothers and family. Our family enjoyed many gatherings at their home in La Vernia, where they spent many years enjoying the country life.

Mauricio enjoyed his latter years living independently. He had a spontaneous sense of humor. When moving from his one bedroom to a two-bedroom apartment, he said, “when I get mad at myself, I’ll just send me to the other room.” He lived quietly, but enjoyed cooking, listening to music, sharing recipes being handed down from his mother and attending chapel. Ever so humble, those who knew him, knew that he did not like the attention on him. People were amazed that at the age of 94, he was able to use his smart phone to Face Time his family and friends. He insisted on seeing the face of who he was talking to. That came in handy during quarantine, when at least, we could see him via phone, even if we could not physically be with him.

Mauricio is already missed dearly by his family, friends and caregivers. He touched many lives, and his love of God was apparent to everyone who met him. His Master has truly said to him, “Well done, good and faithful servant” (Matt 25:23)

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, a celebration of life may be scheduled in the future. Donations may be made to his favorite charities: Operation Smile – Cleft Palate Charity, St Jude Children’s Hospital or Wounded Warriors.

“My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.” Psalm 73:26

“I fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith” – 2 Timothy 4:7

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Tribute Wall

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“ June 2, 2023

Dear Family of Maurice Gonzales:

I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Maurice. I have been trying to locate him for a few years and just found out he passed away.

When we were very young Mr. & Mrs. Gonzales moved in next door to us and we grew up with them. They became our second family.

When my mom passed away he was right there with me and he watched out for my dad until he passed. After they moved away I

was able to visit them and we would keep in touch. Maurice would come by and visit me. My brothers and sisters and I looked to him

like a second father. We have so many great memories of them both and it breaks my heart that he is gone. God Bless You

Maurice!!

Love, Barbara Wilke Reed

Barbara Wilke Reed - June 02, 2023 at 07:24 PM

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“ *Maurice was a very caring and loving person. He is my first cousin.*

His mother was my mother's oldest sister. I remember many of his wonderful stories while I was growing up. He would often make us

laugh while telling them. I will miss him. May he rest in peace.

I am Tillie Rocamontes Jordan.

Tillie R. Jordan - January 06, 2021 at 01:36 PM