



## Pascual Ruiz

January 12, 1917 - January 9, 2006

Pascual Ruiz passed peacefully into the Lord's hands on January 9, 2006 at Doctor's Hospital of Laredo, culminating a full, happy, and fruitful life of 88 years. He was born in Laredo, Texas on January 12, 1917, one of seven children. After graduating from Martin High School in 1938, Pascual proudly served his country in the Pacific from 1941 to 1945 as a member of the United States Army. Upon receiving an Honorable Discharge, he attended Louisiana State University, where he obtained a degree in business and went to work with H.B. Zachary & Co. in San Antonio.

In 1947 he met and married the love of his life, Josephine O'Hara. They both went on to earn teaching certifications, and taught for many years with the San Antonio Independent School District. Although they had no children of their own, they had a family of hundreds in the students they taught and inspired throughout their teaching careers. Outside of the classroom, they garnered many wonderful memories of their travels throughout the United States and weekly get-togethers with fellow book and bridge enthusiasts, whom Pascual would often entertain at the piano.

Pascual was very health-conscious and enjoyed morning jogs with his friends up into his 80's. He also treasured the times he shared with his good friends from the Church Fellowship of San Antonio and Merrill Gardens Retirement Home. His sweet and loving personality radiated in every aspect of his life and

gained the affection and respect of everyone who had the privilege of knowing him.

Pascual was preceded in death by his parents, Pascual and Esther Ruiz, siblings Augusto, Fidel, Ernesto, Guillermo, Vito, and Alicia, his beloved wife of 38 years, Josephine, and brother in-law Monsignor Robert O'Hara. He will be greatly missed by his surviving brother, Ricardo Ruiz and wife Dorothy, sisters in-law Constance O'Hara Fred Ullrich, Kathleen O'Hara Robert Schonhoff, Elizabeth O'Hara Louis Baehr, Carmen Harrington Vito A. Ruiz, Dora Navarro Augusto Ruiz, Rosa Ernesto Ruiz, numerous nieces, nephews and their families.

Public visitation is scheduled for Thursday, January 12, 2006 from 6:00 to 9:00 pm at Mission Park Funeral Chapels North, 3401 Cherry Ridge Dr., San Antonio, Texas. Services will be held Friday, January 13, 2006 at 9:00 am at the Funeral Home. Interment will follow in the Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery. Pastor Ron Hill will officiate the services.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Mr. Ruiz and I taught together for several years at Margil Elementary School in the San Antonio ISD. He taught me a lot about the importance of patience in the classroom. I used to go to him frequently for advice when I was new to the teaching profession*

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**Cheryl Sargen** - January 13, 2006 at 12:00 AM

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“ *I will always remember with great fondness the wonderful ,kind man who married my aunt and godmother,Josephine.Uncle Pascual ,as I knew him, was a truly gentle man who always put the needs of others ,especially my aunt,first.We will miss his easy smile bu*

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**connie and bob browne** - January 12, 2006 at 12:00 AM