



Mr. Rafael P. Solis

November 6, 1946 - July 5, 2020

Ralph Solis, of San Antonio, Tx was born on Wednesday, November 06, 1946 at 5:10 pm to parents Belen and Clara Solis. He had four brothers, Chepe, Beto, Luis, Richard, and four sisters, Anna, Carmen, Yolanda and Elsa. He grew up on the west side of San Antonio and was raised in a migrant farm working family. From about the ages of 3 to 7, he traveled seasonally to Michigan, North Dakota, and Wyoming accompanying his family for farm work and stayed months at a time. He picked cherries, strawberries, green beans, peaches and cotton. These core years installed the values in life he lived by: Hardworking, Commitment, Dedication, Loyalty, and Dependability. Once he began school, he pleaded with his father to allow his family to stay in Texas as education was of the utmost importance to him. He attended JT Brackenridge Elementary, DeZavala Elementary, Cooper Middle School, and Lanier High School. He is best known as the pioneer of his family in regards to education, as he was the first to show the most interest in attending and the first to graduate in his family. He achieved perfect attendance from first grade to twelfth grade. He strived to learn as much knowledge as possible and be the best he could in everything he did. "Versatile describes Ralph" and "If he would be able to live again, he probably wouldn't have time for it" were said of him in his school newspaper El Nopal. He held titles such as Senior Class President, Sophomore Class President, Parliamentarian, Student Council President, Treasurer, President of English/Government classes, and President of the National Honor Society. In ROTC, he was a second lieutenant and

received awards such as Junior Superior Cadet Award, Outstanding Platoon Sergeant Medal, and Manual of Arms Medal. He still made time to participate in athletics, he was both Captain of the football team and captain of the track team and letterman for three years. During the Optimist Youth Appreciation Week, he was a finalist in the "Mr. Teen-age San Antonian." He graduated from Lanier High School in 1965 and until his last day of life he was always proud of being a Vok. Although he was raised in poverty, he overcame any obstacles to achieve all his goals. In doing so, he was an excellent role model and was admired by many in the community. While attending Lanier High School, he met and married his high school sweetheart Dorothy Olivares on February 19, 1965. They had three children, Ralphie, Roland, and Crystal and were married for 50 years. They had five grandsons Roman, Ryan, Roland Jr., Damian, Ronan and five granddaughters Kaylee, Angelina, Mariah, Ariana, Zaynah, as well as five great grandchildren. He attended SAC after graduating but had to focus more on working to provide for his family. He later gained full time employment at the HEB warehouse in which he retired after 42 years. He worked primarily as an internal auditor and visited many South Texas HEB grocery stores to ensure correct amounts of delivered goods. He enjoyed the fruits of his labor with traveling yearly with his family throughout the U.S. as well as cruises with friends to the Caribbean, Alaska, and Hawaii. He was best known for his singing, guitar playing, and admiration for music. He was self-taught and aspired to play the Spanish romanticos of the 60's as good as his brothers Chepe and Beto. He loved watching sports, his favorite teams were Dallas Cowboys and San Antonio Spurs. In his spare time he enjoyed spending time with his family especially his grandchildren. Ralph Solis, age 73, passed away at home on July 05, 2020 after an almost two year battle with cancer. He was preceded in death by his loving wife of 50 years, Dorothy Solis, parents Belen & Clara Solis, and four siblings.

Previous Events

Viewing

JUL 21. 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels South, Cemeteries & Crematories
1700 SE Military Dr
San Antonio, TX 78214
(210) 924-4242
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

Rosary

JUL 21. 7:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Mass

JUL 22. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Cecilia Catholic Church
125 W. Whittier St.
San Antonio, TX 78210

Tribute Wall



“ *Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemeteries created a Webcast in memory of Mr. Rafael P. Solis*



Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemetery - July 21, 2020 at 08:00 PM

RS

thank you could i get the link to this video. I have some relatives that can't use a cpu. I would have it for them on dvd.

richard solis - July 23, 2020 at 08:52 PM

NM

“ *My condolences to the family. Ralph Solis's joyful and loving presence will be missed. His physical presence is gone but his love for all of his family will be forever in your hearts. He will be kept alive in all the wonderful memories shared of him. I pray you find comfort during this difficult time. Talk, Tears and Time.*

Nancy O. Medellin - July 21, 2020 at 10:57 PM

JG

“ *I will miss you my friend. Just remembering the good times we spent together. I will never forget them. We were some crew back in the days, the fishing trips, concerts, times in La Coste. Those were the days. Rest In Peace my friend, you will be missed.*

John Garcia - July 19, 2020 at 02:16 PM

ML

“ Are Condolences to to the family we are so sadden to hear this we know him from Hi Slope always making us smile and loved to sing and play his guitar for us .you are going to missed our friend. David and Mary Leon



Mr.Mrs.David leon - July 16, 2020 at 04:27 PM

NT

“ My sincere condolences to his family and friends.
H.E.B.....awww I'm sadden by this news. Ralph was such a sweet and humble man. He was always happy , funny and put me to shame when it came to mathematics. I knew Ralph from HI SLOPE. We loved when he would bring out his guitar. You will be missed H.E.B.



Norma Trevino - July 16, 2020 at 02:25 PM

CM

“ Crystal Montez lit a candle in memory of Mr. Rafael P. Solis



crystal montez - July 15, 2020 at 12:51 PM

CM

“ *Mr.Solis was always a loving fun cool to earth kind of guy all the time I'd love to go to crystals house growing up because her mom would feed us great food n her dad was always cool with us eating up his food n going over and out w crystal so many great memories so now he can watch over his family from above and be back with his queen R.I.P..*

crystal montez - July 15, 2020 at 12:51 PM

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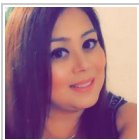
“ *Mr. Solis was a very nice person.I meet him thru my son. I appreciate him and thank him for loving, caring & respecting my son Nuno. For always being there for my son & his family. I got to here Ralph sing and play his guitar, his singing reminded me so much of my father Jose Huerta (Chato) who grew up with him almost like a brother. Thank you Ralph for being part of my life. R.I.P. my friend. To his Family my deepest condolences. God bless you.*

Terry San Miguel - July 15, 2020 at 12:29 PM

OG

My husband knew him all his life. I met him at the Elvira Cisneros center. He was a beautiful person with a beautiful soul and personality. My husband (Oscar Garcia) and I will truly miss him. Our sincerest condolences and prayers to all his family.

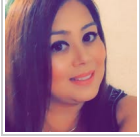
Oscar y Maria Garcia - July 15, 2020 at 03:02 PM



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Crystal Solis - July 15, 2020 at 12:26 PM



“ *Crystal Solis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Rafael P. Solis*



Crystal Solis - July 15, 2020 at 12:23 PM



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Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemetery - July 15, 2020 at 11:53 AM