



Rafael Gerardo Suniga

September 8, 1950 - March 25, 2021

Beloved, husband, and father, went to be with the Lord on March 25, 2021 at the age of 70. Rafael was born on September 8, 1950 in San Antonio Texas, to Louis P. and Felice G. Suniga. He is preceded in death by his parents.

Rafael will be greatly missed by his wife of 26 years, Mary Lou H. Suniga, his daughters, Valerie Ann Suniga, Monica Hilburn (Johnathan); son, Ralph Gerald Suniga (Esperanza); sisters, Rosalinda Karami, Rosario Farahani; brothers, Reynaldo Garza, and Rosendo Suniga; grandchildren, Riley Scott Suniga, and Iris Marie Suniga, nephews and nieces and extended family members.

Rafael worked as a Civil Service worker at Kelly Air Force Base, in San Antonio, Texas, and Tinker Air Force Base, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. He retired after 29 years of service supporting our War Fighters. He came to San Antonio from Oklahoma in 2013 and enjoyed his retirement playing golf and being a member of various bowling leagues. He loved his family and friends dearly. The family extends thanks to the dedicated care taken by the Doctors and Nurses at Kindred/Baptist Hospital.

He will be truly missed by his family and friends, but will never be forgotten.

Visitation will be Wednesday, April 14, 2021 from 4:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. with a Rosary service to be recited at 6:30 p.m. at Mission Park Funeral Chapels South. A Funeral Mass will be held on Thursday, April 15, 2021 at St. Leo the Great Catholic Church at 10:00 a.m. Interment to follow at Mission Burial Park.

Cemetery Details

Mission Burial Park South

1700 SE Military Dr.
San Antonio, TX 78214
<http://www.missionparks.com>

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 14. 4:30 PM - 8:00 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

APR 14. 6:30 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels South, Cemeteries & Crematories
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San Antonio, TX 78214
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Funeral Mass

APR **15**. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Leo the Great Catholic Church
4401 S. Flores
San Antonio, TX 78214

Interment

APR **15** (CT)

Mission Burial Park South
1700 SE Military Dr.
San Antonio, TX 78214
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Tribute Wall

JB

“*Mary Lou I am so sorry to hear about Rafael. I always enjoyed visiting with him at our monthly breakfast gatherings. Sending hugs and comfort to you and your family.*

JoAnn Cumpian Buchanan - May 11, 2021 at 09:49 AM

MS

“*Pete and I send our sincere condolences to Mary Lou and family. We will cherish the memories with Ralph. He will be missed and not forgotten. Prayers of comfort for Mary Lou to get through this difficult time. May Ralph Rest In Peace. 🙏✝️❤️*

Mary Jessie Saldana - April 15, 2021 at 01:16 PM

HR

“*Our most sincere condolences to Loving wife Mary Lou and the Suniga family. We saw the love Ralph and Mary Lou had for each other. They were always together, always holding hands. They had everything in their marriage to keep it going forever, but God needed Ralph in Heaven. I know Mary Lou was left heartbroken, but because of her religious faith she understood her beloved Ralph had to leave her and rest his tired body. They were Blessed with a beautiful marriage, that I know will stay in her heart forever.
Juan and Linda Rubalcava*

Herlinda Rubalcava - April 14, 2021 at 06:12 PM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Rafael Gerardo Suniga.*



April 13, 2021 at 11:59 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Rafael Gerardo Suniga.*



April 13, 2021 at 09:12 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rafael Gerardo Suniga.*



April 13, 2021 at 05:10 PM



“ *Mrs. Gloria Mora and Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Rafael Gerardo Suniga.*



Mrs. Gloria Mora and Family - April 13, 2021 at 01:29 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Rafael Gerardo Suniga.*



April 13, 2021 at 12:09 PM



“ *To Mary Lou and the entire Suniga Family: Our deepest condolences on the loss of your loved one. Ralph was such a nice person. We really enjoyed the times we spent with him and Mary Lou in Oklahoma. He will be greatly missed. Our thoughts and prayers will be with all of you.*



*Gods Blessings !
Eleazar and Maryhelen Gomez*

maryhelen gomez - April 10, 2021 at 05:44 PM



“ *Will miss ya brother Pete and Theresa Brand*

Peter Brand - April 10, 2021 at 09:49 AM



“ *Peter B. purchased the Garden Accent Stone- In Memory of... for the family of Rafael Gerardo Suniga.*



Peter B. - April 10, 2021 at 09:48 AM



“ *Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rafael Gerardo Suniga.*



April 07, 2021 at 06:35 PM



“ *My thoughts and prayers go out to MaryLou and the Suniga Family for their loss. Ralph's presence will be greatly missed by all at the Skylark Bowling Alley. He was such an amazing person and good friend to everyone. May He Rest In Peace and May The Perpetual Light Shine Upon Him 🙏 Until We Meet Again!*
Terry Gallardo



Teresa Gallardo - April 06, 2021 at 11:34 PM



“ *My deepest condolences to Mary Lou and the family. Ralph was one the most happiest and friendliest people I have ever known. Always a joy to be around. The love he and Mary Lou shared for each other will always be remembered. May his soul Rest In Peace.*
Barbara Surrell

Barbara Surrell - April 05, 2021 at 01:29 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rafael Gerardo Suniga.*



April 03, 2021 at 02:30 PM



“ *Where do you start. LaMonte and I have only know Ralph and Mary Lou for 7 years as friends/neighbors. We became fast friends, all enjoying lunches/dinners together. We would stay talking at restaurants 2 to 4 hours laughing and enjoying each other's company. Ralph loved to BBQ. He would BBQ enough to feed his family and us. I would bake and share with Ralph and Mary Lou. Ralph favorite was my Peach Cobbler. Almost every BD I would make him a Peach Cobbler and take to him. God got a kind gentle soul. We are all so lucky to have known him. God bless Mary Lou, and Ralph's grown kids, give them the strength they need to carry on life, as that is what Ralph would want. Love, LaMonte & Ginger Hoffmann*

Ginger Hoffmann - April 01, 2021 at 01:36 PM



I knew Both of them for 7 years as my sister and mom knew them well . Ralph was in a Zumba class and we all admired him for being in the class. Mary lue and Ralph showed so much love for each other. I ask and pray the good Lord give her the strength she needs to go through this. I know it is very hard for her. They were both there for me when I lost my husband and I will be there for her now. May God protect her and may Ralph rest in prace.

irene de los santos - April 02, 2021 at 12:31 PM

WW

“ My deepest condolences to Marylou and family. Ralph was a good friend and co-worker. We had some great laughed and memories times. Ralph was a great, kind and gentle man. You will be greatly missed. I remember the last time we all got together at your new home, we had a blast. It sadden me to know that you are gone. But you'll not be forgotten.. Rest In Peace my friend.

Wanda Washington - April 01, 2021 at 12:23 PM

CH

“ Working with ralph was a joy he made me laugh every day we worked him an his family was a joy to know my thoughts are with you all

Cheryl hardaway - April 01, 2021 at 11:52 AM

WE

“ You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers today. Working with Ralph was such a joy. No words can convey the heartfelt sympathy that is felt for you in your great loss. Love always, Wiona, Glenn and Lashonda Ellison
Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him and he will make straight your path. Proverbs 3:5-6

Wiona Ellison - April 01, 2021 at 11:38 AM

AB

“ Our condolences to Mary Lou and family. I met and worked with Ralph and Mary Lou at Tinker AFB. Always a friendly guy and a lot of fun to work with and just to be around. He could always make you laugh or just put a smile on your face. He also made the best Carne Ge Sada tacos I have ever ate. Rest In Peace.

Alan Brady - April 01, 2021 at 12:16 AM

JF

“ Our deepest condolences to his family and wife Mary Lou. We were in Oklahoma City with him and Mary Lou. We have some fun memories from the BUNCO Club we San Antonians joined. Ralph will surely be missed; as he had the greatest personality. He will not be forgotten.

Juan and Mary Flores

juan and mary flores - March 31, 2021 at 09:25 PM

HR

Our sincere condolences to his very loving wife, Mary Lou Suniga and Suniga family. We enjoyed Ralph and Mary Lou's company every time we got together, in Oklahoma and back in San Antonio. Our get togethers were always started with laughter and always ended with laughter. Ralph will be greatly missed, but he left us with good memories to remember him always.

Rest In Peace friend.

Juan and Linda Rubalcava

Herlinda Rubalcava - April 13, 2021 at 04:56 PM

PC

“ *Ralph was a very dear friend of mine and my husband's. We had many good times with him and Mary Lou. I worked with both of them at Tinker AFB for many years. My fondest memory of that time was watching Mary Lou and Ralph walking through our building holding hands. He loved her very much, and she him. I know Mary Lou will miss her soulmate with all her heart, and we love them both and will never forget our good friend Ralph. We will miss your beautiful smile and the wonderful times visiting with you.*

Pamela Cline - March 31, 2021 at 08:31 PM

JV

“ My deepest sympathys to a good friend whom I had the pleasure of knowing through the bowling league at Lackland. He will be missed but not forgotten. Rest in Peace.
Joe Vasquez

Joe vasquez - March 31, 2021 at 08:18 PM

JR

“ From myself, my wife Olga and our family, we want to express our deepest sympathy to Marylou and the Suniga family. Olga and I were lucky enough to have traveled to different bowling tournaments and to bowl with the Suniga's at Lackland bowling center. May the Road to Our Lord rise up to meet you and until we meet again, may you Rest In Peace.
Johnny and Olga Ramirez

Juan D Ramirez - March 31, 2021 at 06:53 PM

EH

“ Ralph was a very close and dear friend of myself (Ernest) and my wife (Vicky). Our sincere condolences to all his family and his wife Mary Lou.

Ernest & Vicky Hernandez - March 31, 2021 at 04:42 PM

ML

“ Our condolences to Mary Lou and the family. We will forever remember Ralph. We had so many good times together and we will cherish those memories. Prayers to the family. May God be with you all during this trying time. Mary and Caesar leija

Mary and Caesar Leija - March 31, 2021 at 04:34 PM

JM

“ *Our condolences to Marylou Suniga, and family of Ralph Suniga. Ralph was a very fun person, we enjoyed and will cherish many wonderful memories of him. Our prayers to his family, and wife Marylou.
God Bless!*

Johnny & Mary Martinez - March 31, 2021 at 03:58 PM

GV

my condolences to Mary Lou and family of Ralph may the perpetual light shine on upon u.

gloria vidaurri - April 07, 2021 at 03:26 PM

RC

*My Deepest Condolences to Ralph's Family & Mary Lou, I was in Oklahoma with Ralph & Mary Lou, Ralph will be Missed but not forgotten, Ralph was friendly & Fun.
Rest In Peace. Prayers 🙏🙏🙏*

Raquel Cantu - April 12, 2021 at 09:06 AM