



Ralph Guerra Martinez

November 23, 1935 - November 16, 2025

Ralph Guerra Martinez born November 23, 1935, entered into rest on November 16, 2025, at the age of 89 years. Ralph was married to his wife, Sylvia of 67 years until her passing in 2024. Ralph and Sylvia had 4 children. Ralph and Sylvia lived in the same house for 62 years.

Ralph was a parachutist in the Army and received a letter of commendation. After serving in the Army, Ralph worked for the United States Postal Service for 44 years as a letter carrier.

Ralph and Sylvia raised 4 boys who Ralph taught the fundamentals of baseball. All 4 boys played at Kinenburg Field at Pecan Valley and Dollarhide Rd, where Ralph was often an assistant coach.

Ralph and Sylvia enjoyed family vacations camping at Garner State Park as well as fishing at "The Coast" in Corpus Christi and Port Aransas. Ralph taught his boys how to set up a camp just about anywhere and how to properly pack a vehicle.

Ralph was a great bowler and although he never rolled a perfect game, he came close on several occasions and was in a league at the Ponderosa Bowling Alley until 2020. The chase for the perfect game always continued.

Ralph was an avid Dallas Cowboys and San Antonio Spurs fan. Although neither organization consulted him on strategies, Ralph was more than willing to provide his recommendations, albeit through the television. Ralph was afforded the opportunity to see the Spurs win a game 7 Championship vs the Detroit Pistons at the AT&T center in 2005. That was a once in a lifetime opportunity that he cherished.

Ralph was the chauffeur for Sylvia and their grandchildren to just about every kid movie from 2005 through 2018. Many movies were followed by ice cream at Floyd's Dairy Bar, which the grandchildren still talk about today.

Ralph was the king of the Dad jokes. Many of them were not as funny as the laughter it caused him telling them. All of his children knew the jokes well and the jokes received new life once he had grandchildren. We will miss his jokes and his sense of humor.

Ralph was preceded in death by his wife, Sylvia Ann Martinez, son Russell Martinez, siblings Beatrice Holcomb, Alice Morrison, Virginia Rios, Ezequiel Martinez. Ralph is survived by son and daughter-in-law, Greg and Debbie Martinez; son, Clifford Martinez; son and daughter-in-law, Scott and Susan Martinez; 12 grandchildren, and several great grandchildren.

Visitation will be held on Friday, November 21, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. with a Rosary to be recited at 11:30 a.m. and a Funeral Mass to be celebrated at 12:00 p.m. at St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church. Interment to follow at San Fernando Cemetery #2.

Cemetery Details

San Fernando Cemetery #2

746 Castroville Rd.
San Antonio, TX 78237

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 21. 11:00 AM (CT)

St Margaret Mary's Catholic Church
1314 Fair Ave
San Antonio, TX 78223
(210) 532-6309

Rosary

NOV 21. 11:30 AM (CT)

St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church
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Funeral Mass

NOV 21. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

RD

“ Remembering Uncle Ralph — a quiet, humble man whose love for his family and unwavering work ethic defined his life. He lived simply, served wholeheartedly, and left a legacy of kindness and strength. He will be deeply missed.

Rosanne Dominguez - November 24, 2025 at 08:03 AM

RT

“ Uncle Ralph was a wonderful person, and truly enjoyed spending time with his family. Growing up, we would often ride our bikes to visit the Martinez family, located only two blocks from our house. He was always very welcoming. During our frequent family gatherings, Ralph was the life of the party, sharing jokes and laughter with all. Our Uncle will be missed by family, friends and all who had the pleasure of knowing him. Rest in peace, Uncle Ralph. Love, Ray and Ali



Ray Trevino - November 24, 2025 at 05:57 AM

MT

“ Mike and Tiffany purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Ralph Guerra Martinez.



Mike and Tiffany - November 20, 2025 at 10:03 PM

CK

“ Carlos and krissy purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Ralph Guerra Martinez.



Carlos and krissy - November 20, 2025 at 09:55 PM

BP

“ Bill and Shea Parry purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Ralph Guerra Martinez.



Bill and Shea Parry - November 20, 2025 at 11:18 AM

LN

“ Love, Nancy purchased the Simply Elegant Spatiphyllum for the family of Ralph Guerra Martinez.



Love, Nancy - November 18, 2025 at 04:03 PM