



Ralph Joseph Real

August 19, 1924 - September 2, 2021

Ralph Joseph Real, 97, passed peacefully into Eternal Life on September 2, 2021. He was born in Converse, Texas and raised on the family farm in eastern Bexar County, the eldest son of the late Gustav and Margaret (Schuwirth) Real. He proudly served his country during World War II in the U.S. Army's Medical Detachment of the 533rd Engineer Boat and Shore Regiment. After being honorably discharged in 1945, he returned to his family farm until marrying Dora Lee Lenz of LaVernia, Texas in 1947. They settled in San Antonio, Texas where they made their home for 72 years.

Ralph was a dedicated and conscientious worker having been employed by the Lone Star Brewing Company for 43 years until retirement in 1988. He had a strong work ethic, was creative and resourceful (a true master of reinvention) and was a man of many technical skills, grit, determination and old fashioned "know how". There was nothing he couldn't repair – if he couldn't fix it, it was truly broken. He was most at peace working outdoors and being surrounded by the sounds of nature. He was also a man of great faith which was a constant source of comfort throughout his life. A devout Roman Catholic, he was an active communicant of St. Cecilia Church for 64 years, serving as an usher up until age 92. He was a long time member of the Holy Name Society and its Treasurer for several years as well as a member of the Order of the Knights of Columbus Council #7256. He appreciated simplicity, finding peace in the practicalities of daily life.

Ralph was predeceased in death by his wife, Dora Lee; brother Raymond Real; sister Irene Walls; brother-in-law Bill Walls and sister-in-law Nelda Real. He is survived by his daughter Diane and son-in-law Gus of Newington, Connecticut; his two sons Ralph Jr. and daughter-in-law Helen of Kerrville, Texas and Randy and daughter-in-law Kim of Converse, Texas; eight beloved grandchildren Scott Olander, Clinton Real and wife Ashley, Claire Real, Marcus Real and wife Leslie, Cecily Englert and husband Tyler, Bryce Real, Danielle Buch and husband Rowdy, Gerard Real and one great-grandson Mason Real. He is also survived by his brothers Leroy, Jerome and sister-in-law Florence, Wallace and sister-in-law Joyce and sister-in-law Florence. He also leaves behind many dear nieces and nephews.

Relatives and friends may call at the Mission Park Funeral Chapels South, 1700 SE Military Drive, San Antonio, TX on Wednesday September 15, 2021 from 6 PM to 8 PM with a rosary to be recited at 7 PM. A celebration of Ralph's life and a Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10 AM on Thursday, September 16, 2021 at St. Jerome's Catholic Church, 7955 Real Road, San Antonio, TX. He will be laid to rest beside his wife at St. Jerome's Cemetery.

The family requests that anyone wishing to make a donation in Ralph's memory consider doing so to St. Cecilia's Catholic Church (Attn. Jennifer Rangel) 125 W. Whittier Street, San Antonio, TX 78210.

Cemetery Details

St. Jerome Catholic Cemetery

7955 Real Road
San Antonio, TX

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **15**. 6:00 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

SEP **15**. 7:00 PM (CT)

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1700 SE Military Dr
San Antonio, TX 78214
(210) 924-4242
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

Funeral Mass

SEP **16.** 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Jerome Catholic Church
7955 Real Road
San Antonio, TX 78263

Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ralph Joseph Real.*



September 15, 2021 at 02:07 PM



“ *Tim, Naomi and Taylor Johnson purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Ralph Joseph Real.*



Tim, Naomi and Taylor Johnson - September 15, 2021 at 01:08 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Ralph Joseph Real.*



September 13, 2021 at 08:54 PM