



## Ramiro Rosales Villafranca

March 26, 1951 - April 9, 2021

A beloved spiritual man has gone home to his Lord, Ramiro Rosales Villafranca age 70 of San Antonio on Friday, April 9, 2021.

He was born on March 26, 1951 in Karnes City, Texas to Antonio and Genara Villafranca who preceded him in death.

He is survived by his wife, Vangie (her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren); his children, Ramiro, Jr. (April), Veronica, Cyndi and Timothy; his grandchildren, Isaiah, Israel and Iliana Villafranca, Alyssa, Jessica and Autumn Reyna, Elizabeth, Roslyn, Aiden and Geovannee Ramirez; his siblings, Raymundo (Vanke), Ruben (Mary), Rose Ann, Raul (Dorothy); and numerous nieces and nephews.

Ramiro served his God and his Church at St. Mary Magdalen's for over 20 years in the Knights of Columbus, the Men in Christ, Baptism ministry, a Spiritual companion, the charismatic renewal conference, prayer groups and in the ACTS retreats. He was a spiritual companion and a mentor to many. He was a beloved husband and loved his family dearly. He was a very skilled Glazier and left his handiwork behind for many to see. He will truly be missed by all who loved him.

¡Que viva Cristo Rey!

### SERVICES

Visitation will begin at 9:00 A.M. followed by the Rosary at 9:30 A.M. and then the Funeral Mass at 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, April 15, 2021 at St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church, 1710 Clower. His pallbearers will be Ramiro

Villafranca Jr, Ruben Villafranca, Abraham Quintanilla, Romero Garza, Rudy Rodriguez and Jim Cura. Interment will follow at New Bremen Cemetery near Karnes City, Texas.

# Cemetery Details

## New Bremen Cemetery

Karnes City, TX

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 15. 9:00 AM (CT)

St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church  
1710 Clower Street  
San Antonio, TX 78201

## Rosary

APR 15. 9:30 AM (CT)

St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church  
1710 Clower Street  
San Antonio, TX 78201

## Funeral Mass

APR 15. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church  
1710 Clower Street  
San Antonio, TX 78201

## Graveside Service

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APR **15**. 1:00 PM.

New Bremen Cemetery  
Karnes City, TX

# Tribute Wall

MC

“ Sincerest heartfelt condolences to prima Vangie, all family & friends loved dearly by Ramiro & Vangie. May GOD send the Holy Spirit to comfort & guide us all while mourning. Ramiro was a wonderful gentleman. I know as a couple he & Vangie served the Lord helping always those in need putting their needs aside. GOD must have needed Ramiro at his side now but I truly believe Ramiro will not leave his loved ones side in spirit especially not his loving wife Vangie. I pray even if slowly, surely tears will dry & comfort & laughter will come when reminiscing about Ramiro. (Mary Lou M. Cabrera San Antonio, Tx)

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**Mary Lou Cabrera** - April 20, 2021 at 01:45 PM

JG

“ I arrived at SMM in 2000, and the Men in Christ group was just starting to meet on Saturday mornings. Ramiro invited me to join the group, and after a few meetings he invited me to attend an ACTS retreat. When Ramiro would bring new individuals into the MIC, or to a one day retreat, and he would see their transformation, it would bring joy to his heart and a smile to his face. His words were "He's on Fire brother, he's on Fire". Ramiro truly was a "Fisher of Men", always recruiting men, and women, to bring them into his fold, to love and serve the Lord. His love for Jesus Christ and our Blessed Virgencita shined through him. His faith was deeply rooted in him, and he shared that faith with anyone he encountered. Brother Ramiro took the road less traveled, and he left markers for us to follow. The large attendance at Mass today is a testament to the many lives Ramiro touched, directly or indirectly. To quote Mt 3:17, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased". I believe in my heart the Lord is pleased in his son Ramiro. Gone but never forgotten. May you rest in eternal peace my brother. Our prayers go out to Vangie and Ramiro's children and siblings. Vangie, your faith and your SMM family will get you through this time of sorrow. Jesse and Gloria Gutierrez"

Jesse Gutierrez

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Jesus Gutierrez - April 15, 2021 at 07:00 PM

LG

“ *Ramiro was such a blessing, always would greet me and ask about all especially my husband Ralph and would always said he would keep in his prayers. A few years back my grandson met Ramiro and spoke for a long time about the Bible and shared verses and my grandson asked about a men’s retreat and that if Mr Ramiro would be there he wanted to go, of course my grandson was 15 at that time. I felt such joy that my grandson felt so comfortable around Ramiro and anxious about learning more, unfortunately now my grandson is 20 and will not enjoy learning more from Mr Ramiro as he called him. I know he is in heaven no thought about that. Prayers for Vangie and the family. Ralph and I will miss him.*

Lydia Cedillo Garcia - April 15, 2021 at 09:52 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ramiro Rosales Villafranca.*



April 14, 2021 at 03:50 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Ramiro Rosales Villafranca.*



April 13, 2021 at 06:33 PM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Ramiro Rosales Villafranca.*



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April 13, 2021 at 03:55 PM



“ *My fondest memory of Ramiro, was when him and Vangie came to my house and taught my kids the story of the resurrection of Christ with Easter eggs. It was then I experienced firsthand the joy it brought them teaching and spreading gods message. My condolences to Ramiro's children and to his wife, Vangie. It is my prayer that God will comfort you and your family during this time. May he richly bless you as you mourn, and may the light of his presence be a continual source of consolation. May Ramiro's legacy live in the beautiful memories we all have of him.*



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**Topacio Rodriguez** - April 13, 2021 at 11:01 AM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ramiro Rosales Villafranca.*



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April 13, 2021 at 08:03 AM

MM

“ We remember Ramiro's humble beginnings at SMM Church. He was a friendly and well liked person. We could see he was open to surround himself with new friends of our catholic faith. Before we knew it, his old way of life was gone. Ramiro was serving and volunteering his time to SMM community truly deciding to follow Jesus. Several years past and Vangie came into his life and they married. We could see how happy and proud she and her family filled the void in his life. At the numerous SMM celebrations, festivals, dances and the different ministries, Ramiro and Vangie served their time and talent a couple committed to SMM parish. As Ramiro continued to deepen his service to SMM, you could see and feel the Holy Spirit in his heart to his very soul. We can't count the many times we caught Ramiro with a worship song on his lips and yes, we witness a little dance move and always with a giddy smile. For many years Ramiro gave 110% of himself and he was well respected for that. We have been blessed knowing Ramiro a true friend, a BIC, actually we consider Ramiro as a blood brother. We will miss Ramiro, all our love worthy servant of God. Rest in Peace, Joe and Mary Montecinos.

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**Mary E Montecinos** - April 13, 2021 at 12:05 AM



“ Garden Cross was purchased for the family of Ramiro Rosales Villafranca.



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April 12, 2021 at 10:42 PM

CY

“ Cecilia Y'Barbo purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Ramiro Rosales Villafranca.



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**Cecilia Y'Barbo** - April 12, 2021 at 07:44 PM

FF

“ From your HEB #41 family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Ramiro Rosales Villafranca.



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**From your HEB #41 family** - April 12, 2021 at 12:23 PM

AR

“ It is with a heavy heart that I heard the news of Ramiro's passing. As was mentioned in the obituary, he was a very special person and a dear mentor to me in my journey to understanding my faith. From the first time I met him at the Men in Christ, I can remember him welcoming me in and making me feel at ease. I will be forever grateful for all the words of wisdom he provided me.  
QUE VIVA CRISTO REY!

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**Art Rodriguez** - April 12, 2021 at 11:42 AM

JS

“ Ramiro is a good friend for many years! Went to KCHS together! Saw him just few tears ago at 50 year class reunion. Great to renew our past. Great Godly man. Till we meet again my friend. Jonathan Schulz

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**Jonathan Schulz** - April 12, 2021 at 10:44 AM

BP

“ My family and I grew up with Ramiro and his family on farms near Karnes City. So we knew each other well. We both attended Karnes City High School. Last time I visited with Ramiro at our reunion I could see that he was a very spiritual child of God. Rest easy my friend.

*Enjoy your rewards from your service to the Almighty. We will meet again.*

*Bob Palmarez*

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**Bob Palmarez** - April 11, 2021 at 08:09 PM

CY

*RAMIRO MAY JESUS HOLD YOU IN HIS ARMS. I KNOW YOU ARE HOME IN HEAVEN.PLEASE GIVE MY LOVE TO JESUS AND OTHERS THAT WE LOVE REST IN PEACE*

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**Cecilia Y'Barbo** - April 15, 2021 at 11:55 PM

TC

“ *The Men in Christ / Hombres en Cristo purchased the Tropical Tribute Spray for the family of Ramiro Rosales Villafranca.*



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**The Men in Christ / Hombres en Cristo** - April 11, 2021 at 07:28 PM

MU

“ *Ramiro*

*In the community of St Mary Magdalen parish.*

*My family and I offer our Condolence and our prayers to Ramiro's wife Vangie and family.*

*Ramiro, set a standard for us to follow a Christian way of life for us to follow CHRIST.*

*He was committed to serve others with spiritual ideals and actions.*

*A true leader who knew how to follow, developed and trained others*

*to be Christian leaders in our parish retreats. I knew him well his parents and my parents were neighbors in the country Karnes City.*

*A close friend where we served together in the parish with Knights of Columbus Council 9902 and parish baptismal ministry team for many years. Ramiro a true and faithful servant of the LORD. A true*

*friend, responsible and respectable individual. We will miss his presences deeply. .We love your Brother.*

*In your prayers remember the soul of Ramiro and the souls of all of our family members who have died believing in CHRIST and for all the faithful departed through mercy of GOD. Rest in Peace. Amen.*

*Rosa and Mike Urrutia*

*Knights of Columbus*

*Council 9902*

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**Miguel urrutia** - April 11, 2021 at 06:32 PM

BR

*Ramiro will be missed by so many of his sister's in Christ and his brother's in Christ from St.Mary Magdalen Church 🏛️*

*My heart is full of joy that at his passing he saw angels and our blessed Mother Mary !*

*I pray that brings all that are heartbroken 💔 especially my sister in Christ 👩👧👦 Ramiro"s amazing wife Vangie comfort knowing he lived the Godly life and shared his journey with the community in his actions and example of what a husband is supposed to be and do .*

*I loved and admired the relationship between Ramiro and Vangie you could feel and see that Love .💕👩👧👦*

*My prayers are for the repose of Ramiro"s soul and eternal rest with God .*

*My prayers are for Vangie and the family for peace ,strength,understanding,faith,healing of their sadness during this extremely difficult time .*

*Vangie it may feel like your weak but you aren't ,your a very strong and courageous woman and it's hidden under your hurt that your feeling right now but by God's grace you will feel that strength again .*

*Your in my prayers and I love you my Sister in Christ !*



*(I hope this little love note made sense ....uugh 😞)*

*Barbara Rodarte*

*❤️xoxoxo❤️*

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**Barbara Rodarte** - April 12, 2021 at 08:06 PM

YC

*Ramiro will be greatly missed, by many people. Whenever I encountered him, he would always say something positive and uplifting, to me. I admire Ramiro and Vangie, a lot. There was always that love shining in their heart, to one another and to their neighbor, full of love and compassion.*

*Ramiro, has truly set a great example of how to conduct oneself as a disciple of Christ. I would see Ramiro in adoration and truly, he was totally in love with our Lord Jesus Christ. It's not very often, you see men in adoration, adoring and praying in His presence.*

*What a great example to other men, to honor God in Adoration. WOW!!!*

*Thank You, Ramiro, for your faithfulness to God and your beautiful, wife, Vangie.*

*My continued prayers for you Ramiro, your beautiful wife Vangie and all your family.*

*Beautiful, Vangie*

*My sincere condolences to you and may perpetual light shine upon Ramiro and may he Rest In Peace.Amen.....*

*Sincerely in Christ,*

*Yolanda Cepeda-Pytel* 🙏🙏🙏❤️🏰

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**Yolanda Cepeda-Pytel** - April 13, 2021 at 12:39 PM

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**Yolanda Cepeda-Pytel** - April 13, 2021 at 12:41 PM

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*Continued reading:*

*I would see Ramiro in Adoration and it was so evident that he loved our Lord Jesús Christ with all his heart. He truly set an example for men, to visit adoration, more often. His legend of all his good deeds for God, will carry on for many years at St. Mary Magdalen Church. Thank You, Ramiro for your great Godly example. WOW!!!*

*Vangie, I offer my condolences to you, and may Perpetual Light Shine upon him. May Ramiro Rest In Peace. AMEN*

*Gabriel Project will have, Perpetual Masses celebrated for Ramiro.*

*Sincerely in Christ!*

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**Yolanda Cepeda-Pytel** - April 13, 2021 at 12:56 PM

MH

*Dearest Vangie and Family we Pray.*

*O Loving and Merciful God, through the Heavenly intercession of Our Blessed Mother Mary, welcome Ramiro into the company of the Angels and Saints, where tears are no more, all suffering and pain are ended and there is great joy, the abundant eternal life and Peaceful rest in in Your Loving presence in Jesus Name.*

*All our Love and Prayers for Vangie and for Ramiro's Family and Friends,  
Mati and Jesse Herrera*

**Mati Herrera** - April 15, 2021 at 02:06 AM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Ramiro Rosales Villafranca.*



April 11, 2021 at 03:13 PM

EL

“ *Yet another branch of the Villafranca tree, has dropped. Rest in Peace Primo.*

**Edward Lerma** - April 11, 2021 at 02:58 PM

MR

“ *I loved my cousin every time we saw each other at HEB, he would hug me and tell me how much he loved me... as my brother reminded us, when my sister Martha was very sick he took his whole prayer group to go pray for her before she passed away, that's the blessed person he was, love you my primo....*

**Mary Villafranco Ramirez** - April 11, 2021 at 02:03 PM

GT

*Ramiro was a very good friend. He set high standards high examples of the way we all are to live our lives I will do my best to follow his footsteps I love you my brother happy journeys God be with you*

**Gregory Torres** - April 11, 2021 at 02:49 PM

TO

*May my Primo Ramiro rest in the arms of Jesus and our Mother and Queen at his side. He was such a kind person. I am sure Ramiro touched many lives and shared God's love to all of them through his kindness. He was a very special instrument in God's hands. May God's Perpetual Light Shine upon him and you be enjoying the Vision of God. RIP mi Primo Ramiro.*

*Please continue praying for all of us, your family, and Vangie. Your Prima, Tere (Teresita) Montelongo Ochoa*

**Thesesa (Tere) Montelongo Ochoa** - April 11, 2021 at 06:11 PM

RM

*After being a classmate in Karnes City of Ramiro's, I reconnected with him at our 50th reunion two years ago. He so impressed me with his commitment to his faith, as well as all of the work he had done through his church to help others find the path to God. He is now where we all hope to be one day. Prayers to Vangie and his family. He was a special man.*

*Becky Marshall*

**Rebecca Marshall** - April 11, 2021 at 09:27 PM

EH

*“ From: Edmundo Herrera, Ramiro was a Great Friend and my Spiritual Mentor - he took me under his Wings after my 2nd ACTS Retreat with The Men in Christ. His most famous words he would say were " VIVA CRISTO REY" . He showed his True Love (not just for his wife, but to his whole Family), but also to his Church, Ministry, Community Family, and Jesus Christ and Father God. Rest in Peace, my Friend - You are HOME. I will do my Best to continue the journey with The Men in Christ - Love you, my Brother - You are MISSED.*

**Edmundo Herrera** - April 11, 2021 at 11:22 AM

AC

“ Brother Ramiro was part of our community at St Mary Magdalen He was involve in many ministries through the years specially: Men in Christ, Knights of Columbus and ACTS.

His voice saying loud: "Y que Viva Cristo Rey" will resound on the walls of the Jubilee Hall; Let's remember him for who he was: A Child of God, prayers for Mrs. Vangie and the family.

*Eternal rest grant unto him  
Oh Lord,  
May his Soul and the soul of  
The faithful departed  
Rest in peace.*

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**Antonio Cruz** - April 11, 2021 at 11:12 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ramiro Rosales Villafranca.



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April 11, 2021 at 10:49 AM