



## Raul Garcia

December 1, 1929 - May 27, 2019

After defying several medical prognoses, Raul Garcia de la Cruz, Sr. could fight the good fight no longer. He went to heaven to meet his maker on the morning of Monday, May 27, 2019. Our father would want you to know more than anything that he was a man of God, who loved his wife profoundly.

It was rare when you heard Raul talking about his childhood. If you ever did, you'd know that despite working hard as a child to cultivate the soil so that it could bear fruit while wearing shoes he made himself out of an old tire, it was still not enough to help his family escape tremendous hardship. You would never hear him describe his early life that way, but now you know he has been a fighter his entire life. After losing five of his siblings at a young age, Raul vowed that he would make a different life for his children. He said what he had wished for his children was that they could play, eat and have an opportunity at a career. Rest easy father. We've played, eaten, worked diligently and know God because of you and mom.

He worked hard in construction every day of his life to provide for his wife Maria and his eight children. Many of those years were spent working for H.B. Zachry helping to build several structures around San Antonio up until he retired at the age of 65.

He instilled the value of hard work in us and demonstrated what it means to

live by faith, trusting in God. Up until his final days, he insisted on waking up early because he had a lot to do. We rejoice knowing his body and vigor are restored in heaven and that he can once again be the man we knew on earth for 89 years.

Our father was not a perfect man, but to us and his wife he was a great man. To our father, who always prayed Psalm 121 for us before each journey, we pray it for him as he starts the greatest journey of them all.

Raul is survived by his loving wife of 52 years, Maria de Refugio Garcia, sons Raul Garcia, Jr., Rejinaldo Garcia (Elisa), Robert Garcia (Sara); daughters Connie Garcia (Hector), Marisol Garcia, Sandra Arriola (Joseph), Cookie Davidson (Ken), Liberty Swift; grandchildren Jonathan, Gianni, Athan, Isabella, Joven, Matthew, Liberty, Alisandra, Nathaniel, Ryan, Alejandra and Leonardo; and his sisters Raquel Castillo and Consuelo Garcia.

Visitation for Raul will be Thursday, May 30, from 6 p.m. - 9 p.m. with a service at 7 p.m. at Mission Park Funeral Chapels North, 3401 Cherry Ridge Dr., San Antonio, TX. Funeral service is Friday, May 31, 2019 at 11 a.m. at the Mausoleum Chapel at Mission Burial Park North at the Dominion, 20900 IH-10 West, San Antonio, TX.

Thank you to everyone who supported him and cared for him in his final years.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAY 30.** 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels Cherry Ridge  
3401 Cherry Ridge Dr  
San Antonio, TX 78230  
(210) 349-1414  
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

## Service

**MAY 31.** 11:00 AM (CT)

Fred J. Tips Mausoleum Chapel  
20900 IH 10 West  
San Antonio, TX 78257

# Tribute Wall

AA

“ *Mis mas sinceras condolencias a la familia Rodriguez. La muerte de un ser querido es muy dolorosa pero que amoroso es Dios al ser “para nosotros refugio y fuerzas, una ayuda que puede hallarse prontamente durante angustias’. Salmos 46:1*

AA - May 31, 2019 at 03:26 PM

SC

“ *My deepest condolences on your loss. Many here at USAA have you in their thoughts and prayers*

*Shirley S. Cedillo*

Shirley Cedillo - May 31, 2019 at 03:16 PM



“ *. lit a candle in memory of Raul Garcia*



. - May 31, 2019 at 09:49 AM



“ *Angels are singing ... Jr*

. - May 31, 2019 at 09:46 AM

CD

“ 2 files added to the album Dad



Cookie Davidson - May 30, 2019 at 02:08 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Raul Garcia.



May 30, 2019 at 10:24 AM

LF

“ Lydia & Tony Jaramillo and Family purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Raul Garcia.



Lydia & Tony Jaramillo and Family - May 29, 2019 at 11:29 PM

YH

“ Your HPCH Friends at the School of Public Health purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Raul Garcia.



Your HPCH Friends at the School of Public Health - May 29, 2019 at 03:27 PM

JC

“ *Jamee Crenshaw purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Raul Garcia.*



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**Jamee Crenshaw** - May 29, 2019 at 03:08 PM

FH

“ *From Your Family at the School of Public Health purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Raul Garcia.*



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**From Your Family at the School of Public Health** - May 29, 2019 at 02:59 PM

TT

“ *Texas A&M SPH Office of Diversity (McKyer & Team) purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Raul Garcia.*



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**Texas A&M SPH Office of Diversity (McKyer & Team)** - May 29, 2019 at 02:23 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Raul Garcia.*



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May 29, 2019 at 01:06 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Raul Garcia.*



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May 29, 2019 at 12:25 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Raul Garcia.*



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May 29, 2019 at 12:08 PM



“ *Thank you for sharing your precious memories with us. It is evident that Papa Raul was a man who adored his wife, loved his family and liked to make everyone laugh! The Huerta Family was blessed to know him!*

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**Lydia Huerta** - May 29, 2019 at 09:27 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Raul Garcia.*



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May 29, 2019 at 09:26 AM

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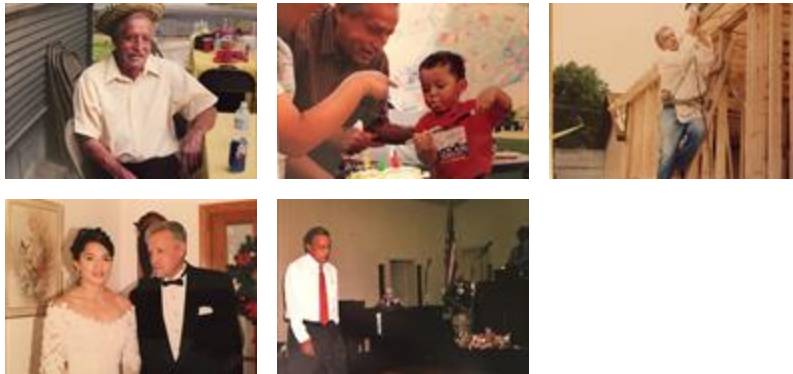
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Cookie Davidson - May 29, 2019 at 09:08 AM

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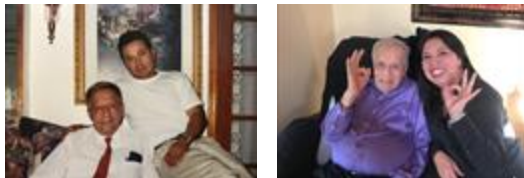
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Cookie Davidson - May 29, 2019 at 07:05 AM

SA

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Sandra Arriola - May 29, 2019 at 12:21 AM

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Sandra Arriola - May 29, 2019 at 12:11 AM

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Cookie Davidson - May 28, 2019 at 09:04 PM

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Cookie Davidson - May 28, 2019 at 09:03 PM

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**Cookie Davidson** - May 28, 2019 at 09:02 PM

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**Cookie Davidson** - May 28, 2019 at 08:53 PM

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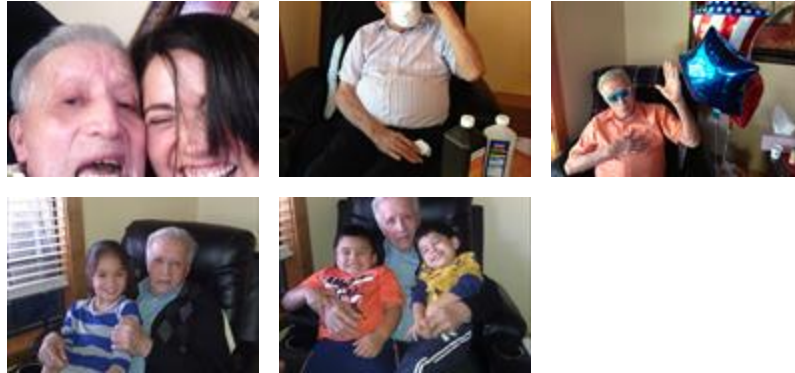


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**Cookie Davidson** - May 28, 2019 at 08:42 PM

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Cookie Davidson - May 28, 2019 at 08:20 PM

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Cookie Davidson - May 28, 2019 at 08:09 PM

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Cookie Davidson - May 28, 2019 at 08:06 PM

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Cookie Davidson - May 28, 2019 at 08:05 PM

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Cookie Davidson - May 28, 2019 at 07:52 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Raul Garcia.



May 28, 2019 at 06:21 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Raul Garcia.



May 28, 2019 at 04:56 PM

BP

“ *Baylor Scott & White Pediatrics purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Raul Garcia.*



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**Baylor Scott & White Pediatrics** - May 28, 2019 at 03:59 PM

TF

“ *The Castillo Family purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Raul Garcia.*



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**The Castillo Family** - May 28, 2019 at 01:55 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Raul Garcia.*



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May 28, 2019 at 01:00 PM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Raul Garcia.*



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May 28, 2019 at 12:06 PM

CK

“ Chuck & Kathy purchased the Rose Garden Heart for the family of Raul Garcia.



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**Chuck & Kathy** - May 28, 2019 at 11:53 AM

EL

“ My deepest condolences to the entire family it was a pleasure meeting you tio rest in paradise

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**Elizabeth lozano** - May 28, 2019 at 12:44 AM