



Raul R. Rivera

May 15, 1919 - November 16, 2011

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Raul R. Rivera passed away in his sleep peacefully on Nov 16, 2011 from natural causes at 92 years. He was born in San Antonio, Texas on May 15, 1919. He was a devoted son, loving husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather. He was best known for his cheerful nature, smile and the God given talent of whistling like a bird all the time, wherever he was at. Raul was a God fearing man who put his trust fully in the Lord first and put his family before anything. He spent his early life on the streets of San Antonio fending for himself shining shoes as a kid on Houston Street, west of the bridge across from what later would be known as the Texas theater. He lived in the area around the Pioneer Flour Mills and also on the west side of the city as a child and has resided in the South San Antonio area most of his life. He was also a resident of Kenedy and Karnes City earlier in his life. He worked the fields of Lamesa, Texas and surrounding areas picking cotton. He spent all of his childhood without a mother, as she died shortly after he was born. Later on he would have to take care of his father as he was blinded in a truck accident while working the cotton fields. He married his wife Anita of 66 years on Sept. 19, 1943 and had two children, a daughter and a son. Raul served in the United States Army during World War II and bravely served as a combat medic in France and Germany. In fact, he was overseas when his wife gave birth to his daughter. His wife Anita preceded him in death in March 31, 2009. He is survived by daughter Marina Scohy John and son Ruben Rivera Irma,

grandchildren; Pat Scohy, Steven Scohy, Jessica Rivera, Adriane Flockhart all from Colorado and Mark Gonzales, Angelic Unger from San Antonio, six great grandchildren; Kayla, Sarah, Brendon and Nick from Colorado, Hannah and Aidan from Spring Branch, Texas, and numerous nieces and nephews. Although in a continual bond in spirit, the opportunity is now to mention that his children will always be thankful for their father's valuable lessons in Love, Faith and Humility. Raul will be sorely missed by his family and those that knew him.