



## Raul Benavidez Valdez

May 24, 1932 - October 8, 2022

Raul was born and raised in San Antonio, TX. He is preceded in death by his parents, Fidel and Hermenia Valdez, and his wife Argelia Kirchner Valdez. Raul is survived by his 3 children, Ronald A. Valdez, Jacqueline K. Valdez and Kristine K. Valdez, beloved grandchildren, and nephews and nieces. He will be missed by many.

Raul was a Korean Veteran, graduate of San Antonio College, St. Mary's University, Worden School of Social Work at O.L.L.U. He Attended Harvard University, interned at Menninger Foundation in Kansas, and was a doctoral student at Brandeis University. Post-consultant to Civil Rights Commission, member of the National Institute of Mental Health and L.U.L.A.C. Served on the Board of Health Planning Committee, Council of Governments, Chicano Alliance on Drug Abuse, National Crime Prevention Council and National Institute on Drug Abuse Prevention. Speaker and Lecturer on Delinquency, Mental Health and wrote Chicano Poetry.

Professor, Business Owner, Youth Gang Specialist, Social Worker, Youth-In-Conflict Director. He worked at the Good Samaritan Center, directed the Guadalupe Community Center, and was involved in local politics.

# Cemetery Details

## San Fernando Cemetery #2

746 Castroville Rd.  
San Antonio, TX 78237

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **24.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Medical Center  
8332 Fredericksburg Rd  
San Antonio, TX 78229

## Rosary

OCT **24.** 7:00 PM (CT)

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## Funeral Mass

OCT **25.** 10:00 AM (CT)

Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church  
223 E. Summit  
San Antonio, TX 78212



# Tribute Wall

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“*"Roy I Thank You for the experience and mentoring Toward a Better Community at MANCO*



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**micaela olivo** - October 25, 2022 at 11:48 AM

MG

“*I extend my condolences to the Raul Valdez family during this time of sorrow. Raul was my first-year field practicum instructor, while I was a graduate school social work student at the Good Samaritan Center.*

*Raul was a natural in teaching students and community advocates to advocate for human rights and needs of the least fortunate. He motivated many of his peers and students to become active in their communities and some also become active in politics at the local, state and national level.*

*Raul loved to dance and the last time I saw him was a dance.*

*Martin Garza.. ..*

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**Martin Garza** - October 24, 2022 at 05:50 PM

KV

“ 6 files added to the tribute wall



kristine valdez - October 23, 2022 at 11:15 AM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Raul Benavidez Valdez.



October 22, 2022 at 06:17 PM

KV

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



kristine valdez - October 21, 2022 at 10:32 PM



“ Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Raul Benavidez Valdez.



October 21, 2022 at 11:08 AM



“ Raul was always smiling when I saw him. I'm certain he's enjoying reconnecting with all who've passed before him in heaven! I wish love and comfort for his remaining family and friends ... until we meet again. 🌈🙏

Katharine Farwell - October 20, 2022 at 03:47 PM



“ Rest in peace daddy'o  
Te amo💕💕



Jacqueline Reynolds - October 18, 2022 at 04:31 PM



May your dad rest in Peace. Your family was truly blessed to have him for so many years, especially with the quality time that you were able to spend with him, I'm sure you will cherish all those years that you were able to share with him as adults. You will be together again sometime in the future.

Aida M Guevara - October 22, 2022 at 11:04 AM