



Raymond C. Delgado

February 18, 1929 - January 2, 2011

Raymond C. Delgado Smiley born February 18, 1929, passed away at the age of 81 on January 2, 2011. He is now in heaven with his loving and best friend, his wife, Celia. By his side was his girlfriend and companion of 14 years, Sylvia Roche. Smiley was an avid fan, coach and manager of boxing. he organized a boxing bout with boxing champs Salvador Sanchez of Mexico and Patrick Ford of Ghana for a September 13, 1980, boxing match at the Joe Freeman Coliseum. The last great sports announcer Howard Cosell was commentating the match and local singer, Lisa Lopez, sang the national anthem on national TV. Smiley, being the boxing coach for the Kelly Air Force boxing team had Roger Mayweather, Floyd Mayweather's brother, on the team. Smiley also was a player manager for the softball and basketball teams at Kelly. Raymond worked as Security at KAFB for 36 years. He was a member of the United States Marines from 1948 to 1952 and was stationed in Korea. He was a member of VFW Post 9186. He met Sylvia at a dance club in 1996 and since he loved to dance and so did she, they began dating and attending dance clubs where they liked to dance to merengues, salsas, cumbias and rock and roll music - dancing to almost every song. Preceded in death are his mother and father, Rosa Amelia and David V. Delgado, wife, Celia, along with his brother, Rogelio Delgado. Survivors include: brothers, David Delgado, Arturo Delgado and wife Tina; and Raul Delgado and wife Armandina. He is also survived by a sister, stepdaughter, two step-grandchildren and one great step grandchild. Raymond had these final words

to say to his close friends:

"Well guys, I've said enough. Aye los watcho.

Thank you for being a friend. El Smiley."

Special thanks to VITAS IN-Patient Care Unit Hospice staff for being so very helpful and compassionate in keeping Raymond comfortable. my thanks also to VITAS team 553.

SERVICES

A chapel service will be held 9:00 AM Tuesday, January 11, 2011 at Mission Park Funeral Chapels North with interment to follow at Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery.

Tribute Wall

JR

“ Our most sincere and deepest condolences to Sylvia and the entire Delgado family. We will always remember your smiling face!

Jimmy & Estella Reeves - January 11, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ Our most sincere condolences to the family of Smiley. We are old friends and worked at Kelly, so we saw Smiley often. Lupe is related to Rudy and Robert Loza who were Smiley's friends.

Juan G. Pena and Lupe Loza Pena - January 11, 2011 at 12:00 AM

OJ

“ I have fond memories of Raymond Smiley Delgado. As a young Air Force security policeman in late 1980, Smiley took me under his wings and showed me the ropes. He always had a smile on his face and talked to everyone. He will be missed. See you in heaven

Oscar J. Medrano, Jr. - January 11, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ You always had the best looking yard in the neighborhood. Thank you for being a good friend to my son Gabriel.If everyone could have your smile,the world would be a better place to live in.Celia and you will now be dancing in heaven.Sylvia,thank you for b

The Olivares Family - January 11, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ OUR DEEPEST CONDELONCES TO THE FAMILY.
GOD BLESS & COMFORT THE FAMILY DURING THE TIME OF LOSS.

LINDA AND TOM SALINAS - January 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ *Sylvia and the Delgado Family,*

We are so sorry for your loss. You have our most sincere and deepest condolences. Sylvia we can only imagine how much you will miss Smiley. We remember him as a happy go lucky guy. Always, such a gentlemen. May he rest

Joseph & Yolanda Morales - January 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RL

“ *Sorry to hear of the loss of a great Marine, gentleman and friend. He deserved being called Smiley 'cause he did bring on smiles. Sylvia, know that my brother and I will miss him.*

Rudy Lizcano and Lizard - January 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ *I'll miss your presents around Club Dr, Donaldson, and the places you hungout to eat. A friend from ArberPlace and Ruiz St, from the Fiftys to Pesent. Raul*

Raul Cavazos - January 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ *My sincerest condolences to the entire family. I remember "Smiley" from Kelly AFB very well. He was always a smiling gentleman! But my association with Raymond goes much farther back then that. Our families knew each other when I lived on Arbor Place, jus*

Alex Sanchez - January 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JV

“ For those of us in the old ATM department of SACU who remember Smiley, he will be greatly missed. He always had a smile and a story for everyone. We know he will always be smiling in heaven.

Joe Vasquez - January 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ Our deepest condolences to Sylvia and the Delgado Family. We have lost a beautiful smiling friend here on earth but we pray that Smiley will be dancing with the angels in heaven, especially with Celia. He was a loyal and best friend to my departed Uncle

Sylvia & Victor Bermea - January 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ *BMCM Robert Flores USN Ret.*
Not digo adios, pero hasta luego. Mi amigo. Vaya con dias. Save a place in Pantas cloud for me.
Robert Prieto
El Blackie De Pantas

Roberto Flores - January 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ ,
It was a pleasure , working with you, and the DOD police keeping Kelly AFB safe, for all most 30 years . Some day we will meet in Heaven. My God Bless till then we'll meet again

mr&mrs Servando Betancourt - January 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ you have my deepest sympathy.we will always remember raymaond,i remember when he would take us to the woodlawn park to feed the ducks.he always had a big smile on his face no matter what kind of day he was having. he was a great man and he will be deeply

mr.&mrs roy arcos - January 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MJ

“ i'm sorry i can't be there, my heart and prays go out to brother ray's family and may he rest in peace. hasta luego camarada' sigue con el baile en el cielo'
tu' amigo para siempre.

miguel r. serda, jr. - January 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SG

“ Our condolences on the loss of our uncle Raymond. May the peace and comfort of the Holy Spirit fill his loved ones heart. Will miss you tio.

Sylvia & Amena Ghazali - January 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM