



Ricardo M. Gonzales

March 15, 1955 - March 10, 2025

We gather to honor and celebrate the life of Ricardo M. Gonzales, a man of unwavering strength, boundless kindness, and a remarkable legacy of service and love.

Ricardo, born in San Antonio on March 15, 1955, began his journey as a proud marine, serving his country with courage during the Vietnam War. It was during his time stationed in Hawaii that fate intervened and led him to his soulmate, Makerani 'Lisa' Gonzales. Their love story was the kind you only hear about in the movies. A union built on mutual respect, unwavering support, and a deep, abiding love. Together, they built a beautiful life, raising their beloved daughter Lani Gonzales, who was their greatest blessing on March 16, 1988.

Ricardo's sense of duty extended far beyond his military service. He dedicated his career to public service, retiring not only once but three times as a marine, correctional officer at the federal prison, and later as a peace officer for Travis County. In each role, he stood as a beacon of integrity, resilience, and compassion, leaving a lasting impact on all those he served alongside.

But Ricardo's most cherished role was that of a family man. He was a devoted husband, a loving father, and a doting grandfather to Lorenzo, Luke, and Ka'Lani. To his family, he was more than a provider. He was their protector,

their rock, and their biggest cheerleader. Ricardo never met a stranger. He greeted everyone with a warm smile, a genuine heart, and a wisdom that left a mark on all who had the privilege to know him. His honesty and no-nonsense attitude were matched only by the kindness and generosity that radiated from his golden heart.

We remember Ricardo not only for the many hats he wore but for the values he embodied, hard work, loyalty, and above all, LOVE. He taught us that strength is not mastered by words but by actions and that life lived with purpose, kindness, and integrity is a life well-lived.

Though he is no longer with us, Ricardo's spirit lives on in the hearts of his wife Lisa, his daughter Lani, and his grandchildren Lorenzo, Luke, and Ka'Lani, as well as in the countless lives he touched. May we honor his memory by carrying forward the lessons he taught us and holding each other closer, just as he would have wanted.

Rest in Peace, Ricardo Gonzales. Semper Fi. Your legacy of love and service will endure forever!

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 1. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels South, Cemeteries & Crematories
1700 SE Military Dr
San Antonio, TX 78214
(210) 924-4242
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

Prayer Service

APR 1. 6:30 PM (CT)

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Rosary

APR 2. 12:00 PM (CT)

St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church
1314 Fair Ave
San Antonio, TX 78223

Funeral Mass

APR 2. 12:30 PM (CT)

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1314 Fair Ave
San Antonio, TX 78223

Interment

APR 2. 2:15 PM (CT)

Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery
1520 Harry Wurzbach
San Antonio, TX 78209

Tribute Wall

AG

“ Guy , I forgot too thank you for your service!
RIP 🙏🙏



AGonzales - June 17, 2025 at 11:53 PM

AG

“ Im sorry I just found out about your passing.
You were a great true friend.
I met you through a family member and we also attended Highlands together. You joined the Marines and we lost contact. Always wondered how things turned out for you and was happy to hear you made great accomplishments. To your family who are mourning your loss I pray. Thanks for being there when I needed a true friend.
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AGonzales - June 17, 2025 at 08:40 PM

LG

Thank you for sharing your memories of my dad. Be blessed

Lani Gonzales - March 07 at 04:42 AM

AG

“ AGonzales lit a candle in memory of Ricardo M. Gonzales



AGonzales - June 17, 2025 at 08:29 PM

MM

“ Richard Gonzalez was an amazing friend! I was a rookie on the job when we met and he took me under his wing and supported me. He was like a brother to me and I looked up to him because of his attributes. Family oriented, empathetic, good listener, thrust worthy and loyal. I miss you my brother! My condolences to his wife and family.

mark Murray - March 21, 2025 at 12:24 AM

CH

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you. He was a wonderful man and will be greatly missed. Sending you lots of love- Ben & Candice Hernandez

Candice Hernandez - March 20, 2025 at 10:39 AM

VS

“ I was so saddened to hear about the loss of Guy. His kindness and humor will be missed. My deepest condolences during this difficult time. I'm thinking of you, Lisa. Prayers to you and your family.
Vanessa Smith, GEFCU

Vanessa C Smith - March 19, 2025 at 04:19 PM

GN

“ Galen College of Nursing purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Ricardo M. Gonzales.



Galen College of Nursing - March 19, 2025 at 10:35 AM

LG

“ I use to be glued to my daddy’s hip growing up..I miss our fishing trips and him being so proud of any catch I made for the day..he would stop at the bait shop on our way out just to brag and get my picture taken with my catch..he was so proud of me



Lani Gonzales - March 18, 2025 at 08:22 PM

NH

Where do I start...Guy, as we the family know him as, has left this world, but left behind so many childhood memories. Guy, Dalia, Dorothy, Dean, Nancy, Jenaro, myself, Terri, & Gilda grew up more like siblings than 1st cousins. Thank you guy, for always watching out for us, as youngsters, in the neighborhood. Thank you for being such a comfort to me by being there for my Longhorn Girl, for whenever she needed something, out there in Austin. She grew to love you, Lisa, and Lani, so much. You showed her what family love is, as a young adult. For this I'll always be grateful. Til we meet again primo, hug our 4 parents, Dalia, Dean, Steven, Mitchell, Jenaro, & Goyo for all of us still here. You'll be missed, but never forgotten. 🥹❤️😊☐✝️

Norma Hernandez - March 25, 2025 at 05:26 AM

DC

Where do I start my dear brother we're only a year and a half apart and we're always together. I keep forgetting you're not here the other day. I was gonna call you to ask you a question and I forgot this is real. I will never see you for the rest of my life. God rest your soul. Love you your sister, Dorothy.

Dorothy Carrasco - April 01, 2025 at 11:08 AM