



## Richard R. Alaniz Sr.

June 17, 1946 - November 13, 2019

Richard R. Alaniz gained his Heavenly Wings on Wednesday, November 13, 2019 at the age of 73. Richard was born in Charlotte, Texas on June 17, 1946. He is preceded in death by his parents, Graviel Solis Alaniz Jr. & Sulema Rios Alaniz and his brother, Alfred Alaniz.

Richard is survived by his wife of 51 years, Virginia Bara Alaniz; his 6 children, Cynthia (Jesse) Arguello, Richard (Kimberly) Alaniz Jr., Carlos Alaniz, Eric (Monica) Alaniz, Jason (Melissa) Alaniz, Jennifer (Ruben) Yañez; 18 grandchildren, Matthew, Stacey (Alex), Ashley, Hailee, Tatiana, Caleb, Billy, Arianna, Diego, Zach, Ryan, Erin, Brandon, Juliana, Avery, Chlöe, Ruben Jr. & Bryan; 4 great-grandchildren, Aubrey, Logan, Reagan, Ariya; his four-legged furry companion of 16 years, Sophie; 5 sisters; Adela, Sulema, Gloria, Diana, Norma; 4 brothers, Graviel III, Raul, Baldemar, Martin; and numerous nieces & nephews.

Richard graduated from Southside High School in 1965, where he was a three sport athlete. He was drafted at the age of 19 into the United States Army during the Vietnam Era. He was stationed in Fort Hamilton, New York and proudly served his country overseas in Frankfurt, Germany as a Field Radio Mechanic. Sgt. Alaniz was awarded a National Defense Service Medal and

awarded Marksman (Rifle). He was Honorably Discharged and moved back home to San Antonio, Texas in 1967.

Richard was a hard working man, he was a former employee of the following; Globe, Shoppers World, Albertsons, Cornelius Mexico & USA, Schroeder of America.

Mr. Alaniz was an avid sports enthusiast and enjoyed supporting his children and grandchildren in their various sports programs, no matter the distance. He supported Holy Cross of San Antonio, where his 4 boys attended and graduated from. He volunteered many hours at Holy Cross and was a member of the Booster Club where he was known as "Mr. A." Mr. Alaniz proudly supported his children and influenced so many others from 1987-1999 and continues his legacy as a proud fan of the Holy Cross Knights. Richard '89, Carlos '92, Eric '94, Jason '98, Jen (cheerleader) '95-'99, Jesse '85, Matthew '07, Stacey (Alex) '10, Ashley '19, Juliana '21. He will be dressed in his HC guayabera shirt and taking a new HC baseball cap to shake down the thunder from the sky...onward to victory, Fight! Fight! Fight!

Visitation will begin on Thursday, November 21, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. with a rosary to begin at 7:00 p.m. at Mission Park Funeral Chapels South. Funeral mass will be celebrated on Friday, November 22, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Frances Cabrini Church. Interment will follow at First Memorial Park Cemetery.

# Cemetery Details

## First Memorial Park Cemetery

20567 TX-16  
Von Ormy, TX 78073

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 21. 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

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

## Rosary

NOV 21. 7:00 PM (CT)

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

## Celebration of Life

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NOV **22**. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Frances Cabrini Catholic Church  
1606 Casimiro Street  
San Antonio, TX 78214

# Tribute Wall



“ *My deepest Condolence to the Family of Richard R. Alaniz, Sr. Words cannot even begin to express the gratitude I have for this great Man. His support of the Holy Cross Family is unparalleled. It is obvious why this Man is so admired, respected, and loved. My belief is that the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father.*

Oswaldo Vela '82 - January 13, 2020 at 03:38 PM



“ *Richard, You were my strength in good times and bad. Thank you for everything dear Brother. Memories of you will always be in my heart and mind. Rest easy brother. 🕊️🕊️ Rest In Peace my brother Richard 🙏*



Raul Alaniz - November 21, 2019 at 07:03 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Richard R. Alaniz Sr. .*



November 21, 2019 at 12:52 PM



“ *Fairest of All* was purchased for the family of Richard R. Alaniz Sr. .



November 21, 2019 at 12:04 PM



“ *A New Sunrise Spray* was purchased for the family of Richard R. Alaniz Sr. .



November 20, 2019 at 04:34 PM



“ *Serene Reflections Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Richard R. Alaniz Sr. .



November 20, 2019 at 04:17 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Richard R. Alaniz Sr. .



November 20, 2019 at 09:08 AM



“ *Beautiful Dreams* was purchased for the family of *Richard R. Alaniz Sr.* .



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November 19, 2019 at 09:15 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray* was purchased for the family of *Richard R. Alaniz Sr.* .



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November 18, 2019 at 09:10 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray* was purchased for the family of *Richard R. Alaniz Sr.* .



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November 18, 2019 at 05:36 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet* was purchased for the family of *Richard R. Alaniz Sr.* .



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November 16, 2019 at 08:15 PM

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“ *Manuel, Crissy, Natalie and Matthew Maciel purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Richard R. Alaniz Sr. .*



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**Manuel, Crissy, Natalie and Matthew Maciel** - November 16, 2019 at 05:11 PM

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“ *May God mend your hearts during this difficult time.*



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**Mary Lou Avants** - November 16, 2019 at 02:57 PM

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“ *Mr. Alaniz you have finally got your golden angel wings. My heart goes out to Mr. Alaniz's family and especially during this difficult time, his new life has only begun with our savior.*

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**Mary Lou Avants** - November 16, 2019 at 02:53 PM