



## Richard Lopez Balderrama

March 27, 1933 - June 18, 2021

### RICHARD LOPEZ BALDERRAMA BIO

Richard Lopez Balderrama was born March 27, 1933, and passed June 18, 2021, at the age of 88. He is preceded in death by his mother Susie Balderrama and his father Nicholas Balderrama.

He has been married to Eleanor Balderrama for 59 years and has the following children: Jay Balderrama (preceded in death), Nick Balderrama (Carol Balderrama), John Balderrama, Daniel Balderrama (preceded in death), Maria Balderrama, and Olivia Balderrama Rivera (Alex Rivera III).

His siblings are Eva Martinez (Sonny Martinez), Joann Arocha (David Arocha), Carlos Balderrama, Alberto Balderrama (Theresia Balderrama) (both preceded in death), and Roy Balderrama (Emma Balderrama) (Roy proceeded in death).

His grandchildren are Jonathan Balderrama, Brandon Balderrama (preceded in death), Richard Balderrama, Christopher Balderrama, Gabriel Padilla, Nicholas Balderrama, Ashley Balderrama, Jaime Balderrama, Joe Balderrama, Kyle Balderrama, and Alex Rivera IV.

His great grandchildren are Johnny Balderrama, Nevaeh Balderrama, Alexis Balderrama, Ariel Padilla, and Sophia Balderrama.

His nieces and nephews are Carlos Martinez (Rachel Martinez), Benny Martinez, Ernie Martinez (preceded in death), Nick Martinez (Maria Martinez), Cynthia Garza, Patricia Esparza (preceded in death) Stephen Balderrama,

David Balderrama, Michael Balderrama, Mary Ann Balderrama, Elizabeth Balderrama, Nick Balderrama, Joann Balderrama, Susan Arocha, and David Arocha.

Richard (aka Rocky) was a hardworking, intelligent and proud Marine, Son, Brother, Husband, Father, and Poppa. Even though he was a reserved man, he loved his family very much. During his younger adult years, he was an incredibly quiet man with great thought behind those blue/green eyes. As he grew older, he became a very talkative man, reciting everything he had discovered that very day and combined it with history. He always had many stories to share with everyone that he came across. He was deeply passionate and consistent about working out and being active and fit. He also used to amaze everyone by performing an exceedingly difficult and particular move that involved slowly lowering himself down on one leg while extending the other leg out and touching his toes, which he always prevailed. Despite being an under sized man, he packed a big punch and refused to be pushed around. His favorite hobbies were reading, drawing, making hats out of newspaper, watching the Johnny Carson, Hee Haw and Lawrence Welk shows and of course, cowboy movies. A few of his last favorite hobbies were working outside and going fishing with his brother-in-law Sonny, his best friend!

He was proud to have served his country as a Staff Sergeant in the Marine Corp and Air Force for over 20 years and earned the following medals:

- Commendation Medal – Navy with combat valor (saved pilot and navigator lives)
- Good Conduct Medal – Marine Corps with 3 bronze stars
- Nation Defense Service Medal
- Korean Service Medal with 2 bronze stars
- United Nations Service Medal
- Vietnam Service Medal with 1 bronze star
- Meritorious Unit Commendation Ribbon
- United States Marine Corps Rifle Marksman Badge

- Presidential Unit Citation – Republic of Korea with 1 star
- Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal with 1 star
- Republic of Vietnam Meritorious Unit Citation (Gallantry Cross Medal Color with Palm) with 1 star

He will be deeply missed by all his family and friends. Sleep well Dad, you no longer must endure this earthly pain, we shall meet again.

# Cemetery Details

## Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery

1520 Harry Wurzbach  
San Antonio, TX 78209

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 7. 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Brookehill Funeral Home  
711 SE Military Dr  
San Antonio, TX 78214  
(210) 923-7523  
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

## Rosary

JUL 7. 7:00 PM (CT)

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## Funeral Mass

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JUL 8. 12:15 PM (CT)

St. Leonard's Catholic Church  
8510 S. Zarzamora  
San Antonio, TX 78224