



Richard D. Castillo

April 27, 1953 - July 22, 2024

Our Dad, Richard D. Castillo, went to be with the Lord on Monday, July 22, 2024, at the age of 71. He was born on April 27, 1953, in Refugio, Texas to his parents Manuel F. Castillo and Anita Dominguez Castillo who have preceded him in death.

Our Dad, as a young man, worked beside his daddy and brothers in the fields and on the cattle ranch. He loved driving the tractor and "singing loud because no one could hear him." When he got older, he joined the Air Force, leaving Tivoli, Texas. He served his Country during the Vietnam War. The Air Force showed him the world. Our Dad was an Aerospace Ground Equipment Repairman and traveled from Lackland AFB in San Antonio to Thailand, Taiwan, Korea, and his service ended in Austin, TX.

Our Dad was a true "Girl Dad". He loved being an advocate for his girls. He took us fishing, snow skiing, camping, coached us in sports, heard us giggle and fight, and let us play with his hair. He pushed us to work hard as athletes, students and to finish what we started. He was a great example of what a man and father should be. He surrounded his family with his faith and went to church every Sunday. He was a 4th Degree Knight of Columbus and volunteered at church by being a Youth Minister and Eucharistic Minister. In the community, as a Santa, Volunteer Firefighter, with Veterans at the GI forum and in an Orphanage in Korea. He was never forced, he wanted to. He

enjoyed helping and teaching us and others. He was very proud of us.

Our Dad loved our mom so much. They had incredibly reached their 50th Wedding Anniversary. He treated her like a queen and gave her everything. She loved him and they were true partners. He wrote her love letters when he was away, never separated, traveled together and were a team. He danced with her, held her hand and drank coffee outside with her. She loved all who loved him, and he loved all who loved her.

Our Dad loved his grandchildren. He followed them all around Texas, watching them play Football, Bowling, Baseball, Softball, Golf and Basketball. He watched them online if he couldn't go and cheered them on. He went to their academic awards, concerts, parties... you couldn't keep him away. He loved it.

Our Dad loved his family. His son in laws were his favorites. He loved them like sons he never had. He was a part of everyone's life. At some point, he touched everyone with a favorite laugh or memory. He was proud of his nieces and nephews. He loved to see the pictures on Facebook and would add his favorite clapping emoji.

Our Dad is survived by his beloved wife, Mary Davis Castillo; daughters Angela Valdez (George), Monica Castillo and Christina Escarcega (Daniel); grandchildren Ethan Valdez, Izaiah Valdez, Izabella Valdez, Avery Valdez, Daniel Escarcega, Cattalina Valdez and Dominic Escarcega; sisters Dolores Cervantes and Yolanda Patterson; brothers Manuel Castillo Jr. and Roy Castillo along with numerous family and friends. He is preceded in death by his brothers Joe Castillo and Johnny Castillo.

Our Dad will be dearly missed and will never ever be forgotten. He will live in our hearts and our memories. We will live everyday as a tribute to him in all

that he has instilled in us.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday, August 6, 2024 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. with a rosary to be recited at 7:00 p.m. at Mission Park Funeral Chapels South. Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday, August 7, 2024 at 11:30 a.m. at St. Anthony Catholic Church (Elmendorf, TX). Committal Service with Military Honors will be held at 1:30 p.m. at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery

1520 Harry Wurzbach Rd.
San Antonio, TX 78209

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 6. 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/>

Rosary

AUG 6. 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/>

Funeral Mass

AUG 7. 11:30 AM (CT)

St. Anthony Catholic Church
16505 Kilowatt Road
Elmendorf, TX 78112

Committal Service

AUG 7. 1:30 PM (CT)

Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery
1520 Harry Wurzbach Rd
San Antonio, TX 78209
(210) 820-3891

Tribute Wall



“ *Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemeteries created a Tribute Video in memory of Richard D. Castillo*



Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemetery - August 08, 2024 at 03:38 PM

EW

“ *I am deeply sorry about Richard's passing. I went to school in Tivoli with him and was the organist at his wedding to Mary in 1974. That seems like yesterday. Eternal Rest grant unto him O Lord and may perpetual light shine upon him. Grace and peace to all of his family*



Edward Walker - August 10, 2024 at 02:00 AM

MC

Thank you Edward. You also played for our Church Wedding on 2-02-1974, at Our Lady of Sorrows. And I thank you so much for your service that day. ❤️

Mary Castillo - September 07, 2025 at 10:36 AM

RL

“ Roger, Yvette, Nickolas, & Kyana Lipardo purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Richard D. Castillo.



Roger, Yvette, Nickolas, & Kyana Lipardo - August 06, 2024 at 06:12 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Richard D. Castillo.



August 06, 2024 at 04:50 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Richard D. Castillo.



August 06, 2024 at 09:43 AM

RM

“ Randi Olle Munoz sent a virtual gift in memory of Richard D. Castillo



Randi Olle Munoz - August 05, 2024 at 03:37 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Richard D. Castillo.*



August 05, 2024 at 03:14 PM



“ *HEB Bay City 292 purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Richard D. Castillo.*



HEB Bay City 292 - August 05, 2024 at 07:22 AM



“ *Amanda Rios & Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Richard D. Castillo.*



Amanda Rios & Family - August 04, 2024 at 11:46 PM

MC

“ I don't know where to start, My Papo was like a father to me and it hurts me a lot knowing he's gone now but I know he's in a better place now resting and he's pain free. My Papo I miss him so much it's not the same without him. I just feel like I lost a piece of me. I won't be able to just hear the tv in the living room and walking out of my room and asking if he's okay. I'm glad I made so many good memories with my grandpa. I'm definitely going to miss our funny moments together and me combing your hair for fun. I couldn't ask for a better dad I love you to the moon and back and forever my Papo te amo. May you rest in peace papo I love you forever. - Avery Valdez



Mary Castillo - August 01, 2024 at 11:07 PM



“ I will always remember the time that my grandpa and I had rode the roller coaster at six flags together and he had a blast. I'll never forget the times when I was going through anything he was always there to support me and get me whatever it is I needed for work or school, he was very happy and proud of me and he made me the man I am today, he taught me how to change the oil from my truck, he taught me to become a man and I'll never forget that.
Rest in Peace Popo - Izaiah Valdez

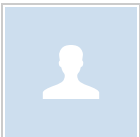


Mary Davis Castillo - August 01, 2024 at 11:03 PM



“Sending healing prayers and comfort during this tough time.”
Jennifer Gutierrez Permenter

Jennifer - August 01, 2024 at 04:17 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Richard D. Castillo.



August 01, 2024 at 02:03 PM



“ - Betty Neumann purchased the *Arrive in Style* for the family of Richard D. Castillo.



- Betty Neumann - August 01, 2024 at 11:40 AM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray* was purchased for the family of Richard D. Castillo.



July 31, 2024 at 10:25 PM



“ Trent and Janie Elliott purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Richard D. Castillo.



Trent and Janie Elliott - July 29, 2024 at 08:31 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Richard D. Castillo.



July 25, 2024 at 01:10 PM