



## Richard B. Gonzales

February 8, 1948 - October 30, 2023

Surrounded by family and friends, Richard B. Gonzales, 75, entered eternal rest on Monday, October 30, 2023. He was born to Abelardo and Gladys Gonzales on February 8, 1948.

He was a 1966 graduate of St Gerard High School and received his Bachelor's

of Art Degree from Our Lady of the Lake University in 1971.

Richard is preceded in death by his parents, brother, Abelardo Gonzales and sister, Rose Mary Gruber. He is survived by his beautiful wife of 50 years, Mary Ann Gonzales; Son, Dr. Christopher Gonzales and Daughter, Monica Gonzales; Grandchildren, Autumn Gonzales and Reagan Flanagan-Gonzales;

Great-Grandson, Liam Andrew Olague; Sister, Yolanda Morales (Arturo), Brother, Daniel Gonzales (Marcie).

Richard spent 25 years at Southwestern Bell connecting people as a customer

service representative. After retirement, he spent 10 years working at Lanier High School as an ALE teacher assistant where he coached, taught and loved his students.

He was a volunteer with Special Olympics and worked as a Loan Officer for United Way campaigning to assist those in need.

He loved to travel all over the country and discover different foods. He spent many a night and a dollar or two enjoying the casinos. He had a passion for

UTSA Football, the Spurs and supporting his favorite volleyball team, the Harlan Hawks, coached by his daughter, Coach Gonz.

In lieu of flowers, the family would like to ask for donations to be made to the Harlan High School ALE Special Ed Program.

Visitation will begin on Wednesday, November 15, 2023 at 5:00pm, followed by a Rosary at 6:00pm at Mission Park Funeral Chapels North. A Memorial Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Thursday, November 16, 2023 at 2:00 pm at St. Luke's Catholic Church.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **15**. 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels Cherry Ridge  
3401 Cherry Ridge Dr  
San Antonio, TX 78230  
(210) 349-1414  
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

## Rosary

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## Funeral Mass

NOV **16**. 2:00 PM (CT)

St. Luke Catholic Church  
4603 Manitou Drive  
San Antonio, TX 78228

# Tribute Wall

JH

“ Richard and I met at the teachers Union building off of Adam street where our friendship began. We did so many things together through the SAISD and trips to Los Vegas , had a few Thanksgiving meals at my brother in law’s home. My brother In law and Richard had known each other n were friends from grade school , OLOTL university, up to his passing. Richard will be missed by many who enjoyed his friendship n humor. Richard loved his family and grandkids. Now he will watch over all of us in Heaven

Joseph Harris-Medina - December 12, 2023 at 09:50 PM

JR

“ Hi Maryann and family, my deepest sympathy for the loss of Richard. He was my inspiration at Golds gym, I would always see him on the treadmill, always willing to talk and give positive words while i was on the elliptical next to him. May the perpetual light shine upon on him and he rest in peace forever.

Jo Ann (Lopez) Ramirez

Jo Ann Ramrez - December 11, 2023 at 02:09 PM

NA

“ No words can express how sorry I am that you are going through this most difficult rite of passage; that of losing a husband and a father. His beautiful spirit lives on in you and your family. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. - Nina, Mari & Tristan



Nina Alejandro - November 15, 2023 at 06:50 PM

SC

“ We have shared many, many wonderful times with this family through volleyball! Richard and Maryanne were always so supportive of Monica and her teams! We all became family through VB! Life will never be the same without him but his memory will always be with us 🙏 Prayers to you all! We love you! Mike and Stacey and the girls

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**Stacey Carter** - November 15, 2023 at 12:24 AM

OE

“The comfort of having a friend may be taken away, but not that of having had one.” \_ Seneca

*In our lifetime, we meet many individuals; however, not many leave an ever-lasting friendship. I met Richard in 1978 at Southwestern Bell Telephone; and he was not only a coworker, but also a true friend and my confidant. Being a single parent was not easy, but many times Richard was a pillar & gave me advice that I was in need of hearing. Solid friendships are hard to come by, and I will cherish the memories I made with Richard.*

*To Mary Anne, Monica & Chris, I offer my heartfelt condolences. And to Richard, I say go in peace! 🙏*

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**Olga Estrada** - November 12, 2023 at 04:59 PM

SM

“ Richard will be remembered as a generous, kind, and caring person who helped the less fortunate as a supporter of Benita Family Center since 1994. He was a board member since the centers inception. He supported the Missionary Catechists of Divine Providence promoting and attending galas and fund raisers. He and his wife shared their time and talents for so many in need. Rest in peace. Sister Carmen Sanchez MCDP

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**Sister Carmen Sanchez MCDP** - November 12, 2023 at 11:51 AM

MF

“ *Martin Perez JR and Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Richard B. Gonzales.*



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**Martin Perez JR and Family** - November 11, 2023 at 07:18 PM



“ *Mr. Gonzalez was like a father to me and treated me like his own son. He got me involved in sports and always emphasize the importance of education to me, got after me and made sure I always headed in a positive direction. So many things I experienced because of him. Mr Gonzalez made such a positive impact in my life. If it was not for Mr . Gonzalez who knows where I would have ended up. Not to put anything down on my own mother and father but they were busy with work in the military that kept them busy Mr. Gonzalez looked out for me in that time in my life. I feel that he was one of the most important persons in my life because helped to direct me in the right path I hope that I could only be half the man Mr. Gonzalez was. Thank You so much Mr. Gonzalez you will be missed but I know that you are now an angel in heaven looking down on us may you continue to bless us my second dad Love you.*

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**Joe-Robert Garcia Jr.** - November 08, 2023 at 05:55 PM

AC

“ *To the Gonzalez family  
I met Richard and his wife Mary Ann at church from then on we became friends I was very blessed to have both of them in my life Richard was such a wonderful husband and a friend*

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**Agnes Clutter** - November 07, 2023 at 12:06 PM

AC

“ *Agnes Clutter lit a candle in memory of  
Richard Gonzales*



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**Agnes Clutter** - November 07, 2023 at 12:04 PM

GY

“ Grady Yarbrough. I had the pleasure of working with my dear friend mr. gonzales for about two years at Lanier High school. He was a Gentleman at all times, and loved working with the students assigned to us... I also had the opportunity to travel with him to Guatamala in 2007, I wanted to improve my Spanish Language skills, and he wanted to visit the Great Pyrimids of the Mayans, hidden in a rain forest near Tikal. Just a few hours after arriving in the country, We were able to secure passage on a tour bus going to Tikal. We rode about 7 hours through the night to get to our destination. Upon arriving at Tikal, we were assigned Tour guides, to assist us if we needed them, we decided that we did not need them. once we reach the structures, Mr Gonzales un-packed his camera and began taking pictures, next he immediately began a steep climb to the top of the structure spanning some 150 to 200 feet, from where he could see a distance of 50 to 75 miles of the country side. upon reaching the Summit, with a big smile on his face he yelled to me, "Come ON Up, don't be afraid its beautiful up here",,, I did not make the climb, because I had climed to the top 2 years earlier. ....He really enjoyed the Trip to guatamala, and would inquire about future trips back to the Country.

*In closing, it was a pleasure to Know, work, and travel with him. My heart is sadden by his passing.*

*To the Family and frients, we have all lost a great one.*

*Sincerely,*

*Grady T. Yarbrough*

*Former Teacher, Lanier High School.*

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**Grady Yarbrough** - November 07, 2023 at 12:33 AM

JD

“ *My best friend and brother. We had a friendship that surpassed 40 years. More memories than i can list. I will truly miss you. Joe*

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**Joe E Diaz** - November 03, 2023 at 06:12 PM