



Richard V. Gonzalez

February 6, 1944 - July 10, 2023

Richard Valenzuela Gonzalez - dedicated husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather, and friend passed away on July 10, 2023, at 10:56 pm surrounded by his loving family.

Richard was born to Simon C. and Luz V. Gonzalez on February 6, 1944, the youngest of a close-knit, loving family. He spent his life living and raising a family in San Antonio, TX. Richard met his loving wife, Suzanna Garanzuay, at a locally sponsored dance. With the enthusiastic approval of Suzanna's mother, they began dating. After a proper courtship, they were married on September 1st of 1963. In short work, the family grew to three children with the births of Suzanne Yvette, Richard Jr., and Gilbert Anthony.

Richard was known by many different endearing names: Richard, Mi Amor, 'Cito, Dad, Daddy, Grandpa, Tio, Uncle Richard, Mr. G., Gonzo, Mr. Gonzalez, Sir, and a few unmentionable names we will not discuss. But they were always spoken with love and/or respect, which was always reciprocated.

Richard started his career working at Pincus, a distinguished high end men's store located in Downtown San Antonio. The money was good, and he enjoyed working there, but with the announcement that he would soon become a daddy, he opted for a change. He began working at City Public Service Energy (CPS Energy), which offered less pay, but superior family

medical benefits.

With determination and a solid work ethic, Richard advanced his career by wearing many hats within the company. He eventually retired after 30+ years as the Director of Human Resources at CPS Energy. During his career, he proudly retained a seat on the US Selective Services Board and was a driving force for the advancement of Hispanic Americans into Corporate America. Richard was a vocal spokesperson for this initiative, which included interviews on local radio and television stations representing our Hispanic culture, utilizing his captivating voice and eloquent use of the Spanish language.

Richard also helped others in a less grandiose but more personal way of supporting individuals looking to advance their careers. He encouraged and guided students to consider careers in Corporate America. Richard worked with multiple departments within CPS and other agencies to create opportunities and show future generations all that is possible. He always made time to answer questions, find opportunities or offer a sounding board if someone just wanted to talk.

Richard took personal pride in always looking so well put together from neatly pressed suits at work to a fresh golf shirt and slacks at home. Thanks to his loving wife, Richard was always neatly dressed.

Through the years, Richard enjoyed playing golf and spending time with his family. He loved taking trips to Las Vegas with his wife and other couples to play Blackjack and golf on world famous golf courses. He even went as far as introducing the fabulous lights of Vegas to his children (we will leave those interesting stories to be told at a later time).

Richard was a proud founding member of Los Antonians Golf Club. This club sponsored many fundraising events, golf tournaments and dances which

included local well-known bands such as “Augie Meyers” and “Sunny and the Sunliners.” An additional business venture included a partnership of a coin operated pinball arcade game room, Slots of Fun, which eventually became a safe haven for latchkey kids to stay off the streets and out of trouble.

Being a grandpa came naturally to Richard, and he cherished the roles he played in their lives. His grandchildren will always remember his unconditional love, warm hugs, and lively jests. Lorraine Yvette and Kayla Celeste enjoyed watching old Shirley Temple movies with him and he enjoyed telling them Saspunka and Agapita (Shirley Temple) would be their replacement granddaughters if they ever misbehaved. His grandson, Gage Ryan, did not have a “replacement” since he never misbehaved.

As time passed, Richard became a great grandfather to Benicio Cash, Dahlia Luz & Marceline Lorraine. He cherished watching each of them grow and become the proud young individuals they are today.

Richard is survived by his loving wife, Suzanna G.; their children Suzanne Yvette (Art), Richard Jr. (Leslie) and Gilbert Anthony (Jennifer); three grandchildren, Lorraine Yvette (Ryan), Kayla Celeste (Jacob) and Gage Ryan (Elon); three great grandchildren Benicio Cash, Dahlia Luz & Marceline Lorraine; as well as multiple grand & great grand fur babies.

Private services for Richard have been conducted. In his memory, the family requests random acts of kindness, constant sharing of love, and living life to its fullest.

Words to live by...As Dad said in one of his last recorded videos, “Have a GOOD rest of this day, and the rest of your life.”

Tribute Wall

CB

“ Sending you all my love and prayers. Losing a loved one is always difficult and words can take that pain away. Just know you all have some many that love you and are here to support you. So many memories to remember and share. Much love to you!

Cassidy Blair - July 30, 2023 at 02:20 PM

LG

“ Richard was an amazing father-in-law. He always welcomed me with open arms & made me an important part of his incredible family. I felt very loved and he'll be dearly missed.

Leslie Respess Gonzalez - July 24, 2023 at 11:33 AM

SA

“ One of my best memories was my son sitting on Mr. Gonzalez's lap and reading a book to him at Christmas. He was someone I always looked up to and he always made me feel part of the family. He will be missed greatly by my us all.

Shane Allen - July 22, 2023 at 11:42 AM

VT

“ Memories are the best gift to keep him alive. God bless you and your family during this difficult time.



Valerie & Ruben Tijerina - July 22, 2023 at 11:16 AM

EA

“ *My deepest condolences. Your father was a wonderful man. I enjoyed calling and having small chats with him and then speaking with your mom. You and your family will always be in my heart and prayers. Respectfully, Evelyn*



Evelyn Antu - July 21, 2023 at 11:04 PM

SY

“ *Suzanne Yvette lit a candle in memory of Richard V. Gonzalez*



Suzanne Yvette - July 21, 2023 at 08:30 PM

CB

“ *Richard was my brother in law and always available and attentive to my needs. Both brothers were absent due to being involved with military service... with my parent's divorce, Richard is who I always turned to. He helped me solve problems, sort thru Confusion , make sense of mix d emotions . He was always there for me... never did he tell me what to do nor how to act but rather guided me thru the process of making the right decision.., always fair, kind to others and without ruffling anyone's feathers... such a passive soul...,, I will always remember his advice whenever I encounter a point of indecisiveness... loved him as a brother. Thanks for loving my sister so tenderly...*



Cynthia Blair - July 21, 2023 at 02:55 PM

ES

“ Uncle Richard-

The words that come to mind as I think of you are of thankfulness, gratitude and love; most especially, love. You and Nana are as strongly tied to my childhood memories as my own parents—I cannot think of my growing up years without y’all in it and a part of it. For that, I’m truly blessed. My childhood was the best—I always felt loved, protected and supported. Along with my parents, I have you and Nana to thank for such a loving childhood. Thank you for caring about me and treating me like family. I’m so grateful to have been blessed with so many happy memories of being at your house, playing with Lorraine and just spending time with you, Nana and your family. I think of those memories now with such fondness and love. Thank you, Uncle Richard, for bringing me and so many others, such love and light. Words cannot adequately capture my gratitude. You are and always will be remembered with love.



Till we meet again.

*Love-
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Elizabeth Sosa - July 21, 2023 at 04:36 AM

GG

“ Gilbert Gonzalez lit a candle in memory of
Richard V. Gonzalez



Gilbert Gonzalez - July 20, 2023 at 11:25 AM

JG

“ JG lit a candle in memory of Richard V. Gonzalez



JG - July 20, 2023 at 11:23 AM

RJ

“ In lieu of flowers, gift or donations the family requests random acts of kindness, constant sharing of love, and living life to its fullest.

Richard Gonzalez Jr. - July 18, 2023 at 08:54 PM