



Richard Everardo Ortiz

July 30, 1949 - December 29, 2018

“It broke our hearts to lose you. You did not go alone, for part of us went with you the day God called you home.” --- The Broken Chain

Richard Ortiz passed away peacefully on the evening of December 29, 2018 in Harlingen, Texas with his family by his side. He was born in San Antonio, Texas on July 30, 1949 to Jesus and Carolina (Hernandez) Ortiz.

Richard is survived by his wife of 40 years, Ana Ortiz; children, Ana (Andres) Alaniz, Angelina Ortiz, Richard Jr. (Jennifer) Ortiz, and Robert (Lydia) Ortiz; grandchildren, Robert Ortiz Jr., Candace Ortiz, Aeden Ortiz, Ian Ortiz, Cosette Alaniz, Carolina Ortiz, and Claire Ortiz; as well as siblings, Jesse Ortiz, Anne Garza, Amelia Alvarez, numerous other relatives, and a lifetime of friends.

Growing up in San Antonio, Texas, Richard attended and graduated from Harlandale High School in 1967. Upon graduating high school, he attended San Antonio College. During this time, Richard entered the United States Air Force and bravely served his country as a sergeant in the Vietnam War between the years 1969 through 1972. After his time in the Air Force, Richard worked for IBM as a computer technician, retiring after 30 years in 2004. According to family and friends, Richard was known for his sense of humor, as well as his love of music and sports. He was an avid follower of Texas sports teams, including the Houston Astros and Houston Texans. When the Houston

Astros won the World Series in 2017, he was quoted as saying, "Finally, my team wins!"

The family feels very thankful to have had Richard as a husband and father. His eldest daughter, Ana, states, "My father was a man of few words, but when he spoke, his words always made a lasting impact on anyone who was lucky enough to hear his wisdom." Because of this, and so much more, he will be greatly missed. Richard Ortiz was brave; he was selfless, and he fought the good fight for all of us...and now he rests.

Please join the family for visitation Tuesday, January 8, 2019 from 5:00 to 8:00 PM at Mission Park Funeral Chapels North in San Antonio, Texas. A celebration of Richard's life will begin at the funeral home at 6:00 PM that evening. A procession will depart the funeral home the following morning, Wednesday, January 9, 2019 at 10:00 AM for burial with military honors scheduled to begin at 10:30 AM at Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery

1520 Harry Wurzbach
San Antonio, TX 78209

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 8. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

Celebration of Life

JAN 8. 6:00 PM (CT)

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

Procession

JAN 9. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Graveside Service with Military Honors

JAN 9. 10:30 AM (CT)

Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery
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San Antonio, TX 78209

Tribute Wall

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“ I always enjoyed when my Uncle Dicky came to town, because it meant hanging out/sleeping over at my grandmas with my cousins, eating Pizza Hut (my parents always got Little Caesar’s), and watching raunchy comedy’s one rated R movies. Even though we only saw them a few times a year (if that), he always made me and my brother feel like he was one of his kids when we were there. Those are some of my favorite childhood memories. RIP Tio

Joseph - January 06, 2019 at 09:27 PM

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Too funny, Joe! - Nana

Ana Ortiz-Alaniz - January 07, 2019 at 05:51 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard Everardo Ortiz.



January 06, 2019 at 05:44 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Richard Everardo Ortiz.



January 05, 2019 at 11:01 PM

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“ *Anadarko Petroleum purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Richard Everardo Ortiz.*



Anadarko Petroleum - January 03, 2019 at 01:35 PM

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“ *Thank you for your service to our country. I met you many years ago and was struck by how wise and funny you were. Most of all, many prayerful and heart felt thanks to you and your wife for my best friend: Your eldest daughter. My prayers and support will remain with your family. May you Rest In Peace and watch over us all.*



-Abina Elliotte

Abina Elliotte - January 02, 2019 at 05:03 PM

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“ *My little brother Dicky, a child so inquisitive and bright. He would take apart mechanisms to see how they worked. He would try to put them back together. Sometimes there would be extra parts left over. A brave young man of strong character who loved to eat peanut butter instead of regular food. He made an impact on people he met. What a blessing to know him!
From Amelia Ortiz Alvarez, older sister*

Amelia Ortiz Alvarez - January 02, 2019 at 12:10 AM

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“Dad, we will miss you tremendously and love you very much. We know you are resting peacefully now, and that is what matters most.

Your Daughter,
Nana



Ana Ortiz-Alaniz - January 01, 2019 at 05:06 PM