



Robert Pacheco

May 20, 1934 - September 22, 2018

Robert G. Pacheco went to meet his eternal father on September 22, 2018. He passed peacefully at home surrounded by family and love at the age of 84. Robert was born May 20, 1934, to Alvino Pacheco and Manuelita Garcia Pacheco in San Antonio, TX. He married Mary Rodriguez of Greenville, TX on June 25, 1966.

He is survived by wife Mary, of 52 years and brother, Fred, children Robert, Diana and Rick Leal, Susan and Dimas De Leon; grandchildren Jacob and wife Angelica Mis Huitzil De Leon, Marissa Leal, Cameron De Leon, Lourdes Pacheco, Natalia Pacheco; great grand-daughter Penelope Mis Huitzil De Leon.

Robert grew up in the community near mission San Jose. He graduated from Harlandale High School in 1954 where he played baseball in the Spanish American League and was named Most Valuable Player in 1953. He began his college education at St. Mary's University in 1954 on a partial baseball scholarship, then was called to military service in the US Navy Reserves and US Army from 1956 to 1958, he then returned to St. Mary's and received a Bachelors Degree in 1964. He promoted the education of youth by serving as an elementary teacher of fifth grade students at both Stonewall Elementary and Flanders Elementary schools in the 1960's. He led efforts in community education and student outreach while employed at SANYO, Inc. from 1966 to

1971. After receiving his master's from Our Lady of Lake University he returned to Harlandale ISD as vice-principal at Harlandale High School from 1971 to 1973, principal at Leal Middle School from 1973 - 1981, and principal at Harlandale High School from 1981 until his retirement in 1994.

Through those many years, he served young people and their education with dedication and strong purpose but his service to his community did not stop at the classroom door. He aggressively and innovatively sought ways to combat community problems such as poverty, crime, unemployment, and despair. He received many awards and recognitions over the years including the Luby Prize for Educational Leadership and the Congressional Record of the 103rd Congress Second Session honoring his retirement from Harlandale school system.

He was proud of his ancestral heritage as evidence by the John Ogden Leal Family History Award for his lifetime commitment to preserving his family history. He was a member of the Sons of the Republic of Texas and the Canary Islanders of San Antonio.

Robert or as many would call him "Bob" or "Bobby" loved sharing the outdoors with his family by camping and fishing across Texas and especially loved Rockport. He enjoyed barbecuing, family gatherings and spreading humor with his children and grandchildren. He was always offering practical advice and guidance to everyone especially young people. Some of his favorite advice was "always be an all-star" and "do the right thing". His grandchildren remembered him saying that "faith, family, education, health and friends once balanced are the key to a happy life."

Bob will forever be remembered as an exemplar educator, community leader, husband, father, and grandfather whose life of service has left a strong legacy for his family and many others who's lives he has touched.

Robert was preceded in death by his parents and siblings Margaret Rodriguez, Dolores Medina, Alvino Pacheco Jr., and Mary Bravo Wible.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **28.** 6:00 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/>

Rosary

SEP **28.** 7:00 PM (CT)

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

Funeral Mass

SEP **29.** 10:00 AM (CT)

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

Tribute Wall

JB

“ *Jeanne B. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Robert Pacheco.* ”



Jeanne B. - September 30, 2018 at 07:58 PM

TI

“ *Heartfelt condolences to the entire Pacheco family. May perpetual light shine upon him. May his memory live on thru his family and friends who loved and cherished their time with him. He will be missed.* ”

Terry Tijerina 

Tijerina - September 28, 2018 at 07:39 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Robert Pacheco.* ”



September 28, 2018 at 06:04 PM

NW

“ Dear Pacheco Family:

I am so sorry for your loss of your beloved “Bob.” My heart goes out to you, especially Mary. I cannot imagine how much you will miss him.

As Bob’s school lawyer for many years and as a Harlandale boy and a Huff Elementary alumni, I was blessed of late to spend some quality time with Bob during our mutual dialysis sessions, reminiscing about our old neighborhood and people that we knew so well from the Harlandale School District and my football playing days with his brother Freddie.

My prayers will be with you.

North O. West

North O. West - September 28, 2018 at 03:49 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Robert Pacheco.*



September 28, 2018 at 01:48 PM

TG

“ Mrs. Pacheco and family, my deepest condolences for your loss. I worked in the Harlandale district when Mr. Pacheco was there, he was a great asset to the students and the community. He will be greatly missed. May God Bless you and yours during this difficult time.



Terry M. Guerrero

Terry M. Guerrero - September 27, 2018 at 09:19 PM

EG

My deepest condolences to the Pacheco family, he was a my childhood friend, mentor, and coach at his time at Jogn Tobin recreation center back in the early 50's. He was the dad, I never had. The best thing he did for me, was to show me the correct way to toss Horseshoes. While under his guidance, and Mrs. Maria Schadel, I manage to win 10 first place ribbons and trophies, in this art. Thanks coach. Still playing Horseshoes.

Eddie v garcia - November 09, 2018 at 04:26 PM

JP

“ Mary Pacheco and all Robert Pacheco's family. We enjoyed our Pacheco breakfasts with Bob and all his history telling of the Pacheco family life around Mission San Jose. He will truly be missed by all his cousins and friends. He had a tremendous personality that won't be forgotten. God give you strength at this most sad time in your lives. Blessings. Jesse & Jean Pacheco

Jean Pacheco - September 27, 2018 at 09:51 AM

JM

“ *Bob was a wonderful man who dedicated his life to the children he loved so much. It was my honor to work with him and send my deepest sympathy to his family.*
Jo McCollum

jo mcollum - September 27, 2018 at 08:17 AM

MB

“ *He conocido a la familia del señor Pacheco por 11 años , una familia unida y creyente en Dios y siempre amables , el señor Pacheco lucho como un valiente contra la enfermedad y ahora Dios le ha abierto las puertas de cielo , descanse en paz ahora señor Pacheco . Mis mas sinceras condolencias a la familia.*



maria bravo - September 26, 2018 at 10:51 PM

CC

“ *Class of 1960 Celeste Graduating Class purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Robert Pacheco.*



Class of 1960 Celeste Graduating Class - September 26, 2018 at 04:08 PM

YB

“ *Mr. P always had good administrative staff meetings. I as the newest counselor @ Harlandale High loved his positive philosophy and saying, "We are flying the plane as we are building it". Then as a Retiree he and his wife, Mary, loved bringing over the choir from Morrill Elementary to sing for our Christmas entertainment at the December meetings. I admired him especially for giving back to his High School HARLANDALE. I enjoyed serving with him on the scholarship committee. God bless you Mr. P in heaven. You fought the hard fight with cancer with Mary at your side. I know you chose no more chemo so your life could be as normal as possible. Thanks for all you shared with me and all the Harlandale community. 🙏 Rest in peace now Sir, Yolanda and David Benavides*

Yolanda A. Benavides - September 25, 2018 at 05:08 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Robert Pacheco.*



September 25, 2018 at 01:12 PM

LD

“ Neighbor and Friend, Mr Pacheco was a very gracious individual. Always with a smile on his face. It was a blessing to have him as my neighbor for 27 years. No longer in our life to share, but in our hearts. My deepest sympathy to the entire Pacheco Family.

Liz Dubbels and Family



Liz Dubbels - September 25, 2018 at 11:54 AM

DR

“ Collier Elementary, Leal Middle School & Harlandale HS... blessed to have met Mr. Pacheco in my younger years, all great years. Thank you Mr. Pacheco for your dedication to our Harlandale ISD Community education.

Rest now Sir.... 🕊️

Debra "Pebbles" Longoria-Rivas



Debra Longoria Rivas - September 25, 2018 at 10:07 AM

GG

“ I attended Harlandale High School up to January of 1989 before my family moved. I remember him standing outside his office and greet students each morning. He was an awesome man and I am honored to have met him. Our deepest condolences to you all.

Guillermo G. Guerrero Jr. and family

Guillermo Guerrero - September 25, 2018 at 08:43 AM