



## Robert Anthony Rodriguez

February 5, 1944 - November 29, 2025

Robert Anthony Rodriguez

(Bob Rod)

1944-2025

Our beloved dad, uncle, grandpa and great-grandpa Bob Rod enjoyed his last fun-filled Thanksgiving surrounded by four generations of family. Born Robert Anthony Rodriguez on February 5, 1944, our Popo Bob passed away November 29, 2025. According to his kids he was only 81 years young, too young to say goodbye.

Joe & Lupe Rodriguez brought their first-born, Roberty Anthony Rodriguez, home to a close-knit neighborhood of friends, and family on San Antonio's Westside. Bob was later joined by a sister, Ester, whom he lovingly dubbed 'Nini'.

Bob was a proud graduate of Thomas Jefferson High School class of 1962, and later attended San Antonio College before working at Coca-Cola and KCOR radio. Bob was an avid reader and self-taught electronic technician. It wasn't long before he put his skills to use as Biomedical instruments expert with great folks at Fort Sam Houston Army Base-Medical Center. After a few decades, he retired the first time, from our Audie Murphy VA Hospital. Then he thrived in his post-retirement fun-jobs at Radio Shack and the San Antonio

Zoo!

Bob was a devoted father, grandfather & great grandfather. He volunteered for numerous school events and parent clubs while his kids were in school including the Band and Athletic Booster Clubs, and was the voice of West Campus football and baseball, as the official announcer, for many years. He was well known for his ability to fix just about anything, for his monologue dad jokes, and sharing words of wisdom including his trademark "Don't sweat the small stuff, and by the way it's all small stuff."

Bob never met a stranger. Whether in line at H.E.B or via amateur/HAM radio with astronauts at the space station, his love of connecting with people was beyond compare.

In his spare time, Bob was passionate about amateur (HAM) radio. He devoted many years using his HAM Radio skills to teach others and grow the community. He volunteered to help with communications for city and state events including fun runs, sporting events, and disaster response teams.  
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A celebration of Bob's life will take place on Saturday, January 10, 2026 at 1:00 PM at Mission Park Medical Center Funeral Chapel, 8332 Fredericksburg Road, 78229.

Bob's jokes, gift for gab, and words of wisdom live on through his grandchildren Becky, Ashley, Mandy and Hayden, whom he loved dearly. Bob's spirit lives on in the hearts of all who knew and loved him.

In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate donations be sent to help fund the San Antonio Radio Club's ROBERT A RODRIGUEZ SCHOLARSHIP fund at:

[https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted\\_button\\_id=7Y9GLZMSX4PDL](https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=7Y9GLZMSX4PDL)

# Previous Events

## Celebration of His Life

JAN 10. 1:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Medical Center  
8332 Fredericksburg Rd  
San Antonio, TX 78229

# Tribute Wall

AR

“ Bob Rod was my mentor when I became a ham operator. He taught me so many things about radio ops. We went to meetings and events together. We became close and referred me as his "brother from another mother." I contacted him in early November and he said he was doing good. I miss him very much just knowing I can't contact him.

*Armando*

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**Armando** - January 11 at 09:11 PM

Jl

“ We are diminished by his passing. He sort of did Amateur Radio Club memberships like a recovering alcoholic did AA meetings; if he didn't have one to go to, he was out of sorts! He was very helpful in getting several radio clubs off the ground, especially our club the Atascosa County Amateur Radio Club. May God grant him the perfect shack to continue sending QSOs to all the heavenly host!

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**Jim** - January 08 at 04:11 PM

JM

“*Sadly surprised by the news of Bob's passing. Concerned about not hearing from "BobRod" in a while, I called his old number and left a voice mail, earlier this year. Luckily, Bob called me back a few minutes later and assured me everything was ok.*

*The first ever, self appointed "MASA Astronaut"... and believed to be the only one...BobRod was synonymous with ham radio in San Antonio. I believe to have met Bob when I attended one of my first Alamo Area Radio Organization, arriving here from Panamá in the late 90s.*

*Once I started delivering mail in the SA Medical Center area, I was assigned the Audie Murphy route. Many times I got to the VA mailroom, my extremely bright amigo BobRod would meet me there to greet me and break up the monotony of another one of my long work days. When he wasn't there, I'd try to swing by his office and say hello back.*

*A few years back, Bob gifted me an old dual band mobile that served as my shack's main VHF UHF rig for many years. Such was this man's heart, always trying to help out his fellow hams.*

*Once BobRod retired from the VA, his absence was felt. Work got in the way and I was forced to dedicate less time to my radios all those years. But Bob and I always managed to enjoy a quick QSO via the ubiquitous 147.38 repeater.*

*Once I retired and able to get back on the air, I noticed some of those old friends had already departed. That's when I got concerned and found BobRod over the phone. Great, comforting conversation that was!*

*Rest in peace, my dear friend and do know you'll be missed, Bob Rodriguez. Every time I look up over the horizon, I'll be thinking of how fortunate I was to have met the one and only MASA astronaut to have ever graced our ethereal skies!*

*Heartfelt condolences to his family and friends!*

*73 Jorge K5SAT*

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**Jorge Martínez** - December 21, 2025 at 05:30 PM

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“*Rose and family, We’re saddened to hear about your father passing away. We’re praying for all of you. Sending you our love and deepest sympathy.*

*Charlotte and Hank Cranfill, Don, Tammy and Ellen Vick*

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**Charlotte Cranfill** - December 08, 2025 at 04:49 PM

ES

“*My condolences to Bob's family. I've known him since 1993 after I received my ham license and have worked many special events and disasters with him over the years including the 1998 and 2002 floods in San Antonio where he earned the Always Under Water phonetics for his call sign.*

*He and his friendship will be missed.*

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**Erik Smith** - December 07, 2025 at 07:43 PM

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“*The Nally Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Robert Anthony Rodriguez.*



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**The Nally Family** - December 05, 2025 at 10:18 PM