



Robert Ancira Valdez

September 17, 1939 - September 17, 2024

Robert Ancira Valdez, brother, husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, born in San Antonio, Texas, September 17, 1939, made his final journey to be with his Heavenly Father at 9:17am on September 17, 2024. He was welcomed to his forever home with open arms for his 85th birthday celebration!

Robert's success and determination was demonstrated in all that he loved, believed, and represented throughout his life up until his last days, as he fought Parkinson's Disease over the 85th finish line. Most importantly, he was at peace when he departed.

Robert loved sports growing up and throughout his lifetime. He broke records in swimming and short distance running while attending Horace Mann Junior High followed by track records at Jefferson High School, while running short distance, long distance and as anchorman on the relay team.

He boxed with the San Antonio Golden Gloves and on the US Coast Guard Academy Boxing Team as a Super Featherweight and Featherweight.

Over his adult years he played in many soft ball leagues, including a church league with son in law Tommy. He water skied with his grandchildren and enjoyed watching them play sports and activities including football,

cheerleading, and attending Grandparents day events!

He stayed active and fit into his eighties. Whatever he did, he gave it his best; from a businessman, and accomplished business owner of North Star Electric, a company he started in 1972 and built over the years, to being a faithful Christian. Robert was extremely excited about accepting Christ into his heart as a born again Christian and participated in many bible studies throughout the years.

Robert (Roberto) was a loving friend and employer to many, sharing kindness, genuinely caring, and helping those in need without hesitating to put others before himself.

Robert was a proud and loving father of four children, eight grandchildren, and two great grandchildren. He is survived by his wife Andrea Valdez, her children who he loved dearly as his own, Andrea Burkle and Geraldo Burkle; first wife, Johnette Gerbic, the mother of his children, Elize Pruske (Fabian), Charise Dahlgren (Tommy), Deborah Leopold, and Robert Scott Valdez (Ana); grandchildren Avery, Evan (Victoria), Savannah, Joshua, Travis (Kassidy), Taylor (Drew) and Corey; great-grandchildren, Jean and Weston; siblings, Salvador David Valdez, Tony Valdez, and Graciela Valdez Garza. Robert is joined in heaven with his parents, Jose Luis Valdez and Carolina Ancira Valdez; brother, Joe Valdez; and beloved grandson, Tyler Scott Gruendler.

Services will be held:

Summit Church

2575 Summit Church Road

San Antonio, Texas 78259

(210) 402-0565

Thursday, October 10, 2024

11:00 am

In remembrance of Robert's life, the family asks that any charitable donations be made to the Parkinson's Foundation or non-profit foundation for Parkinson's research of their choice.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

OCT **10**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Summit Church
2575 Summit Church Road
San Antonio, TX 78259

Tribute Wall

EL

“ I was diagnosed with ALS four years ago. For over two years, I relied on prescription medications and therapies, but unfortunately, the symptoms continued to worsen. My mobility declined, muscle weakness increased, and I experienced growing fatigue and discomfort that affected my daily life.

Last year, out of desperation and hope, I decided to try an herbal treatment program from NaturePath Herbal Clinic. Honestly, I was skeptical at first, but within a few months of starting the treatment, I began to notice real changes. My energy improved, the discomfort eased, and I felt stronger and more capable in my daily life. Incredibly, I also regained much of my stamina, balance, and confidence. It has truly been a life-changing experience I feel more like myself again, better than I've felt in years. If you or a loved one is struggling with ALS, I sincerely recommend looking into their natural approach. You can visit their website at www.naturepathherbalclinic.com

Eliza - September 07, 2025 at 07:35 AM

SB

“ My husband was diagnosed of Parkinsons disease 2 years ago, when he was 49. He had a stooped posture, tremors, right arm does not move and also a pulsating feeling in his body. He was placed on Senemet for 8 months and then Sifrol was introduced and replaced the Senemet, during this time span he was also diagnosed with dementia. He started having hallucinations, lost touch with reality. Suspecting it was the medication I took him off the Siferol (with the doctor’s knowledge) and started him on PD-5 natural herbal formula we ordered from AKNNI HERBAL CENTRE, his symptoms totally declined over a 3 weeks use of the AKANNI HERBAL Parkinsons disease natural herbal formula. He is now almost 51 and doing very well, the disease is totally reversed! (Visit [w w w.aknniherbscentre .com](http://www.aknniherbscentre.com))

susan baker - April 22, 2025 at 04:52 AM

PK

“ When I was in middle school with Scotty, I met Mr. Valdez and he was always so kind to me. His family became my second family and there were often times I was at their house more than mine. I’ll never forget a trip we took to Uvalde and the laughs the whole family always gifted me. 47+ years of friendships don’t come around very often so when they do, cherish them.



Patrick T Kiker - October 10, 2024 at 12:02 PM

VP

“ Scott Valdez and family- What a beautiful tribute to your father/grandfather. My thoughts are with you all during this incredibly difficult time. My hope is that you all find solace knowing that he left behind cherished memories that will always be with you.

*With deepest sympathy and support,
The Palacios family*

Valerie Palacios - October 09, 2024 at 12:07 PM

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“ Love, Olga Sotomayor (mom) purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Robert Ancira Valdez.



Love, Olga Sotomayor (mom) - October 08, 2024 at 10:56 PM

SM

“ Sam and Monica purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Robert Ancira Valdez.



Sam and Monica - October 08, 2024 at 10:47 PM

KG

“ Kim Ghez purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Robert Ancira Valdez.



Kim Ghez - October 07, 2024 at 11:57 AM

VÁ

“ Vicky y Ángel purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Robert Ancira Valdez.



Vicky y Ángel - October 02, 2024 at 04:03 PM

OS

“ Olguita Sotomayor purchased the Beautiful in Blues for the family of Robert Ancira Valdez.



Olguita Sotomayor - September 30, 2024 at 09:32 AM

MN

“ Mission Park North lit a candle in memory of Robert Ancira Valdez



Mission Park North - September 25, 2024 at 04:51 PM

AN

“ Robert, my dad, will always be the sweetest man I'll ever know and I am blessed because he loved me as his own daughter. I will always love him and miss him, but I am happy that he is in heaven now enjoying our Lord's presence for eternity 🙏

Andrea - September 25, 2024 at 10:40 AM