



Roberto Anguiano, Sr.

July 20, 1940 - September 23, 2017

Roberto Anguiano, Sr. went to be with the Lord on Saturday, September 23, 2017. He was 77 years old. Roberto was born in San Antonio, Texas on July 20, 1940 and was raised on the city's Westside near the intersection of Zarzamora and Martin streets. He attended Fox Tech and in 1958 he joined the United States Air Force. In 1960, he married Rosie Bustillos Martinez, from the Harlandale district, a Canary Island and a San Antonio World Heritage Mission descendant. After completing Basic Military Training at Lackland, AFB Texas, he was trained as a water and sanitation specialist and was assigned to various locations throughout the world during his active duty career. This experience would prove to be valuable and led to an over 50-year career in water quality management. Upon being honorably discharged from the Air Force, he quickly used his skills to land a job at the San Antonio River Authority as an engineering technician resource analyst and moved to the Southside where he would raise his five children. In 1972, Anguiano joined the City of San Antonio Wastewater Management Department, which later became San Antonio Water Systems (SAWS), and spent the next 22 years of his career there before retiring. A true "boot-strapper" he rose through the ranks and became Superintendent of Leon Creek and Salado Creek plants. He also served as the project manager in the building of the Dos Rios plant. As a capstone to his water career, in 2004 he was appointed to the Board of Trustees of San Antonio Water System where he was part of the development of the city's 50-year water plan and served as the board secretary and for 4

years as the chair of the audit committee. He served for 8 years as a trustee. Roberto's legacy went well beyond his service in the military and with SAWS. A natural leader, he was part of several organizations and led the creation of a number of community focused groups. He began his community work by serving as the first PTA President of Mission Elementary School (now known as Gilbert), he would also serve as a band booster president at Harlandale Middle School. He would later join the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) and would serve a number of years as Council 403's president and also a Deputy District Director, as well as many other roles. Roberto's activism in the Mission San Jose area and Mission Trails began in the early 90's when he founded the San Jose Neighborhood Association to address basic infrastructure needs. Additionally, a lover of the San Antonio river, he co-founded the Basura Bash along with the environmental club of McCollum High School. The Basura Bash, which continues to this day, is the largest single-day waterway clean-up in Texas. It is an effort to clean our rivers and waterways to promote a healthy ecosystem. Furthermore, Anguiano founded Los Vecinos De Las Misiones Community Development Corporation. Los Vecinos was responsible for assisting homeowners near the Espada area with housing revitalization and utility hook-up grants. Naturally, Anguiano's interest in his mission neighborhood led to him being a part of some pivotal committees that have shaped the river and mission trails. He was a member of the Mission Trails Oversight Committee and the original San Antonio River Oversight Committee. The work done by these groups were the precursor to the Missions being designated a World Heritage Site and the entire community continues to enjoy both to this day. His work continued for the neighborhood and was a critical voice that helped broker three very important assets in the San Jose Neighborhood, which include the Mission Library, the Najim YMCA and the Mission District Community Garden. He served as the Friends of the Mission Library's first president, where he led in the fundraising for several resources. He held that position until his passing. Finally, later in life, he was very active with the mission neighborhood's VFW Post 9186

where he served on the building committee and various roles. He was known to always have placed his community first and was relentless in the pursuit of improving the quality of life for his family and his neighbors. His work has not gone unnoticed and his accolades are numerous. The neighborhood, the city and visitors from throughout the world will continue to benefit from Roberto's life-long work. Roberto is preceded by his parents Blas and Felipa Anguiano, his brothers John Anguiano and Jesse Anguiano. He is survived by his wife, of 57 years, Rosie Martinez Anguiano, daughter Rosemary Anguiano-Zuniga and son-in-law Nathan Zuniga; son Roberto Anguiano, Jr. and daughter-in-law Patricia, son Alexander Anguiano and daughter-in-law Anne, sons Ronald Anguiano and Andrew Anguiano. Grandchildren include Anthony Anguiano, Patrick Anguiano, Natalie Anguiano, William Anguiano, Robert Anguiano and Andres Anguiano. Great Grand Children are Niya Anguiano and Audrey Anguiano. Services: Visitation at 5 p.m., Rosary at 7 p.m. Wednesday, October 4th at Mission Park South Chapel, 1700 SE Military Drive; Mass at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, October 5th at Mission San Jose Church, 701 E. Pyron Avenue. Interment to follow at Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation on behalf of Roberto Anguiano, Sr., to the Friends of the Mission Library, 3134 Roosevelt Avenue, San Antonio, Texas 78214, 210-207-2704.

Previous Events

Viewing

OCT 4. 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels South, Cemeteries & Crematories
1700 SE Military Dr
San Antonio, TX 78214
(210) 924-4242
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

Rosary

OCT 4. 7:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels South, Cemeteries & Crematories
1700 SE Military Dr
San Antonio, TX 78214
(210) 924-4242
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

Funeral Mass

OCT 5. 9:30 AM (CT)

Mission San Jose Catholic Church
6701 San Jose Dr.
San Antonio, TX 78214

Interment

OCT 5. 11:00 AM (CT)

Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery
1520 Harry Wurzbach
San Antonio, TX 78209

Tribute Wall

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“ My name is Andres Anguiano my grandpa was a great man he is one of my hero's. He'd take me ever were and the last place we wit to the mission ymca. I love you grandpa.



Andres Anguiano - January 07, 2018 at 12:32 PM

JB

“ It was such an honor to know this man. His great passion for his beloved Southside was an example for so many of us. The Mission Library and Najim YMCA are only two of many projects made better by Roberto. May he Rest In Peace. He did good work.

Jean Brady
San Antonio Public Library trustee

Jean Brady - October 04, 2017 at 01:07 PM

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“ My Heartfelt Condolences to Rosie and the whole family! May the GOOD LORD grant you all Strength, Comfort, and Peace. Rosario, Lupe's friend. (Rosie)

Rosario L. Rodriguez - October 04, 2017 at 12:44 PM

JM

“ My condolences to the Anguiano family, you will be missed Robert, not only by us, but our community. Thank you for your leadership and your insights for our future. We will continue your legacy, rest in peace my brother, you deserve your peace! God bless you, Rosie and the family!

Javier Montanez - October 02, 2017 at 11:35 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Roberto Anguiano, Sr..*



October 02, 2017 at 01:23 PM



“ *Heartfelt condolences to the Anguiano family on the loss of Roberto. Having seen him only last month, he was always warm and welcoming. I appreciated his good counsel on a number of community issues. Though he will be greatly missed, he leaves behind a tremendous legacy including the family he built. His passion for the South Side, his service to the San Jose Neighborhood and the influence on the many with whom he interacted attests to a life well-lived. May you reflect on the many joys shared with him through the years. My thoughts and prayers are with the Anguiano family during this difficult time.*

Lloyd Doggett

Lloyd Doggett - October 02, 2017 at 09:38 AM



“ *My deepest condolences to the family. May he rise in love.*

*Victoria S. Garcia
Roosevelt Park NA President
Contract Officer, COSA Department of Arts and Culture*

victoria garcia - September 28, 2017 at 11:46 AM

AH

“ To the Anguianos and other family, I am so saddened at Mr. Anguiano's passing. My sincerest condolences and heartfelt comfort to you all at this time. I rejoice and celebrate his new life, but I know he will be missed. Until we meet again in Heaven, Mr. Anguiano, you will be in my heart as a most wonderful person I had the pleasure of knowing.

Abigail Hobson - September 27, 2017 at 05:39 AM

AP

“ Dearest Anguiano Family: Our heart-felt thoughts and prayers condolences are with you all during this difficult time we all are praying for all of you as well as our church family for peace and comfort in the days ahead



*In Our Thoughts and Prayers
The Padilla's
Uncle Albert
Aunt Marta
Cousin Joe Anthony Patsy and Family
Cousin Dan Albert and Debra and Family
Cousin Angela D.*

Angela D Padilla - September 26, 2017 at 01:13 PM