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Rodolfo R. Figueroa, 87, died March 26, 2010, with his wife, family and friends by his side at Trisun Mesa Vista Healthcare facility in San Antonio, Texas.

Mr. Figueroa was born in San Antonio, Texas, to Inocencio and Juana Figueroa.

Mr. Figueroa served in the United States Army and fought to defend our country for five years during World War II. Mr. Figueroa was a Sergeant in the 9th Infantry. He fought bravely in multiple battles: The Invasion of Normandy, the Ardennes Offense in Northern France and throughout Rhineland and Central Europe.

Mr. Figueroa received an Honorable Discharge from the United States Army for his honest and faithful service to this country. He was awarded the following metals:

- Bronze Star Medal – Awarded for bravery and combat heroism.
- Good Conduct Medal – Completed three or more consecutive years without discipline.
- American Defense Service Medal – Performed active duty prior to WWII.
- European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Metal with 1 bronze service star – Issued by President Roosevelt to recognize military service performed during WWII. Bronze star issued for participating in multiple battles.

- World War II Victory Medal – Created by the Act of Congress in July of 1945 to commemorate military service during WWII.
- Combat Infantryman Badge 1st Award - Being present and under hostile fire, while serving in an assigned primary infantry in which the unit is actively engaging the enemy in ground combat.
- Honorable Service Lapel Button WWII – Discharged under honorable conditions during WWII.
- Purple Heart Medallion – Established by General George Washington for being wounded or killed in any action against an enemy of the United States or as a result of an act of any such enemy or opposing armed forces. Mr. Figueroa was shot in the shoulder during WWII.

Mr. Figueroa spent the majority of his civilian career employed at Kelly Air Force Base as an Aircraft Mechanic Specialist. After retirement from civil service, he enjoyed helping family and friends with projects, loved working as a cook, watching sports on TV, and spending time at the family flower farm.

Mr. Figueroa married Janie Q. Saldana on July 17, 1988. Together they enjoyed gardening, harvesting and shelling pecans, family barbeques, trips to Vegas and Louisiana and playing the Texas Lotto.

Mr. Figueroa is survived by his wife, Janie Figueroa, his sisters, Carmen Fuentes, Guadalupe Vega, Beatrice Resendez and their spouses, his brothers, Victor Zepeda, Oscar Zepeda, Frank Zepeda, Jesse Zepeda, Alfonzo Zepeda and their spouses. His daughters, Rosie Meyer, Terrie Figueroa, Elena Tovar and their spouses, his sons, Victor Figueroa, Frank Figueroa, Hector Figueroa, Rudy Figueroa Jr., Martin Figueroa and their spouses.

Mr. Figueroa was further blessed with an extended family consisting of step-children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nephews and nieces. In addition, countless other family members and friends that loved him dearly.

Mr. Figueroa sincerely cared and loved all of his family and often spoke of his children and brothers and sisters.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his step-father,

Francisco Zepeda, his sister, Manuela Castillo, and one son, Arturo Figueroa.

Condolences may be sent to:

Trisun Mesa Vista Inn Healthcare
Attn: Janie Figueroa
5756 North Knoll
San Antonio, Texas

In lieu of flowers:

Donations may be sent to any charity of your choice on behalf of Mr. Figueroa.

Funeral Arrangements are as follows:

Date: Friday, April 2nd, 2010
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Place: Mission Park Funeral Chapel
3401 Cherry Ridge Dr.
San Antonio, Texas 78230
210 349-1414 office

Please note: Immediately following Chapel Service at Mission Park, we will proceed to Ft. Sam for the burial.

Date: Friday, April 2nd, 2010

Time: 10:45 a.m.

Place: Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery

1520 Harry Wurbach Road

San Antonio, Texas 78209

210 820-3891 office

Mr. Figueroa receives a special blessing:

His funeral will be held on Good Friday. Good Friday is observed on the Friday before Easter Sunday. On this day Christians commemorate the passion, or suffering, and death on the Cross of the Lord, Jesus Christ. Through his death, burial and resurrection, Jesus paid the penalty for sin, thus purchasing for all who believe in him, eternal life in Christ Jesus.

Special thanks:

- Dr. Rudolfo P. Zarate
- Dr. Denise Hart
- Home Health Innovations
- Trisun Mesa Vista Healthcare Staff, Administration & Residence
- Lighthouse Hospice
- St. Matthew's Catholic Church – Rev. Valentine Gallegos

- All USA Military personnel
- Numerous family and friends for their continued prayers and support.

Farewell Poem by Susie Sunshine:

When I am gone, release me, let me go.
I have so many things to see and do,
You mustn't tie yourself to me with too many tears,
But be thankful we had so many good years.
I gave you my love, and you can only guess
How much you've given me in happiness.
I thank you for the love that you have shown,
But now it is time I traveled on alone.
So grieve for me a while, if grieve you must
Then let your grief be comforted by trust
That it is only for a while that we must part,
So treasure the memories within your heart.
I won't be far away for life goes on.
And if you need me, call and I will come.
Though you can't see or touch me, I will be near
And if you listen with your heart, you'll hear
All my love around you soft and clear
And then, when you come this way alone,
I'll greet you with a smile and a "Welcome Home".

Tribute Wall

KF

“ R.I.P Grandpa Rudy. I love you and miss you. Please watch over my grandpa your son Martin and make sure he is loved and is going good. Watch over the Figueroa family as we watched over you. You will never be forgotten.

Kandra Figueroa - May 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the entire family during this difficult time. Whenever you may see a rainbow, think warmly of Rodolfo and he will know it. Always remember that he is now at the side of our Father.

Donna Martinez - April 06, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RO

“ My prayers go out to Emma , her mom and family RIP MR. FIGUEROA

Richard Obi - April 02, 2010 at 12:00 AM

OB

“ my prayers go out to Emma and her family may he rip

Olla Brown - April 02, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ My prayers go out to all of the Figueroa Family my grandpa was a wonderful Man and he will be missed.

Brittany Figueroa - April 01, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RZ

“ Thank you Rudy for making my Grandma happy. I know god will gladly open his gates and allow you to enter to spend an eternal life of happiness. God bless you and all of the family.

Roberto Zule - March 31, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LE

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to all the family. May god bless you all during your time of loss.

Libby Ellington - March 30, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ My prayers go out to grandma Janie and my family. Grandpa Rudy I will miss you dearly the hugs and kisses you would give me but know you will always be in my heart and one day I will be their in heaven next to you.

Cruz & Nancy Sanchez - March 30, 2010 at 12:00 AM

EA

“ GRANDPA RUDY I LOVE YOU AND WILL MISS YOU , you have left us but one day we will meet again, im glad u dnt have to suffer anymore

Emma Alejandro - March 30, 2010 at 12:00 AM

FM

“ My prayers go out to my family and friends of the FIGUEROA family just wanna say that grandpa rudy will always be missed and remember I Love U G-Pa

Fred Figueroa Meyer - March 30, 2010 at 12:00 AM

FM

“ Rodolfo R. Figueroa

fred f meyer - March 30, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ Grandpa you will be missed dearly and even though I know you are in a better place the pain is still there. I love you grandpa and you will always be in my heart & soul. I want to give great thanks to grandma Janie and especially to Yvonne for always bein

Laura Meyer-Cruz - March 29, 2010 at 12:00 AM

EL

“ Rodolfo R. Figueroa

elizabeth.gomez - March 29, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to all the family of grandpa Rudy and grandma Janie. You will truly be missed grandpa Rudy.

Melissa Figueroa & Jason Garcia - March 28, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RZ

“ Sending our sympathy and prayers and letting you know our heart goes out to you at this time of sadness. GOD bless you all, Richard and Theresa Zule

Richard & Theresa Zule - March 28, 2010 at 12:00 AM

FF

“ My prayers go out to my family and grandma Jaine. Grandpa Rudy will be truly missed but never forgotten!! I love you grandpa Rudy!!

Francisca Figueroa - March 27, 2010 at 12:00 AM