



Rodolfo "Rudy" Villarreal

February 21, 1945 - March 8, 2026

Rodolfo "Rudy" Lopez Villarreal passed away at the age of 81, leaving behind a life defined by resilience, determination, and an unmistakable love for family. Born on February 21, 1945, Rudy was a man who believed in fully committing to his goals. Once he committed to a task, he pursued it with unwavering determination, pride, and a quiet confidence that earned him the admiration and trust of those who knew him.

Rudy's greatest love story began in high school with Olga Castillo. What started as young love grew into a remarkable 58-year marriage rooted in loyalty, partnership, and devotion. Together they built a life, raising their two sons, Robert and Mark, and creating a home filled with hard work, laughter, and the kind of lessons that last a lifetime.

Rudy was gifted with fixing things—often things others might have called a professional for. Electrical lines, plumbing, and repairs around the house—if something needed attention, Rudy was already figuring it out. That hands-on determination became a model for his sons, showing them that with patience, effort, and a little courage, you could solve just about anything.

He was also deeply proud to serve his country. Rudy dedicated more than 23 years to the United States Army Reserve, serving at Fort Sam Houston. His strong work ethic continued in civilian life as the owner of The Graphic Shop

on San Pedro Avenue from 1982 to 2007. His reputation and skill eventually led him to work with the United States Government Publishing Office, taking him to Bath, New York, and Newport News, Virginia, before returning home to finish his career at Lackland Air Force Base.

Yet for all his dedication to work and service, Rudy was equally known for his spirit and joy for life. He was often the life of the party—the kind of man who felt music in his bones. A gathering didn't truly feel complete until Rudy arrived, and it rarely stayed quiet once he stepped onto the dance floor. He had a way of pulling even the shyest person out to dance.

He found happiness in life's simple pleasures: great music played through a proper sound system, long bike rides, staying active at the YMCA, and enjoying a perfectly fresh hot dog with just the right amount of mustard and raw onions.

Beneath his strong and capable exterior lived a deeply caring and protective heart. That side of Rudy shined brightest when he became a grandfather to Marlowe and Zephyr. They brought him immense pride and joy, and he watched over them with the same devotion he had always shown his family. Rudy worked tirelessly throughout his life—not only to provide what his family needed, but often to give them what they dreamed of.

Rudy will be remembered as a man of wisdom, quiet strength, and sharp humor. He was a storyteller who recognized the significance of work but also understood that family is the true essence of life.

He leaves behind his beloved wife Olga, his sons Robert and Mark, and his cherished grandchildren Marlowe and Zephyr, brothers Ramiro and Richard and sister Rosie, along with countless memories of laughter, music, and love that will continue to live on in all who knew him.

Cemetery Details

Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery

1520 Harry Wurzbach
San Antonio, TX 78209

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 22. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels South
1700 SE. Military Dr.
San Antonio, TX 78214

Rosary

MAR 22. 6:30 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

JR

“ Julia and John Reinhart purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Rodolfo "Rudy" Villarreal.



Julia and John Reinhart - March 22 at 10:10 AM

EF

“ I met Rudy in the early 80's because I heard he had an AB Dick 360 printing press in his garage. It didn't take long to find out he knew more about offset lithography, graphic reproduction and typesetting than most other small shops at the time. After a while, he acquired a building on San Pedro Avenue and offered me an office space; the rest is history. I learned a wealth of information not only about the print business but also about family. His devotion to Olga, Robert, Mark and his brothers and sisters who all participated in the shop was (and still is) immeasurable. I was so blessed to have been a small part of those times. We laughed. We cried. We fought. We hugged...and we loved. May His Grace and Peace comfort you, sweet Olga and your entire family. +

Eli Flores - March 12 at 10:18 AM



“ I was lucky enough to know Rudy since 1980 when I went to work at Concepts Unlimited. Rudy helped me print hundreds of projects for my credit union clients and even special things like my sister's wedding invitations. I got to know Rudy and his family not only in a professional sense but also as friends. Rudy will definitely be missed.

Jennifer Griffith - March 12 at 01:40 AM

ER

My cousins Robert Mark and Aunt Olga . I can't begin to find the words to say how deeply sorry I am for the loss of my uncle Rudy .. What a loving and caring and smart man he was . Always put famiy first no matter what . There was times in my life that i didn't know what to do . I had run out of options and didn't know what to do ... My tio was there at this very one time that many didn't come thru for me. . But my tio Rudy was there in a new york minute dropped what he was doing on that Saturday evening just to go meet me and help me and most of all give the advice that was needed . I wish I would of put more attention in the the lectures and conversations we had He will be missed dearly .. I love you Tio till we see each other again . Love your niece. Esmeralda V. Rivera. Pebbles 🙏🙏🙏🙏

Esmeralda Rivera - March 19 at 12:12 AM

LG

My deepest condolences to Olga (my Comadre)and to Robert and Mark and the grandchildren ,Rudy was my and my deceased husband friend from high school and my Compadre as he and Olga baptized our first daughter Julia . Rudy was a great friend and a wonderful artist , he won the Art award in high school, He loved music and dancing and had many skills. We have been friends for 60 years , I will miss him but I know he is with the Angels now and dancing

LaVonne Rose Garcia Gonzalez

LaVonne Rose Garcia Gonzalez - March 19 at 07:15 PM

RP

I knew and worked with Rudy for several years when he served with me as my NCOIC at the 90th U.S. Army Reserve Command at Fort Sam Houston. He was a kind and generous man and always supported me during the time i served as the Public Affairs Officer. He was a very peaceful person who possessed a reassuring 'calm; demeanor,' something quite useful during Public Affairs Army crises. He was a consummate professional who I could always count on to get any job done with efficiency and good cheer. He was truly a gentle soul with a big heart.

- Major (Ret.) Rudy Purificato

Rudy Purificato - March 23 at 11:30 AM