



Roland John Galvan

July 11, 1957 - December 25, 2005

GALVAN

On July 11, 1957, Roland John Galvan entered this world...on December 25th he left in peace to be with the Lord. Roland was raised in San Antonio, Texas by his mother Benigna and his father Joe.

As a boy with wide eyes for the big leagues, Roland had dreams of becoming a pro-baseball player. Although that dream fell short, he would never lose his love to see the first pitch or hear the crack of a bat.

Roland attended St. Leo's Catholic School and Harlandale High School in San Antonio. He went on to attend Trinity University and San Antonio College. A college job at KENS resulted in work as a studio technician, field photographer and news producer. Talented but wanting more, Roland trained to be a television weatherman. With dedication, he made the transition successfully. He worked as a meteorologist at jobs around the country - first in Beaumont, then Houston, San Francisco, Los Angeles and Corpus Christi, Texas. As a meteorologist, he reported from the studio and on the scene of hurricanes, tornadoes, floods, earthquakes and wildfires. He loved working in the field.

Among many honors, Roland won two coveted Los Angeles Area Emmy Awards for his work.

WOAI's veteran television meteorologist Maclovio Perez says his dear friend was a gifted talent. "Our generation got in at a time when there were few

Latinos in the business. We went out to make our mark and many came straight from San Antonio. San Antonio has always produced quality people who did well in broadcast journalism. We should be proud of what Roland accomplished in major markets across the country.”

Roland never forgot where he came from...always helping the less fortunate. He gave anonymous dollars to struggling non-profit groups and purchased sporting equipment for the poorest schools. His emcee duties at charity events raised countless dollars.

Quick on his feet, Roland loved to dance...country to cumbia..disco to merenque. He loved the rodeo, racecars, the snow and weekends on his beloved yacht in California with his dear friends. But what he loved most was his family - his beloved father “Pops”, his brothers and most of all, his 23-year old son Jeffrey. He was deeply proud of him.

Roland lived a long and fulfilled life and now as 48, he is with the Lord. Roland John Galvan is survived by his father, four brothers, his son, and numerous nieces and nephews.

SERVICES

Visitation will begin at 6:00 PM on Tuesday, December 27 at Mission Park Funeral Chapels South located at 1700 SE Military Drive with a Rosary recited at 7:30 PM. Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 12:00 PM on Wednesday, December 28 at St. Leo’s Catholic Church, 4401 S. Flores St in San Antonio. Private interment will follow at Mission Burial Park South.

In lieu of flowers, you may make a donation in Roland’s name to St. Leo’s Catholic School located at 119 Octavia Place, San Antonio, Texas 78214.

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Tribute Wall

JG

“ I had the pleasure of working with Roland at KIII-TV and noticed along with everyone else, Roland's generosity and caring spirit. Working in television can be incredibly stressful...making it easy to think only of your own needs, but Roland never did that

Joe Gazin - January 06, 2006 at 12:00 AM

DJ

“ roland was my best friend here in corpus. we took several trips to new orleans and las vegas, and hung out a lot here in town. he was the definition of gentlemen. he could have acted like a big star, but he acted like a normal person to the many people wh

dave johnson - January 06, 2006 at 12:00 AM

SA

“ To Mr. Galvan, the brothers and their families--my deepest sympathy. Although I did not know Roland personally, I know the loss of losing someone you love...I pray and offer my support. May God be with you, always.

Sara - January 04, 2006 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ I became friends with Roland while he lived in Houston. He was a very kind and caring person. He loved to enjoy life and I was always amazed at his quick wit. I will miss him.

Diane Frels - January 03, 2006 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ I would like to thank everyone who left their condolences to the Galvan family. We lost a family member who was dear to our hearts and we were so proud of the things he accomplished. Although we lost Uncle Roland on Christmas, Grandpa Joe "Pops" was not

The Galvan Family - December 31, 2005 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ Roland,
Sleep in heavenly peace.
Jamie and Chase

Jamie & Chase - December 29, 2005 at 12:00 AM

BR

“ I watched Roland on Channel 3 he always had a smile on his face. I thought he was the best weather person they ever had. I also watched him when I went to San Antonio to visit family. God Bless the family.

Brenda Rogers - December 29, 2005 at 12:00 AM

FE

“ I worked with Roland at KIII-tv3 and well miss him he was a good man. I was very sad to hear of his passing.

Frank Eichman - December 29, 2005 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ HE IS WITH GOD NOW AND WILL TRULY BE IN OUR HEARTS

JOE W,GUILLEN - December 28, 2005 at 12:00 AM

DE

“ *My condolences to you and your family. He was an inspiration to so many of us southsiders.*

Deacon Juan Espinosa - December 28, 2005 at 12:00 AM

AP

“ *I was truly saddened to learn of Roland's passing. Though I did not know him personally, I felt like I did. He struck me to be a very humble man. I enjoyed coming home after work to see him on channel 3 in Corpus Christi as a weather man. He once told a*

Angelica Perez - December 28, 2005 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ *To Roland's family and close friends, I give you my deepest sympathy. I struggle with accepting that Roland is no longer with us. I'm so happy I had the good fortune of being his friend. I wish now I would have talked to him more often, but I will cher*

Sandra Wimberly - December 28, 2005 at 12:00 AM

EH

“ *Galvan Family:*

Roland helped some many Corpus Christi Families feel loved!

I will not forget the day that he helped me contacting my church family during a tropical storm. He made certain that my apartment was boarded. You cannot imagine how muc

Elizabeth Michelle H. - December 28, 2005 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ After more than 20 years, the memories I have of working with Rookie at KMOL-TV in San Antonio are still vivid and fresh. What a great zest for life he showed! Even then, it was clear to me that he was on his way to a successful career. And, no less imp

Mike Cavender - December 28, 2005 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ May you rest in peace Roland. I watched him on Channel 3 Kill in Corpus Christi. I remember being so sad when he left the station. After he left, I called and asked why he left and could not get a straight answer. I just thought he was such a wonderful p

Marie - December 28, 2005 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ My condolences to Roland's dad, son and brothers. I remember meeting Roland as that quiet teenager at San Antonio College 30 years ago. He became station manager at KSYM and the staff students had a lot of fun times together during our two years there.

Chrissie Murnin - December 28, 2005 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ Roland, you were one of the kindest and most generous people I've ever known. I will miss your emails. I will miss your kind words. I will miss you.

Shawn McGinnis - December 28, 2005 at 12:00 AM

RK

“ My deepest sympathy for your loss. I know you all loved him very much. Take comfort in the fact that you will see him again in heaven. May the Lord be with all of his family. Roy.

Roy Kesl - December 27, 2005 at 12:00 AM

AN

“ *My thoughts and prayers go to the Galvan family. I watched Roland on KIII in Corpus Christi, Tx and even though I did not know him personally, watching him in my home everyday made me feel like I did. My thoughts and prayers are with you. God Bless*

Angela A Norman - December 27, 2005 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ *Most of all, I believe we will all miss your smile and good nature. Rest in peace.*

Mario R. Gutierrez - December 27, 2005 at 12:00 AM

RA

“ *My deepest thoughts and prayers go out to Roland's family. Especially his son Jeffery. May God continue to be with you and your family at this time.*

Robert C. Arellano - December 27, 2005 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ *Though gone in body...all of us who knew Roland will today and always see his smile and good natured ways in our memories. Here in Southern California, as millions came to know him, Roland represented his family and community with pride and his very best*

David Cruz - December 27, 2005 at 12:00 AM

GS

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the Galvan family.*

Gwen Schuler - December 27, 2005 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ Knowing what a zest for life Roland had made it especially difficult to say goodbye to him last Sunday. Though I will remember him slapping my bare feet as I took a nap at our grandmother's home almost 50 years ago, I shall also remember how caring he was

Diana G. Lopez - December 27, 2005 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ Sorry to hear about Roland, he and I worked together at KENS TV.

My sympathy to his family.

Ron Smith - December 27, 2005 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ We were saddened to hear of Roland's passing. We enjoyed watching Roland here in Houston, and his forecasting ability is sorely missed here! His smile could light up the room! May he rest in peace.

S. Sunday - December 27, 2005 at 12:00 AM

JE

“ My prayers are with you bh. I have great memories of rodeo, c&w clubs, and the Ranch of course. I have known you for many years, and even though our lives took us on different paths, we always managed to meet up and it was always as if time had stood st

Jeri - December 27, 2005 at 12:00 AM

LG

“ My thoughts and prayers are with Roland. I pray he crossed over peacefully.

I worked with Roland as a makeup artist at KTLA Channel 5 in Hollywood, Ca. He seemed to be a sincere and kind man. I introduced him to my cousin and they began a relationship

Lisa Gibson - December 27, 2005 at 12:00 AM

FJ

“ I was an intern at Channel 13 in Houston many years ago when Roland was doing the weekend weather. He was always kind to me and the other interns. I worked many a Saturday and Sunday at the station, and he always had a kind word to say and would offer a

Frances H. Jensen - December 27, 2005 at 12:00 AM

GS

“ I always enjoyed watching Roland on Channel 13 in Houston. May God be with him and his family.

Gene Sanderford - December 27, 2005 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ It is Tuesday morning in Fort Worth and I am just finding out about you. My heart is heavy with pain. I flash back to the early days in S.A. of cool cars, long nights, little money and 4 other great friends. We were all rookies then. We are now minus one! La

Roy Hernandez - December 27, 2005 at 12:00 AM

AD

“ I am very sorry to hear about Roland. I'm Lizzie, I was your neighbor from Young street. Once your Mom passed I think we all kind of drifted apart. My Mom missed your Mom for a long time and would talk about her all the time. Every time my Mom would hear abo

Alicia Pacheco Delgado - December 27, 2005 at 12:00 AM

AP

“ I worked with Roland @ KIII-TV 3 in Corpus Christi. I was the News Assistant for seven years. I have a great deal of wonderful memories, but the best is that Roland always had a warm smile and a kind word whenever we spoke. He could be having a bad day

Anna Lisa Pantoja - December 26, 2005 at 12:00 AM