



Rolando Marquez

November 1, 1934 - January 16, 2021

Rolando Marquez, age 86, departed from this world on Saturday, January 16, 2021. He was born in Rosita, Coahuila, MX on November 1, 1934, to parents Don Anastacio Marquez and Doña Maria Barrios de Marquez. He was the oldest of eight children.

At a young age Rolando moved with the family to Rio Bravo, Coahuila, where he attended elementary school and upon finishing classes, the family moved once again to Piedras Negras, Coahuila since post-elementary classes weren't available in Rio Bravo. In Piedras Negras, Rolando attended the Academia Comercial Juventud. Once he finished his studies, he embarked on a lifetime of competitive sports, among them baseball being his favorite. Rolando was very proud to have played pitcher and catcher with El Atoyac and Tripoli teams in Piedras Negras. He was a devoted fan of the Houston Astros and would not miss watching a game on TV or traveling to Houston to see a game. He was also very proud of the Golden Gloves he received in boxing and to date the Golden Gloves are held by his family.

Rolando retired from radio broadcasting, having been employed by KEDA Radio Jalapeño, La M Grande in San Antonio and KSJT Spanish Radio in San Angelo, and served as the voice for the Spanish News Network (SNN). However, the love of his life, Mexican folklore music, was his #1 passion. Known by his artistic name "El Gavilán," Rolando made many presentations

throughout northern Mexico in ferias, palenques, and jaripeos. He composed “El Corrido de Piedras Negras” and “Dinero,” among others, and interpreted many songs well known in the genre ranchero-norteño. Accompanied by the mariachi Los Reyes de Jalisco, some of the artists he performed with were Angélica María, Amalia Mendoza, and Cornelio Reyna, to mention a few. In October 1977, Rolando received the Consejo Internacional de Vecindad award by Raul Velasco with Siempre en Domingo along with an invitation to travel to Mexico City to record. Rolando received many accolades and awards throughout his lifetime, however, being of a humble personality, he did not give much thought to his triumphs.

Rolando is preceded in death by his parents, Don Anastacio Marquez and Doña Maria Barrios de Marquez; brother Luis Humberto Marquez; sister Diana Marquez de Coronado; daughter Carmen Gutierrez Marquez and step-son Ismael Gabriel “Gabe” Rosas.

He is survived by his loving wife, Rita Montelongo Marquez, his daughters Marta Elena Marquez de Martínez (Ricardo), Norma Marquez Lopez and Agnes Marie Marquez, and his step-son, Ishmael Isaac Rosas. Also surviving are eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren, six step-grandchildren and three step-great-grandchildren, many nieces and nephews and extended family.

Rolando is also survived by brothers Dr. Anastacio Marquez Barrios and Javier Marquez and sisters María Elena Rodriguez, Rosa Moreno, Gloria Ramirez, Dora Marquez and Edna Marquez who loved him very much.

He leaves behind many friends with whom he shared his love for music. They are too many to list, but they know who they are and will continue rejoicing people’s hearts with their music. Even folks who were not close to him considered him a friend because he was so personable. Rolando left his

stamp on the world.

A Celebration of Life service will be held at 5:30 pm on Saturday, January 30, 2021 at Mission Park South Funeral Home, 1700 S.E. Military Drive, San Antonio, TX 78214. 210-924-4242.

In accordance with CDC safety precautions, we require everyone to wear a mask upon entering the funeral home and practice social distancing while inside. There will be a 75-person maximum allowed in the chapel. The Celebration of Life will be available on the outdoor theater or you may go to the website for live streaming. For everyone's safety please honor the family from a distance. We kindly thank you in advance.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JAN 30. 5:30 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels South, Cemeteries & Crematories

1700 SE Military Dr

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<https://www.missionparks.com/>

Tribute Wall



“ *Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemeteries created a Tribute Video in memory of Rolando Marquez*



Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemetery - February 07, 2021 at 09:02 PM



“ *Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemeteries created a Webcast in memory of Rolando Marquez*



Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemetery - January 25, 2021 at 10:08 PM

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“ *We will miss him dearly he had a love of music and love of baseball and was a good husband, a loving father, and a wonderful grandpa.*



Jesslynn - January 30, 2021 at 06:29 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray* was purchased for the family of Rolando Marquez.



January 29, 2021 at 06:02 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Rolando Marquez.



January 28, 2021 at 12:47 PM