



Roy M. Saenz

July 1, 1953 - August 26, 2021

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Anyone want a margarita? Can I get you a refill? That's what you'd hear from Roy Sáenz at one of his many parties and family gatherings at Casa Sáenz. Roy loved his family and many friends, and enjoyed life greatly through his time with them. "Este hombre gozó la vida."

Roy, born on July 1, 1953, passed from this life on August 26, 2021, after a courageous 27-month battle with cancer. His memory will be cherished and celebrated by his wife of 47 1/2 years Liz Zamarripa Sáenz (aka "Security"); children Melissa, Joshua (Yarisel), and René; grandchildren Léo, Paloma, and Max; siblings Dan (Kathi) and Edna; lifelong best friend Juan Leal (aka "Uncle John"); cuñados; nieces & nephews; countless compadres y familia. Roy's parents were Sergio and Nieves Sáenz. He was a proud graduate of Burbank High School (1971), obtained degrees from SAC and Trinity University while working full-time, built a successful 45-year career at USAA, provided his family with a beautiful home and every opportunity, and taught his children an excellent work ethic, kindness and generosity through example.

Roy and Liz enjoyed life to the fullest with their huge network of friends. They spent many nights listening to live music by their circle of wonderful musician friends, dancing at high school reunions and Pueblo Hall, poker nights with his

neighborhood buddies, Dallas Cowboys games with Lanier HS buddies, dinners/drinks at their favorites Mexican Manhattan and Mi Tierra, or hosting large puro parties at Casa Sáenz that packed in the best food, music and fun. Roy was famous for his delicious home-made margaritas, and made sure nobody had an empty glass. Roy and Liz especially loved Fiesta San Antonio, celebrating each year by staying at downtown hotels and attending numerous events. They were hardcore “Medal Maniacs” with a special bond with their crazy, loving Fiesta Familia. Roy could be seen walking throughout Fiesta events with a huge smile, taking pictures and wearing his Fiesta sash covered in medals that reached down to his knees.

He took great pride in maintaining his beautifully manicured yard on his large corner lot, doing his own landscaping work with his sons’ help, while teaching them the value of work done well. He successfully hosted his neighborhood’s fun National Night Out event for 12 years on the front lawn, and loved going all-out to create impressive and festive displays for Halloween and Christmas. Even while battling cancer, Roy succeeded in creating a spectacular Christmas 2020 display that won 1st place in the San Antonio District 8 competition.

Unfortunately, the Covid 19 pandemic limited Roy’s ability to spend more time with friends and family during 2020 to early 2021. However, he held weekly outdoor, socially-distanced BBQs and dinners with family and close friends, and enjoyed bi-weekly “Brack Pack” gatherings with four other Pueblo Hall couples at Brackenridge Park – where they could have socially-distanced fun with 60s - 70s music by his buddy, DJ Joe. Roy was fortunate to see his daughter and grandchildren one last time in July 2021, when they traveled from Europe to visit. He was blessed to spend some of his last weeks with the full familia together, and see how his precious grandchildren had grown and matured.

Roy was the greatest husband, father, and friend anyone could ask for. He devoted himself to making his wife and children happy, and enriched the lives of countless friends and family that will never forget him. We will all carry on his spirit by following his example of generosity and enjoyment of life. He was a kind soul, and a very cool, fedora-wearing guy.

A private memorial tribute will be held on Thursday, September 23, 2021, at Mission Park Funeral Chapels Cherry Ridge; and an open Funeral Mass will be held at 2:00 pm on Friday, September 24, 2021, at St. Gregory the Great Catholic Church. A private burial is planned for a later date. For everyone's safety, we will require face masks for all guests, "socially-distanced" hugs, and no children please. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network (Pancan.org), St. Gregory the Great Catholic Church (stgregorysa.org) or Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine (olgsanantonio.com).

Tribute Wall



“ *Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemeteries created a Webcast in memory of Roy M. Saenz*



Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemetery - September 23, 2021 at 06:54 PM

TT

Absolutely beautiful service. My most sincere condolences mi Amigita Liz & family! My love & prayers always, May your Amor, Roy rest in our Lords peaceful kingdom, May his journey to heaven be everything & more than he could ever imagine.

Teresa Trevino - September 23, 2021 at 09:15 PM

IR

My sincerest condolences Liz to you and yours. Be Blessed

isabel Jimenez Rivas - September 24, 2021 at 10:07 AM

IV

“ Hi Liz

So sorry to have heard of Roy's passing. You have been blessed with a great man and loved by so many. I hope that you are comforted with all the wonderful memories of togetherness. Praying for you and your family.

Sincerely,

Ivy Villagran



Ivy Villagran - October 07, 2021 at 01:42 PM

CD

“ Christine Saenz Delgado sent a virtual gift in memory of Roy M. Saenz



Christine Saenz Delgado - October 03, 2021 at 07:25 PM

CD

My deepest condolences to my cousin Roy's family and friends. My family and I have great memories of playing together when we were little kiddos. His passing was unexpected and we are very sad to hear of his passing. Roy was very sweet, kind and special. ♥

Christine Saenz Delgado - October 03, 2021 at 07:38 PM

MM

“ Heaven has earned a faithful servant. We met thru mutual fiesta friends and I admired how much Liz and Roy would fully enjoy each fiesta event... I still cannot believe he is gone. His absence will be felt by all that knew him. Abrazos to Liz and his family as they try to move thru this traumatic event. I am relieved that he is no longer suffering and in pain. I pray that God wraps his arms around Liz and the family to ease their loss. Rest In Peace Roy... u will be celebrated every Fiesta... until we meet again. Minu & Fernando Martinez

Minu Martinez - September 24, 2021 at 08:07 PM

MS

“ My sincere condolences to Liz and family and for all those that were touched by Roy. As kids we hung around with each other quite a bit even though he was 3 years older than me. Those were great memories. In later years we didn't see each other very often but it was always very nice to catch up. He will be greatly missed. My parents Joe and Mary Saenz also offer their condolences.

Cousin-Mark and Rhonda Saenz

Mark Saenz - September 24, 2021 at 03:32 PM

RS

“ A truly gifted, talented and Blessed Man! We will miss Roy, but always in our hearts and minds .We will all be raising our glasses and toasting you at our gatherings. Our heartfelt condolences to his beautiful bride Liz and children Melissa, Joshua and Rene.
R.I.P Roy!
Ricardo y Magdalena Santos

Richard Santos - September 23, 2021 at 12:22 PM

SR

“ Roy and I met when we started first grade at David Crockett Elementary School. We shared some classes and when we passed to the 6th grade Roy’s family moved and he transferred to another elementary school. I went on to Lanier Junior High from 7th grade on where my destiny brought me several special friends who I will forever cherish. One of those special friends is Liz Zamarripa. We spent Lanier Junior High School where we shared many memories of Sonny & Cher, the Beatles, Aretha Franklin and Dino, Desi & Billy. Upon entering Lanier High School and passing to our senior year a group of us decided to attend summer school at Brackenridge High “for fun”. We all did have so much fun! It was then that Liz and Roy met. Liz and I graduated from Lanier in 1971, and Roy graduated from Burbank in 1971. I lost track of many friends as I set out to follow my goals. Several years later I received a phone call from my friend, now Liz Saenz! I had never forgotten her or Roy. I was able to meet with Roy, Liz and some of their close friends to celebrate Liz’s birthday in 2018, and I thoroughly enjoyed Roy sharing pictures! What a fun night. I will forever cherish those memories. I now find myself speechless in learning of my friend Roy’s passing.....those that know me know it is very seldom that I am speechless. Roy is and has always been, the epitome of a true gentleman who genuinely loved his wife, family and friends unconditionally. I feel truly blessed that the Lord permitted our paths to cross and that I can call Roy my friend. Sleep in Heavenly Peace Roy. Thank you for being a true friend. I will miss you and I will never forget you.

My dearest friend Liz, and entire family, my heart is shattered for you all. I will keep you all in my thoughts and prayers. Roy’s love will forever guide you now from Heaven as he guided you in life. He will be with you always, I am sure, waiting for when you are all together again. Liz, Melissa, Josh and Rene, you have all done all you could, with all the love you had.....NO ONE can do more than that. My sincere condolences and deepest heartfelt sympathies to each and every one of you. Liz, I am always only a phone call away my forever friend. Your loss is my loss also.

Forever your friend, Susie P. RODRIGUEZ

Susie P. Rodriguez - September 22, 2021 at 06:58 PM

LV

“ *Will truly miss Roy
(Let's take a selfie)
A true Fiesta Medal Maniac
Rest In Peace Roy and ViVA!!!*

lillian villanueva - September 21, 2021 at 06:12 PM

JM

“ *First met Roy in the early 70's at USAA. We were both starting new jobs and we spent many hours working together. My wife and I were invited to Liz and Roy's wedding and we had a great time there. Roy was a good person and I never heard a cross word from him. He always had a smile on his face when ever we met. Wishing him eternal rest and peace.*

Juan Mendoza

Juan Mendoza - September 21, 2021 at 12:09 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Roy M. Saenz.*



September 21, 2021 at 10:02 AM

NR

“ I met Roy at Hillcrest Elementary and continued to share his friendship at Burbank High School. We shared many adventures through high school and worked together for a few years while in high school.

He was a good man with a big heart and a beautiful personality.

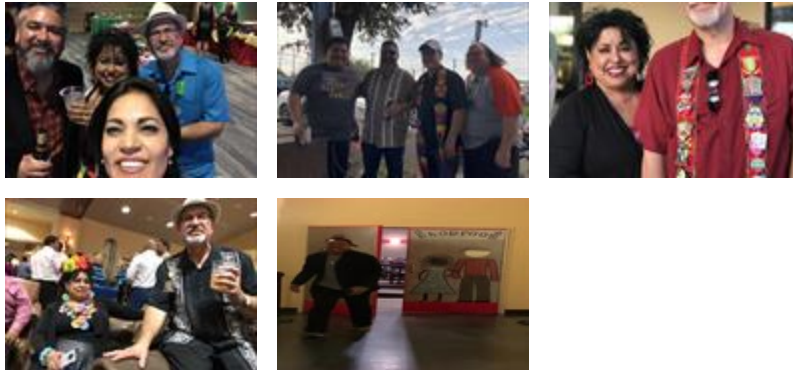
Liz, my deepest condolences to you and your family.

Nat Rodriguez

Nat Rodriguez - September 21, 2021 at 09:49 AM

MM

“ Some of the many wonderful memories we shared ❤️
Eloy & Monica Medina



Monica & Eloy Medina - September 21, 2021 at 01:53 AM

RM

“ I graduated in 1971 with Liz I moved to California in 1977 and returned back in 2016 and didn't meet Roy till then. When I first met Roy I knew I mediatly that he was a good guy and we establish a friendship relationship. I always enjoyed his company he was always fun to hang around with and I'm just sorry that I didn't get to know him a little better but my heart goes out to his family, cause I know he will sorely be missed. May he rest in pease and look down on his family from the heavens and smile as they continue to carry his name.



Rito "Sonny" Medina - September 20, 2021 at 09:11 PM

NC

“ My dearest Saenz family, there are just no words that I can say, that will ever comfort you... Roy is no longer in pain but his love for all of you and his circle of friends can never be measured... He loved all of you unconditionally.. you will never walk alone..because all of you always had hope in your heart!!❤️ He was a fighter and wasn't afraid of the storm...I can't imagine how you feel... my heart aches for you and your family...I admired his fighting spirit and I always thought that he would beat the cancer...he never gave up..with all of you by his side...he was a true hero....I can remember seeing his smile and how much fun he was having at Fiesta with everyone! He did it for you and him because of the love y'all shared of our favorite time of year..because he probably knew...Liz and family we are here for you..tell me what you need....We love all of you... May Roy rest in everlasting peace...
Nick and Bonnie Carrisal

Nick and Bonnie Carrisal - September 20, 2021 at 07:44 PM

RG

“ Liz and family, want to express our condolences and heartfelt sympathy for the passing of a very dear beloved friend. Roy was a kind and dear man, remember him and our meeting at dances, bringing us his "special" margarita drink. We grieve with you (Liz) dear friend and your family. We loved your friendship, and words cannot express how this hurts. Roy had his calling, may he "Rest in Peace". God Bless you Liz....

Mike n Ruth

ruth gonzales - September 20, 2021 at 04:30 PM

LK

“ Liz and family, the Karam family and the entire staff of the Mexican Manhattan express our deepest sympathy on the passing of our beloved friend, Roy. For years, you have not only supported us, but have brought smiles, fun and laughter every time you visited. You were a true member of our restaurant family. The loss of such a wonderful man is heartbreaking, and only God knows why He called Roy. We will keep all of you in our prayers. God bless you all.

Larry Karam

Larry Karam - September 20, 2021 at 11:21 AM

GI

Liz, our most heartfelt condolences to you and your family. We are so saddened to hear this. We have great memories of Roy taking pictures of all of us dancing and having great times at Pueblo Hall. Always had a smile on his face and friendly to everyone. Our love and prayers go out to you Liz. May the Good Lord give you the strength, peace and comfort to get through your pain.

Gloria and Robert Ibarra

Gloria Ibarra - September 20, 2021 at 04:01 PM

RN

“ I was very fortunate to have worked with Roy at USAA. What I remember most about him was the spirit of joy he seemed to always be enveloped with. There were times when I would see him working away at his desk with a smile on his face. I was so appreciative for his patience with me and the mentorship he so freely offered. It was evident to me he loved his family tremendously. My sincere condolences to his family.

Raul Nevarez

Raul Nevarez - September 20, 2021 at 09:58 AM



“ Roy Thank you dear Friend for your Precious Friendship, your Heart of Gold n your memories through the photos. Your smile n kindness will be missed. God has gained a #1 Photographer that will Shine pictures in the Sky n thru the Clouds. Liz dear friend💔n your family you're in our hearts n our prayers . 🙏💙

Hortense Roland Martinez - September 19, 2021 at 10:37 PM

DM

“ Roy, what an absolute blessing it was to have met you and Liz...Fernando & I were blessed to have known you for as long as we did and cherish the moments we had with you if even for a short time... you will be missed friend...may the Good Lord along with all the Angels & Saints welcome you with open arms into his Kingdom...Our deepest condolences to Liz and the Saenz family during this difficult time, God speed

Fernando & Diane Martinez



Diane Martinez - September 19, 2021 at 02:18 PM

JS

“ Our sincere condolences to Liz & her family. Roy was a great man, a great friend, & a great husband to our dear friend Liz. We will miss his good sense of humor, his friendship & all the memories we shared with him & Liz. They were a couple that knew so many people & their friendship was one of happiness, loyalty, & love. May you Rest in eternal peace our dear friend.

Joyce & Hugo De Los Santos - September 19, 2021 at 12:03 PM

MS

“ My sincere condolences to Liz his children & grandchildren. It is with great sadness to hear of his passing. He was far too young. I always remember him smiling all the time. And now that smile is in heaven.

*With all my love your cousin,
Miriam Saenz*

Miriam Saenz - September 18, 2021 at 08:24 PM

AC

“ Roy was a great individual with a big heart. Taken from his family way to soon.

May he Rest In Peace

Adrian & Brandy

Adrian Caballero - September 18, 2021 at 07:14 PM

MG

“ Many fond memories of primo Roy. Enjoyed all the pachangas at your house, at Fiesta, and many other places. You were truly an inspiration to many. Always looked to you for investment advice. I could never beat you at pool. Your frozen Margaritas that showed up everywhere were second to none. My deepest condolences to the family.

Mario Guerra - September 18, 2021 at 03:47 PM

RA

“ We both met Roy at USAA. He had been there for while in Computer Operations before we met him. When he finished his degree at Trinity, he was selected to be trained as a Programmer and was assigned to Technical Systems. As he worked his way up he was found to be sharp and gifted. He was an excellent communicator and a reliable performer. He initially resisted any move to management. He was a relatively quiet man but over the years we heard about his family. We heard about his daughter going to Graduate School in California and then marrying a guy from Switzerland. When his twin sons were born, we told him the story of Romulus and Remus, the twins who are credited with the founding of Rome. About 18 years later, Roy told us that Romulus and Remus had graduated from High School, I guess he remembered what we had told him. He had a wonderful sense of humor. I don't think we had talked to him in over twenty years, but the world is a poorer place for his passing.

Richard and Ann Adams

Richard and Ann Adams - September 18, 2021 at 12:24 AM

NG

“ Dear Primo Roy, we carry your warm smile and easy going personality & loving heart close within our hearts. I always noticed how you were always so there for your wife Prima Liz like it was your first date together, tu amor por vida. We love you & Liz and your family very much. May you rest in Peace Primo. Your spirit lives on.

Nancy Lee Guerra - September 18, 2021 at 12:00 AM

RV

“ We will truly miss our beloved compadre Roy. His love for his wife Liz, his children & grandchildren and many family members & friends was immeasurable. We will miss you Roy and will never forget you! Rest in eternal peace compadre!

Raul & Deborah Vasquez - September 17, 2021 at 06:44 PM

JS

We will truly miss our friend Roy. His good humor, smile & great friendship will remain in our hearts forever. May you Rest In eternal peace our dear friend.

Joyce & Hugo De Los Santos - September 17, 2021 at 10:30 PM

AD

“ I always enjoyed working with Roy at USAA, a consummate professional and all around nice guy who was always willing to help. Prayers and sympathies for the family and friends. God bless!

Aaron Divel - September 17, 2021 at 04:36 PM

DM

“ May God's grace bring strength, comfort, and healing in this time of sorrow.

David and Nina Marroquin - September 17, 2021 at 01:27 PM

GY

“ My deepest condolences to the Saenz family
My compadre's smile was always welcoming to everyone he met.
His joy, his love, his soul mate- Liz & his children & grandchildren were his entire world
Eternal rest grant unto him oh Lord, may perpetual light shine upon him
May he Rest In Peace Amen

Ginebra Ybarra - September 17, 2021 at 01:18 PM



“ On behalf of the Enríquez Familia, our sincere condolences to our fellow Lanier71 alumni and lifelong friend Liz and the Saenz Familia. Roy was a great friend, great company and an incredible human being. Till we meet again on the other side - valla con Dios amigo.

Bob Enriquez - September 17, 2021 at 11:49 AM



“ Our sincere condolences to the family. He was a very nice quiet guy. May he Rest In Peace.

Tina and Carlos Gonzalez - September 17, 2021 at 11:37 AM



“ Condolences to Liz and the entire family. What a honor to have know Roy and Family.
May he rest in Peace. We will miss him.
Prayers and with you. Johnny and Donna Salazar

DONNA SALAZAR - September 17, 2021 at 10:49 AM



“ Condolences to Liz & the entire family. A great man has passed to his eternal reward. Wha an honor to have known him. Sending love and prayers. Joe & Diana Segura

Diana Segura - September 17, 2021 at 09:47 AM