



Ruben Zulaica Apaez, Sr.

September 5, 1943 - September 13, 2014

TSGT Ruben Zulaica Apaez, Sr., USAF retired, age 71, took his first breath in the presence of the Almighty on 13 September 2014 and began a new chapter in his service to The Lord. Born 5 September 1943 to Francisco Apaez and Maria Zulaica, he was one of 13 children. He is preceded in death by his parents, brothers Jesse, Mateo, Paul and Joe. Sisters Mary Francis and Minerva. Survived by brothers Richard, Efrain & Frank; Sisters Esther, Martha & Adela; His loving and faithful bride of 45 years, Margarita, his sons Ruben Jr and his wife Lorisa, Benjamin Sr and his wife Natica and Vivian Pacheco and her husband Gary. He is also survived by his grandchildren Ruben III, Abel, Katelynn, Patrick, Breeana, Christian, Benjamin Jr, Alissa, Noah, Madison, Adam, Gary Jr and great-grandchildren Elijah and Ariel. He attended Fox Tech where he learned welding, a skill that would eventually support his future family. Active in ROTC, he knew early that the military was where he belonged. His service to our country began in 1963 until his retirement in 2003 serving in the US Army and the USAF at Kelly AFB. He applied his craft at the 433rd Military Airlift Command as an aircraft welder. It was there he would retire. He was also active in the Knights of Columbus where he was Grand Knight of council 4786. He later transferred his membership to council 10090. In his sickness he brought healing. In his suffering, he brought comfort and in his death, he breathed new life into his family. He taught us all life lessons by example and because of that his legacy lives strong.

SERVICES

Visitation will be held from 5:00 – 9:00 PM at Mission Park Funeral Chapels North on Sunday, September 21, 2014 with a Rosary to begin at 7:00 PM. Mass will begin at 12:30 PM on Monday, September 22, 2014 at St. Anthony Mary Claret, 6150 Rofit Road. For those who could not make the viewing on Sunday, a brief viewing will be allowed beginning at 11:30 AM before mass begins. Procession to Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery immediately following church service. In lieu of flowers, the family is asking that monetary gifts be made out to his wife.