



Rudolfo (Rudy) Marez Mata

October 29, 1925 - September 1, 2022

Rudolfo (Rudy) Marez Mata, age 96 of San Antonio, TX, passed away on September 1, 2022, surrounded by his two loving sons. Rudy was a decorated veteran of World War II and the Korean Conflict. He then served in the Texas Air National Guard from 1948 through 1985, having achieved the rank of Chief Master Sergeant in 1961. He was loyal to God, Country, and his entire family.

Rudy was preceded in death by his two loving wives, Emma (d 2021) and Susana (d 1981); his parents, Tomas, and Refugia; six siblings, Alfred, Tom, Ben, Tina, Raul and Carlos, and granddaughter Beth Mata.

Rudy is survived by his two sons, Ron Mata (Judy) from Helotes, TX, and Gerald Mata (Valerie) from Stoneham, MA; stepson, Joe Daniel Caldwell Sr (Mary); grandchildren, Lara Fritz (William), Paul Mata, Scott Mata, Jacqueline Mata, Victoria Mata, Joe Daniel Caldwell Jr (Nicole), Kathleen Caldwell, Jacqueline Randall (Roby); great-grandchildren, Rowen Fritz, Kenzie Fritz, Arlo Caldwell, Cadence Caldwell, Oliver Randall, Mikey Randall.

Rudy will be missed by many loving family members, The Hills Church, and the Texas Air National Guard 149th Tactical Fighter Group.

Visitation will be held on Saturday, September 10, 2022, at 12:30 p.m. with a funeral service to begin at 1:30 p.m. at Mission Park Funeral Chapels South.

Interment will follow at Mission Burial Park South.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Veterans of Foreign Wars (vfw.org)

For personal acknowledgement, you may sign the online guestbook at www.missionparks.com in the obituary section or view the funeral service live.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 10. 12:30 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels South, Cemeteries & Crematories
1700 SE Military Dr
San Antonio, TX 78214
(210) 924-4242
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

Funeral Service

SEP 10. 1:30 PM (CT)

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Interment

SEP 10 (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemeteries created a Webcast in memory of Rudolfo (Rudy) Marez Mata*



Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemetery - September 08, 2022 at 12:23 PM

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“ *My deepest condolences to the family of CMSgt Rudolfo M. Mata and my sincerest apologies for not being able to attend the services today. Chief Mata was a person that I valued so much. My heart goes out to his family. I will always think of him, think of his warmth, his peacefulness, and his caring for others. May he rest in peace until we meet again. Always in my heart...*

*Hector M. Lugo
USAF/ SMSGT TEX ANG*

Hector M. Lugo - September 10, 2022 at 07:50 PM

WC

“ *It's hard to describe the sentiments I feel in the passing of Rudy Mata. He was very kind and supportive to me. He was a man of integrity, valor and love for his family. He served this country with dignity and devotion and was always kind in his ways. I will miss Rudy and regret so much not having spent more time with him. May God bless you. We love you and will miss you Rudy.*

William Caldwell - September 10, 2022 at 06:52 PM

KH

“ As I hear the worldwide tributes to Queen Elizabeth today, I am struck with how applicable each tribute is to Rudy: faithful, hard-working, family-oriented, of great service to the country, devoted to faith. These two 96-year-olds will forever be remembered for who and whose they were. I was so blessed to have Rudy as a loved one for nearly fifty years. Ian and I send our thoughts and prayers to each of you. Love, Katherine Cornell Hore

Kathy Hore - September 10, 2022 at 09:06 AM

ML

“ Rudy Mata was a founding member of the Rainbow Hills Area Neighborhood Association and contributed his time and talents to the betterment of our neighborhood. He will truly be missed. The entire association sends condolences on his passing.

Mary Kathryn Luna, President

Mary Kathryn Luna - September 09, 2022 at 03:26 PM



“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Rudolfo (Rudy) Marez Mata.



September 09, 2022 at 03:11 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of *Rudolfo (Rudy) Marez Mata*.



September 08, 2022 at 05:08 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* was purchased for the family of *Rudolfo (Rudy) Marez Mata*.



September 06, 2022 at 03:22 PM