



Rudy Martinez Garanzuay

March 16, 1937 - January 23, 2021

Rudy Martinez Garanzuay, beloved husband, father, and grandfather was called home by the Lord on Saturday, January 23, 2021. He was born on March 16, 1937 to Rudy Hoyos Garanzuay and Inocencia Rosa Martinez.

Rudy was a graduate of Luther Burbank High School where learned the trade of auto collision repair. After graduating from high school, Rudy enlisted in the US Army as an E1 and served as an Armor Intel Specialist in the Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion, 81st Armor, 1st Armored Division, Fort Hood, TX for over 2 years. During his time of service, he was promoted to the rank of E4.

Upon receiving an Honorable Discharge from the US Army, he worked at Popp Body Shop and Tindall Pontiac Dealership for many years. He later owned his own auto body shop. When Judson High School opened their auto collision repair program, he became their first instructor. He worked at Judson High School for 20 years before retiring in 1997. After retiring, he volunteered as an Airport Ambassador at the San Antonio International Airport for 10 years.

In 1993 Rudy and his wife purchased an acre of land in the North Bexar County. Rudy cleared the land himself and six months later construction began on their new home. After construction was completed and they moved in, Rudy demonstrated his many talents by landscaping the property, building a four-car garage, and bricking it, building a wrought iron fence with brick columns, installing an electric gate, and laying a concrete driveway. He was a jack of all trades and master of all.

Rudy was a magician with, and lifelong lover of automobiles. Over the years he customized a 1972 Ford Ranchero, a 1985 Chevy El Camino, full restoration of a 1951 Pontiac Chieftain, and a circa 1955 Porsche Speedster convertible. At the time of his passing, he was working on customizing a 1951 Mercury Coupe. As he often said, "If you love your job, you never work a day in your life." Unfortunately, he was not able to complete the project.

Rudy was preceded in death by his parents; stepfather, Ignacio Macal; sister, Lupe G. Esparza; brother; Johnny Garcia, and brother-in-law, Charles O. Pastrano. He is survived by his loving wife of 37 years Betty Cooper Garanzuay; his children: Jimmy L. Garanzuay, Laura A. Garanzuay (Brett Bradford), Larry D. Garanzuay (Dawn), John Stanson (Sofia), Marisa Bankston (Ilan); brothers: Antonio Garanzuay (Veronica), Jonas K. Garanzuay (Beth), and Roy Hoyos; sisters: Susanna Gonzales (Richard), Cynthia Blair (Ric); his friend and mother of his children, Rosa Perez Garanzuay; grandchildren: Jackson W. Bradford, Lauren O. Garanzuay, Kyle D. Bankston and Dakota M. Bankston. Rudy is also survived by his beloved nieces and nephews and numerous friends.

Rudy will always be remembered as a very handsome, honorable gentlemen,

soulmate to his wife, and his unconditional love of his children, grandchildren, and family.

A GRAVESIDE SERVICE will be held at 11:00am, Saturday, February 6, 2021 at Holy Cross Archdiocesan Cemetery, 17501 Nacogdoches Rd. San Antonio, Texas.

The family wishes to thank the COVID-19 nursing staff at North Central Baptist Hospital for their kind and compassionate care. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Us Too – www.ustoo.org, attention San Antonio Alamo Chapter, in Honor of Rudy Garanzuay, or a charity of your choice.

Cemetery Details

Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery

17501 Nacogdoches Rd
San Antonio, TX 78266

Previous Events

Graveside Service with Military Honors

FEB 6. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

FA

“ Our most sincere condolences to the Guaranzzy family. What a great person Rudy was, as a fellow teacher, friend, & fellow alumni of Burbank. Always with a smile and pleasant greeting. If u needed help, he was always willing to help. Will miss his presence.
Frank & Sharon Arnold

Frank Arnold - February 08, 2021 at 02:00 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rudy Martinez Garanzuay.



February 03, 2021 at 12:04 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Rudy Martinez Garanzuay.



February 02, 2021 at 06:19 PM

RF

“ Richard and Suzanna Gonzalez & Family purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Rudy Martinez Garanzuay.



Richard and Suzanna Gonzalez & Family - February 02, 2021 at 12:12 PM

EG

“ My deepest sympathy to all of Rudy's family. He was a beautiful person. We were neighbors for two and a half years and I will miss our talks that we would have when we saw each other outside. He was always so kind and cheerful. Rest in peace, Rudy.

Ellen Grett

Ellen Grett - February 01, 2021 at 12:49 PM

JS

“ Papá Rudy, thank you for sharing your life with us. Thank you for your love and support. Gracias por ser my Spanish buddy. We know you are with God and you are at peace. We will miss you but also know you will always walk by our side. We love you forever ❤️🕊️



John & Sofia Stanson - January 31, 2021 at 08:12 PM

LS

“ To dear Betty and all the family members, we extend to you our deepest condolences.
It's hard to find the words to best describe Rudy. But we can say we were lucky to be friends with him. He was a honest and hard working man. He was our best neighbor and we will miss him.
Rest In Peace Rudy
Luis & Roze Soliz

Luis Soliz - January 30, 2021 at 11:30 PM

JA

“ Rudy and his students at Judson painted my '78 Olds Cutlass Supreme from rusty gray to a glossy Midnight Black with a red pinstripe. I was junior at Judson and didn't have two nickels to rub together. I think I gave Rudy \$200 for “materials”. I know now it has to be much more than that. It was the best looking paint job on any car I ever owned!!. I am sure many others benefitted from his artistic touch and perfectionism. Not to mention all the Judson students who went on to have successful careers. Rest In Peace. I share my empathy with the loved ones left behind and pray that the family can be together in some way during this difficult time. - Jim Arteaga

Jim Arteaga - January 30, 2021 at 10:04 PM

CB

“ Manito... you are such an accomplished humble gentleman.... I loved your quirky sense of humor and watching you and Betty dance made my heart happy...I admire how you lived life and loved what you did...you made this world a better place by teaching and just being your honest self. I sure will miss you

Cynthia Blair - January 30, 2021 at 04:26 PM

AG

“ To my big brother who introduced me to our love for Hot Rods and fast cars. You lovingly painted my first Funny Car at Judson High school and it was absolutely beautiful. I raced that car all through Texas, Alabama, Florida and many unknown race tracks. It was always one of the most beautiful cars out on the track. I'll never forget your love and friendship as my big brother.

Antonio Garanzuay - January 30, 2021 at 03:07 PM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Rudy Martinez Garanzuay.*



January 30, 2021 at 02:54 PM



“ *Uncle Rudy, I will miss r phone conversations. We talked, laughed, reminisced n look forward to the end of this pandemic so we could have a big family get together w/lots of Hugs. RIP ❤️*

Rosie Dickson-niece - January 30, 2021 at 11:42 AM