



Rudy C. Ortiz

July 14, 1943 - April 14, 2006

Ortiz

Rudy Casarez Ortiz was called by God to be received in his embrace on April 14, 2006 at 62 years of age. He was surrounded by his loving wife and family. He is preceded in death by his mother, Stella Casarez Ortiz, who will welcome him to heaven. He is survived by his caring wife of 39 years, Margarita Petra Ortiz. He is also survived by his father, George Moya Ortiz, his three children, Michelle Zuniga, Eric Ortiz, and Elizabeth Ortiz; son-in-law, Gilbert Gibby Zuniga, his three grandchildren, Ryan Ortiz, Gabriel Zane Zuniga, Zoe Nicole Zuniga, and his three brothers, Manuel Ortiz, George Ortiz, and Joe Ortiz, and their loving families. Rudy came to San Antonio as a young boy from Beeville. He attended elementary school at Our Lady of Guadalupe and graduated from Holy Cross High School. Rudy served honorably in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He received his Bachelor of Arts in English from the University of Texas in 1970 and a Masters in Social work from Our Lady of the Lake University in 1975. Rudy worked for 30 years with the Alamo Community College District as a Counselor and Associate Professor, where he touched the lives of many students and faculty. He served as President of the Texas Association of Chicanos in Higher Education TACHE and helped found the Cyberspace Poetry Society. In 1977 Rudy served as city councilman for District 6, and mayor pro-term. He then stayed involved with the other community leaders to help his beloved city. Rudy's family would like to give special thanks to the many compassionate, caring health care providers and

doctors who made Rudy's time with them so much better because of their gentle kindness.

Services

Visitation will begin on Tuesday, April 18, 2006 from 5:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. at Mission Park Funeral chapels south. A rosary will be recited at 7:00 p.m. that evening at the funeral home. Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, April 19, 2006 at the funeral home at 11:00 a.m. Interment to follow at Mission Burial Park South. For personal acknowledgement you may sign the guest book at www.missionparks.com in the obituary section.

Tribute Wall

TG

“ Michelle, my condolences to you and your family on the loss of your father. As you know I also lost my father in January of this year. I know the loss and pain you are feeling. My prayers are with you in your time of sorrow. God Bless!

Tonie Gutierrez - April 19, 2006 at 12:00 AM

GH

“ We send our deepest sympathies to the Ortiz family. Rudy was a wonderful neighbor and always had a smile or a joke for us when we saw him. We will keep Margarita and the family in our hearts as they go through this most difficult time.

Ginny and Steve Hanson - April 18, 2006 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ He was, to me, a warrior poet with a strong sense of civil justice, and a man of deep undivided faith with a devotion to the Virgin.

I knew him to be man who walked thoughtfully because of experience, memories, and dreams. I was privileged to know him

Martha ES Buchanan - April 18, 2006 at 12:00 AM

SN

“ My deepest sympathy during this time. Your father was a great man and loved by so many. He will be greatly missed.

Your Cousin, Shari Newman

Shari Newman - April 17, 2006 at 12:00 AM

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XR

“ *I am so saddened by the loss of Mr. Ortiz. He will greatly be missed. I worked at SAC when Rudy was counseling. He always had a smile to offer and a cup of coffee in his hand! He was a wonderful person. May God be with you in your time of sorrow.*

Xandy Rocha - April 17, 2006 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ *Dear Margarita and family,*

I am deeply saddened with the loss of our beloved Rudy. I will miss him dearly.

May God's strength and peace be with you during this time of sorrow.

If there's anything I can do for you, please call me anytime.

Sara Samano - April 17, 2006 at 12:00 AM