



Rudy P. Villarreal

April 27, 1930 - February 20, 2017

Rudy P. Villarreal was called home by his heavenly father on February 20, 2017. He was born in San Antonio, Texas on April 27, 1930, and was one of six children. He is survived by his loving wife of 62 years, Pauline C. Villarreal, daughters Lisa (Xavier) and Leslie (Gabe), grandson Jonah, granddaughter Sydney, endeared family friend Cynthia Martinez, brother Marcelino (Dolores), and numerous nieces, nephews and Godchildren. Rudy served our Nation in the U.S. Army Air Corps for 2 years

and was stationed in Adak, Alaska at the young age of 17. After serving in the military he served the city of San Antonio for more than 37 years as a fire fighter at stations #10 and #27. He was a devoted and loving son, husband, father, grandfather, uncle and friend. He was always ready to help anyone who needed him and took care of his family until the very end. He will be deeply missed and the memories he gave us and life lessons he taught us will be treasured.

Services:

Visitation will be held Wednesday March 1, 2017, from 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm at Mission Park Funeral Chapels North with a Holy Rosary at 7:00 pm. A mass of

Christian Burial will be held Thursday, March 2, 2017, 11:30 am at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in Helotes, Texas, with interment

following at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery

1520 Harry Wurzbach
San Antonio, TX 78209

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 1. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels Cherry Ridge
3401 Cherry Ridge Dr
San Antonio, TX 78230
(210) 349-1414
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

Vigil Service

MAR 1. 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels Cherry Ridge
3401 Cherry Ridge Dr
San Antonio, TX 78230
(210) 349-1414
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

Funeral Mass

MAR 2. 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM (CT)

Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church, Helotes
13715 Riggs Rd.
Helotes, TX 78023

Interment

MAR 2. 1:45 PM (CT)

Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery
1520 Harry Wurzbach
San Antonio, TX 78209

Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Rudy P. Villarreal.*



March 01, 2017 at 10:41 PM



“ *David and Caroline Livingston purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Rudy P. Villarreal.*



David and Caroline Livingston - March 01, 2017 at 08:13 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Rudy P. Villarreal.*



March 01, 2017 at 11:30 AM

EH

“ My Goddaddy was the best Godfather you could ask for. He has a amazing smile and I just loved his contiguous laugh. I never saw him upset or angry, he was always happy. Goddaddy could take a car apart and repair it in no time. He always was ready to help my parents, Louis and Lucille Saenz in home repairs or car repairs. Goddaddy and Godmommy would always tell me stories of when I was first born and all the trips or rides we would take. He always had the biggest smile during our stories. I can honestly say I had the best Goddaddy in the world. Not many people can say they have been in contact with their Godparents as I have. They have been with me every step of the way in my life. I was Goddaddy's first Goddaughter and I loved him so very much. I will miss you very much. I know you are now resting but still watching over Godmommy, Lisa and Leslie. Loving you always Lizzy

Elizabeth A Herrera - February 28, 2017 at 01:12 AM

LJ

“ My Dad was a wonderful dad. I will always cherish the memories of the times we spent together. When I was a little girl we would have breakfast together. He with his coffee and me with my 95% milk "coffee". We had our weekly trips to the toy store so I could get the latest toy I saw on TV. He built a sandbox in the back yard for me to play in. He taught me how to ride a bike and to play pool. And then there were all the school projects and events that came along. He built a maze for my science project and a balance beam so I could practice my gymnastics. Then all the band concerts and football games followed. He never missed any of that and was always ready to take me wherever I needed to go. When I decided to buy a sports car, he taught me to drive standard. That was an adventure, but he had a lot of fun too. Sometimes on Saturdays, we would just spend time doing stuff around the house and listening to country music. Sundays would be spent screaming at the TV when we watched our beloved Dallas Cowboys.

Dad taught us it was important to help others. Whether it was fixing a car, doing home repairs, or just giving someone a ride, he always made time for anyone who needed his help.

Dad was never one to show a lot of emotion or say many words, but Mom, Leslie, and I always knew he loved us totally and would take good care of us.

Dad fought long and hard and now it is time for him to rest.

Be at peace Dad. I will think of you and miss you every day. I love you so much - your daughter - Lisa

Lisa Jones - February 27, 2017 at 02:50 PM

SG

“ *Pauline ,Leslie ,Lisa ,Jonah, Sydney we are very sorry for your loss ,though it is hard to let go we know that he is now resting and watching over all of you. Our Love and Prayers go out to all of you. God bless you all..*

Simon and Maria Guajardo

Simon Guajardo - February 27, 2017 at 10:34 AM



“ *Sapphire Skies Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rudy P. Villarreal.*



February 26, 2017 at 10:53 AM

JM

“ Rudy, Rudy, Rudy better yet "Tata". Rudy and Pauline purchased their first home at 143 Manning Dr. and have been friends of the Martinez Family at 139 Manning Dr., I think, for 60 years. Rudy and Pauline were the best neighbors my Dad and Mom could have prayed for. The Martinez Family has always been friends of the Villarreals and have many fond memories of Lisa and Leslie growing up to be perfect example's of exceptional parenting. We offer 200% prayer support during this difficult time. I wish to celebrate Rudy's life but have too many memories to share. I'm Happy for "Tata", he is no longer suffering, I'm sure he had a smile on his face when his compadre y comadre my Dad and Mom were the first in line to greet him upon his arrival in Heaven. I bet the first thing he did was ask my Mom to make him some tortillas, boy did he love her tortillas. 2 Timothy 4:7 "You have fought the good fight, you have finished the race, you have kept the faith" good job "Tata". Give my Mom, Dad and my brother Oscar a hug for us, and work on their car and don't worry about "Pala" we will help care for her. We love you "Tata" The Martinez's.

Jerry Martinez - February 22, 2017 at 10:46 PM



“ *My Uncle was an amazing man. He was always ready to help with any project and he loved working on cars. My earliest childhood memory of him was when he would take Lisa and I for a ride in his green Impala and the first stop was always the Ice House to get our favorite candy. We spent several family vacations together going to the coast or an amusement park, he always enjoyed riding the roller coasters. When Sunday came, it was Church first and then it was all about the Dallas Cowboys! He also enjoyed sweets, Big Red, but most of all he loved his family unconditionally. He loved his job as a SA Fireman and always enjoyed sharing stories about the time when he was stationed in the Aleutian Islands, Alaska. I was so proud of my Uncle for so many reasons. We were blessed to have him and his wisdom for so many years. I will cherish the memories forever. Thank you Uncle Rudy for always being there for all of us. You will be missed!!!*

Love always, your niece Monica

Monica Del Toro - February 22, 2017 at 09:58 PM

CM

*Rudy to me was my Tata. I considered him like my dad as he was always willing to show me how to fix things around the house, car repairs and even showed me how to water and mowe the grass. I have some many fond memories of him, especially when Lisa was little. In order to put her to sleep at night, we had to take a drive to downtown Houston street to see the Alameda lighted sign everyday. Then came Leslie and same routine of every night drive to put her to sleep, but her trip was down Hillcrest and Bandera to see the Randy's Rodeo sign. He was a very caring and considerate man. I even caught my first fish (Red) while on a fishing trip with him. What I know now regarding fixing things around the house, I owe to him. Before Lisa and Leslie were born, He and Mom, Pauline, would take me to Playland park. He would get on the roller coaster and the hammer with me so that I wouldn't get on by myself. I love him for all that he did for me and will miss him dearly. I know that he is in a better place, not suffering anymore and glad that I was able to care for him. I want to thank Lisa and Leslie for sharing their wonderful dad with me. "see you later alligator"
Love you Tata
Cynthia Martinez*

Cynthia Martinez - February 23, 2017 at 04:29 PM

SH

“ I always looked forward to seeing Rudy. He was a true gentleman and good friend. I will truely miss him and his infectious smile. My day was always lit with additional sunshine after a visit with him. Rest in peace, Rudy.

Steve Harrell - February 22, 2017 at 03:32 PM

 Erica
Perez

“ He was a great man. Even an exceptional one on most days. They really don't make them like him anymore. Mr. Rudy was the type of father I wished as a little girl I could've had. Yet now, I love him and respected him as a grandpa. I am very grateful to have had the honor of being a part of his life. God has him now and I'm certain he's going to be a special kind of Angel. To his family, and everyone who knew him and loved him, I'm sorry for our loss.

Erica Perez - February 22, 2017 at 03:10 PM

OJ

“ Uncle Rudy, taught me mechanics. As a kid I'd be dropped off at grandmas garage & learn what tools were for and how to use them I learned how to siphon gas with a hose 🤔
Always patience with me , I did have 100 questions !
RIP Uncle Rudy say hey to all 🙏

Oscar Villarreal Jr. - February 22, 2017 at 03:05 PM

LE

“ My dad was an amazing father - I was so lucky to have him. I have so many wonderful memories of him that choosing one would be too difficult. My earliest memories of him were on Saturday mornings - he would watch cartoons with me for hours, we would eat, laugh and just be together. My next favorite memory was the replica doll house he built for me one Christmas. It looked just like our home. Years later I found out how many hours Santa spent on that house. He always put his all into anything he did and always tried to give us everything. I remember the weekends spent at Canyon Lake and the love he put into our home there. He never missed a band concert, football game or other event Lisa and I had. When he wasn't at the fire station he was either at his shop or in our driveway working on someone's vehicle. He loved helping others with whatever he could as a mechanic and handy man - dad truly was a jack of all trades and master at most of them. He loved his home, his yard work and just doing everything he could to take care of mom, my sister and I. Lucky for me, he was able to retire at a time that he could be there to help mom with his grandkids. Once they came along he spent every day with them picking them up from school, taking them wherever they wanted to go - they were more spoiled than Lisa and I were. He taught them, just like he did us, so many things. I know they will value their time with him.

Dad fought a hard fight until the end and never complained one bit. Even though we knew he was in pain he never showed it and always displayed grace, dignity and love.

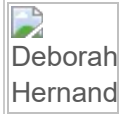
I will miss you so much dad - love always, your daughter - Leslie

Leslie - February 22, 2017 at 01:30 PM

ER

Mr. Rudy it was an honor that I was able to call you my friend. Thank you for your kind words and the great conversations. You will truly be missed.

Eric - February 22, 2017 at 02:22 PM



Deborah
Hernand

Uncle Rudy I have great memories he was always at Grandmas working on cars , often times Mom would stop by to visit uncle Rudy and aunt Pauline and we would get pecans. He's has made it to the pearly gates reunited with his family. Sending hugs to my cousins Lisa and Leslie and Aunt Pauline. Things have changed and getting use to not having your pops will be an adjustment. Blessings and prayers to y'all love Debbie

Deborah Hernandez - February 22, 2017 at 09:22 PM



SB

So many memories, too many to choose just one. He was always there to help. "Dad" will be truly missed.

*Love,
Stacie Silvus Brown*

Stacie Brown - March 01, 2017 at 05:36 PM