



SMSgt. Rogelio Bolado (USAF, Ret.)

November 9, 1919 - March 20, 2022

On March 20, 2022, at the age of 102 Rogelio (Roger) Bolado left this world to join his beloved wife, Alicia, in heavenly rest. He was surrounded by family and died peacefully at home.

Roger was born on November 9, 1919 in Hidalgo, Nuevo Leon, Mexico, to parents Joel and Maria Bolado and moved to Brownsville with his family in 1929 when he was 9 years old, and later, to Rio Grande City. In 1941, the United States entered World War II and Roger was drafted into the Army Air Corps in 1942.

Soon after joining the service Roger was stationed in Wichita Falls, Texas in November 1942 where he was made a naturalized US citizen. After additional training, he was assigned to the crew of a B-17 bomber as its Flight Engineer and took off with his crew to fly their plane into battle first in Northern Africa and then on to the Allied Air Field complex in Foggia, Italy, where he and his crew flew daylight bombing raids across Axis-held territory against military industrial targets in Southern and Eastern Europe. Roger completed 51 missions during his time as a B-17 crew member and left the service as a decorated soldier in 1946.

After returning home to the US, Roger met and married our mother, Alicia Flores in 1947 and set out to build their lives together. Soon after, in 1950,

Roger was recalled into active duty and spent the next 20 years in the Air Force, retiring as a Senior Master Sergeant. During this time, he and Alicia travelled the world and raised 6 children along the way. After leaving the Air Force in 1970, he began his second career as a Border Patrol Agent in the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS). The family continued to move from place to place as his assignments changed and Roger rose to the rank of Inspector. He retired from the INS in 1992, having spent a total of 60 years in service to his country.

His crowning achievement, however, was his wife and family who meant everything to him. He loved nothing more than spending time with us as often as possible. Over the years, he took time with each of us while growing up to tutor and instill the importance of hard work. He was loving and generous and also had a playful side. He never failed to crack you up with his rapier wit, ask anyone who knew him. To say he will be greatly missed barely suffices for such a deeply-loved, well-respected patriarch.

Roger was preceded in death by his parents, Joel and Maria, his brothers Enrique, Reuben, Victor, Homero and Emilio, and his sisters Rosa (Chata) and Alicia. He was also preceded in death by his wife of more than 60 years, Alicia. Roger is survived by his children: Olga Loftus, Estel Jacobson, Rogelio Bolado, Jr., Joel Bolado, Teresa McQueen and Ernesto Bolado, along with their spouses and numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren and nieces and nephews.

Cemetery Details

Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery

1520 Harry Wurzbach
San Antonio, TX 78209

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **19**. 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels North Cherry Ridge
3401 Cherry Ridge Drive
San Antonio, TX 78230

Rosary

APR **19**. 7:00 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

APR **20**. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Dominic Catholic Church
5919 Ingram Rd
San Antonio, TX 78228

Interment

APR **20**. 11:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *My condolences to the Bolado family & his friends. I met Roger when we worked together with the old Immigration & Naturalization Service starting in the late 1970's. He was a great co-worker with a sly sense of humor. That was something I could relate to. After I left civil service and got into private business as an owner of an insurance agency, I was fortunate enough to have Roger and Alicia as great & loyal clients. This allowed me to speak to Roger through the years. It always was a pleasure speaking with him. The world is a sadder place without Roger, but I'll fondly remember him.*

Richard G. Hernandez - April 19, 2022 at 12:36 PM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of SMSgt. Rogelio Bolado (USAF, Ret.).*



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Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemetery - April 01, 2022 at 07:09 PM

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“ Uncle Roger was an amazing man and had sharper faculties than most people I know. He loved his siblings dearly and I enjoyed watching them talk at our family reunions together. He and my grandmother shared a special bond which always made me smile. My last memory of him was just a few months ago as he sat in his recliner by the window, reading the paper and relaxing. He will be dearly missed.

Kassandra Levay - March 29, 2022 at 09:35 AM

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“ Uncle Roger had a flair for humor, sarcasm and snark. I remember him telling me he always watched the news. He knew everything that was going on. Then he added, "I don't know what good it does to know. At my age, I can't do anything about it." Uncle Roger was still mowing his lawn at 100. He went to renew his driver's license at about the same age. Of course, his son, Roger, had to drive him there. Somehow a reporter noticed this old man coming in and interviewed him for a news story. He told the reporter all sorts of tales from his time in the army that ended up in the Express News on Veteran's Day. His son, Roger, later said he heard many of those stories for the first time that day. Uncle Roger moved in with his son, Roger, when he became sick right before the COVID pandemic. And, he stayed there for the remaining years of his life. At 102, he would take his walker outside each day to exercise. Uncle Roger had a practical side. He knew what he wanted and he had a strong will to have things done as ordered. He loved his six children dearly and spoke about them all each time we talked. He was the last of eight siblings all of whom he also cherished. He would call my Mom, his sister, like clockwork each week. She loved hearing from him. Their conversations were short. Uncle Roger was not one to just chat. He wanted to know that everyone was okay and then move on. There are so many great memories. Uncle Roger will be missed.

Karen "Kassy" Dalglish Seal - March 29, 2022 at 08:52 AM