



## Valdemar M. Castano

May 10, 1932 - June 5, 2008

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Valdemar M. Castano, age 76, born in San Antonio, Texas on May 10, 1932, went home to reunite with our heavenly father on Thursday, June 5, 2008 in San Antonio. Val spent his entire life living in San Antonio, except for a short tour with the United States Army where he served honorably as a Corporal in Korea. On April 26, 1957, he married his sweetheart; Lena Arriola and they just recently celebrated fifty-one happy years of marriage. Val had a successful career as a Court Reporter in the State and Federal Court Systems. He never retired and even opened his own business in 1980, called "South Texas Court Reporters". Val was so dedicated to his work that he continued working after he was diagnosed with cancer and until his death. He was a member of St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church and also a member of the Knights of Columbus. His parents, Angel H. Castano, Sr., and Soledad Martinez Castano and his brother, Alejandro Castano, preceded him in death. People were drawn by his welcoming smile and wisdom, and he will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him. Val left behind his loving wife, Lena; four children, Irma, Mark, Joe, Carol, Val Jr. Rose, Xavier Kim; nine grandchildren, Ralph, Sean, Valerie, Yvette, Klif, Annette, Crystal, Paul, Jolene, Jake, Suzette, Christopher, nine great grandchildren; Daphani, Avery, Sydney, Jeremy, Wesley, Jocelyn, Seth, Alixandir, and Benjamin Robert Valdemar. He is also survived by his sisters; Carolina Castano and Angelina

Tejeda Jesse; and brother, Angel Castano, Jr.; sister-in-law, Ramona Castano. We would like to extend a special thanks to the staff at the Odyssey Hospice for the caring and personal care they provided to our father and family during these difficult times. A visitation for friends will begin on Tuesday, 3:00-9:00 pm with a Rosary being recited at 7:00 pm in the chapel at Mission Park Funeral Chapels South.

#### Services

A procession will depart the funeral home at 12:30 pm on Wednesday, June 11, 2008 for a Mass at St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church, 1314 Fair Ave. San Antonio. Interment with military honors will follow at 2:30 pm at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery.