



Valentin "Val" Saenz

February 14, 1938 - March 23, 2016

Valentin "Val" Saenz, 78, returned to his heavenly home on March 23, 2016 after a valiant battle with a long illness. His devotion to his family and his firm belief in God supported him in his struggle and ultimately gave him peace. Valentin was born to the late Santiago and Elvira Orta Saenz, in San Antonio, TX on February 14, 1938. He was a happy man that took pride in his family and he enjoyed hearing about the lives of his children and grandchildren. He was a fan of the sports and mainly the Dallas Cowboys. He was an athlete himself from an early age playing baseball and basketball for Little Flower CYO and then later football for San Antonio Vocational and Technical High School Fox Tech. He was a happy man that took pride in his work as a welder for American Chromalloy in San Antonio, Texas for 15 years.

Valentin was blessed with a large and loving family. He married his best friend Matilde Portillo on June 18, 1966 in San Antonio, TX. Valentin helped raise his two children with patience, discipline and humility. From the very beginning, he dedicated his life to his wife, children and to God and was always there for support and encouragement. He was generous with everything he had and would give you the shirt off his back if you'd let him, because he wanted others to receive. He definitely was always excited about putting a smile on someone's face.

He is dearly missed by his loved ones, who celebrate the fact that he is at peace with his creator.

Valentin is survived by his wife, Mattie; his daughter Cecilia; his son Matthew;

his grandchildren Britton, Blaine, Audrey, Bruce and Calee, his brother Gilbert and sisters Angie and Helen.

Valentin's final wish was to be cremated with no funeral service. The family gratefully declines flowers and donations, but prayers, condolences and memories are gladly accepted.