



## Victor Resendez Jr.

May 8, 1942 - January 2, 2024

Victor Resendez, Jr., age 81, loving son, brother, father and friend entered into rest on January 2, 2024, in San Antonio, Texas. He was born on May 8, 1942, in Seguin, Texas.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Victor, Sr. and Maria Resendez, sisters, Rebecca Avalos, and Olivia Cardenas. He is survived by his loving daughters, Lisa Resendez Espinoza (Greg) and Catherine Rodriguez (Rick), and son Tony Resendez, and sisters, Connie Jimenez (Joe) and Esperanza Villarreal (Smokey). He is also survived by 8 grandchildren, Stephen Resendez, Michael Resendez, Mia Resendez, Mireya Rodriguez, Luke Espinoza, Leah Espinoza, Sonia Rodriguez and Derek Rodriguez; and by many nephews, nieces and cousins.

Victor grew up a migrant worker helping his family make their way in this country. They picked cotton for local farmers. His parents were born in Mexico and came to the United States for a better life. He grew up in Seguin, Texas and attended segregated public schools. Mexican Americans were first to be desegregated and he graduated in 1962 from Seguin High School. He excelled as a student and strongly believed every citizen had a right to a quality public education. After high school graduation he ran for the Seguin ISD school board to try to make a difference. While he did not win he continued to help his community by working at the Boys Club to help keep

kids stay on the right track.

He attended Southwest Texas State College (now Texas State University) where he earned a Bachelor of Science in Education degree in 1966. He was the first in his family to go to college. He worked every summer doing various jobs, including being an umpire for a softball league, to help pay for college. He also spent one summer working at a steel mill in Houston.

After graduating from college he began his career as a history teacher at Harlandale Middle School in 1966. He had met Rachel Moreno while in college and they married in 1966. They had Lisa in 1967 and Tony in 1969. While working and starting a young family he continued his education and earned a Master of Arts degree from Southwest Texas State University (now Texas State University) in 1971.

In 1970 with his young family he moved to Lincoln, Nebraska where he was recruited as a teacher by the University of Nebraska's High School Equivalency Program (HEP). He eventually became the director of HEP whose mission was helping migrant students complete high school and get into college. Victor was always an advocate for education. Victor loved his time in Nebraska and made lifelong friends there. At HEP he taught his students about the importance of education and the importance of being good citizens. His students knew he cared about not just their education but also their well being. Many of his students and colleagues stayed in touch with him throughout his lifetime.

In 1974 he returned to San Antonio with his family to serve as a director for the Economic Opportunity Development Corporation (EODC). EODC's mission was to help citizens in Bexar County prepare for the workforce, a manpower program. When Victor left the HEP program to take the EODC director job he was quoted in the Nebraska Educator newspaper saying: "We spend

billions of dollars to develop our oil industry, but I think we should begin to look more at man's greatest resource: And that is man himself." Victor believed in helping people and empowering them with knowledge and skills.

When he came back from Nebraska he purchased land near Seguin, and with his dad Victor Sr. and uncle Adolpho, they built a modest barn, shed and dug a well and raised cows. He later built a cabin on the property and enjoyed spending time there with his family throughout the years up to his passing.

In 1977 they had Cathy. In 1978 Victor then returned to public education working at Seguin ISD then Harlandale ISD and then retiring from South San Antonio ISD in 1997. During his time in public education Victor served as a teacher, counselor, assistant principal and district administrator. He was also a college professor at San Antonio College.

Victor was fluent in Spanish. He had dual citizenship, United States and Mexico.

Victor was also appointed then elected to serve on the Harlandale ISD board of trustees from 1986 to 1990 and again elected in 2003 and re-elected in 2005 and served until 2008. He served as Board President from 2005 - 2006, Secretary from 1989 - 1990 and 2007 - 2008. Victor enjoyed campaigning and meeting community members, parents and students and talking about the importance of public education. During his first term on the board he helped make all the necessary decisions to modernize and air condition all the schools in the district.

Victor also owned and operated a neighborhood convenience store from the mid 70's to the early 80's (Mission 21 Grocery on the corner of Pyron and Commercial). On weekends the store sold fresh tortillas, tamales and

barbacoa (at times the barbacoa was cooked by Victor the traditional way).

He worked as a real estate agent and broker and had his own real estate company (Resendez Real Estate). He was a tax preparer and a notary public. Victor was also involved and volunteered with prison ministries. Victor was a big believer in helping people. He loved the Harlandale community and made it his home for over 50 years.

Throughout his life he made lifelong friends and inspired people to live life to its fullest! He cared deeply for people and helping those in need.

He traveled to Europe, Mexico, Canada, Alaska and visited many other states, cities and places throughout the county. He enjoyed spending time outdoors and staying at his cabin near Seguin. He liked fishing and camping. He loved his pets, he enjoyed having dogs and cats. In his retirement years he grew a vegetable garden in his yard. He built a tree house for his grandchildren. He buried gold and silver treasure in special places at his house for his grandchildren.

He loved working on home projects and projects at his cabin. He loved working with his hands, he built sheds, decks, fences, a solar water heater, he did roofing, plumbing, and electrical work, he dug a safety bunker in his back yard. He was resourceful and inventive.

He owned and renovated properties. He was a handy man, a carpenter, a painter, a landscaper. He was a caretaker. He took in and cared for stray dogs and cats. He took care of his neighbors and adopted one of his neighbors dogs when the neighbor passed. He helped homeless people and took them in and fed them and had them over during Thanksgiving and Christmas. He took care of them and helped them. He believed in helping the poor and homeless.

He taught his children and grandchildren the importance of family and friends. The importance of investing in and taking care of yourself physically, mentally and emotionally. He taught them the importance of giving back to your community and helping others. He taught them the importance of self worth, hard work, team, gratitude and humility.

He believed in standing up for yourself, and standing up for others who couldn't. He believed in challenging rules and laws that were not just. And to not be afraid to speak up and express your thoughts, ideas and opinions. He taught his children and grandchildren to be respectful, caring, diplomatic and dignified. And to be strong and confident. He lived what he taught.

He liked to read and loved to learn. Some of his favorites, the Bible, Profiles in Courage, War and Peace, the Old Man and the Sea, Treasure Island, The Richest Man in Babylon, The Greatest Salesman in the World, Adventures of Huckleberry Finn, Don Quixote (in Spanish) and Rich Dad Poor Dad.

His grandchildren were his pride and joy. He loved talking to them about their lives, their education, starting their careers, their dreams, he talked to them about friendships and dating, his grandsons about women and love.

He loved star gazing and learning about the universe, he loved science, he loved visiting the beach. He enjoyed a cold beer with friends. He enjoyed having breakfast with local community leaders to discuss politics and community service. He enjoyed sitting on his porch in his rocking chair with friends and family talking about life. He enjoyed visiting with priests and ministers discussing faith and prayer.

Victor lived life to its fullest! And will be missed and remembered by many. He inspired his family, friends and community and his legacy will continue through

all those he knew and loved. He loved to share his knowledge and wisdom with his children and grandchildren. He was active and independent until his final days. He did not let his declining health stop him from living. He is now resting in Heaven talking to all those who will listen about his wonderful life adventures!

God is Love. Jesus is Love.

Visitation will be on Thursday, January 11, 2024, at Brookehill Funeral Home from 4:00 pm till 8:00 pm and the Rosary will be recited at 6:30 pm. The family will depart Brookehill Funeral Home at 9:30 am on Friday, January 12, 2024, for Mass at St. Leo the Great Catholic Church at 10:00 am followed by burial at Santo Tomas Cemetery at 2798 TX-46, Seguin, TX preceding the mass. He was loved by all and will be deeply missed.

**BROOKEHILL FUNERAL HOME**

711 SE Military Dr.

San Antonio, TX 78214

(210) 923-7523

In lieu of flowers contributions can be made to the Animal Defense League w  
[www.adltexas.org](http://www.adltexas.org)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 11. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Brookehill Funeral Home  
711 SE Military Dr  
San Antonio, TX 78214

## Rosary

JAN 11. 6:30 PM (CT)

Brookehill Funeral Home  
711 SE Military Dr  
San Antonio, TX 78214

## Mass of Resurrection

JAN 12. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Leo the Great Catholic Church  
4401 S. Flores St.  
San Antonio, TX

## Interment

JAN 12 (CT)

Santo Tomas Cemetery  
2798 TX-46  
Seguin, TX 78155

*Burial will be after mass at St. Leo the Great Catholic Church. We should arrive at cemetery about 11:45 am - 12:00 pm.*



# Tribute Wall

MV

“ It wasn't until today that I found out of his passing. Victor attended our wedding December 2002. He was a quiet man with a good heart always willing to help those in need. Victor you were an inspiration to many. May you rest in eternal comfort and peace.  
It was a pleasure to have known you.  
Juan & Christine Vera

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**Mary Vera** - August 03, 2024 at 10:27 AM

BF

“ My condolences to his family. I knew him as “Mr. Resendez”. He gave me some of the best advice of my young adult life. Rest In Peace, Victor.

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**Bradley F** - April 20, 2024 at 02:24 PM

SJ

“ Tony, our friend, we are so sorry for your loss and send our deepest condolences to you and your family. May God bless you during this difficult time and sustain you with beautiful memories. -Sonya and Julio A. Garcia, Jr.

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**Sonya and Julio A. Garcia, Jr.** - January 12, 2024 at 12:07 PM

TR

Thank you Sonya and Julio for the kind words and prayers.

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**Tony Resendez** - January 18, 2024 at 08:04 PM

TF

“ whether it was getting some good sound advice with things that really mattered in life or just catching up on family history it was always great visiting with Uncle Victor. You will always be remembered in our hearts. Our heartfelt condolences to the Resendez family.

The Cardenas Family - January 11, 2024 at 08:50 PM

TR

We appreciate the kind words. Thank you.

Tony Resendez - January 15, 2024 at 04:52 PM

RC

“ Roberto C. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Victor Resendez Jr..

Roberto C. - January 11, 2024 at 08:23 PM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Victor Resendez Jr..



January 11, 2024 at 01:34 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Victor Resendez Jr..



January 10, 2024 at 10:04 PM

TD

“ *The Barrera Brothers and Tim Devick planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Victor Resendez Jr..*

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**The Barrera Brothers and Tim Devick** - January 10, 2024 at 10:04 PM

JN

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



**Jorge and Oralia Naccarino** - January 10, 2024 at 11:52 AM

ER

*My sweet cousins...*

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**Elodia Resendez-Medina** - January 10, 2024 at 05:49 PM

TF

“ *The Salas family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Victor Resendez Jr..*

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**The Salas family** - January 10, 2024 at 10:55 AM

IB

“ Victor, I was honored that you called me “Your Sweetheart” because you touched my life in a very unique and sweet way. The memories of the times we shared will always be cherished in my heart , and in my dreams we will continue dancing forever. God brought us together so we could be a blessing to each other. You left a beautiful imprint in my life Your “Sweetheart”



iris Barno - January 09, 2024 at 07:25 PM

JN

“ Jorge And Oralia Naccarino lit a candle in memory of Victor Resendez Jr.



Jorge and Oralia Naccarino - January 09, 2024 at 06:31 PM

MS

“ I graduated from Seguin High School with Victor and then after graduating from Texas Lutheran College and teaching 2 years in Papua New Guinea I was teaching art at Harlandale High School -- and who should I run into in the halls of this large high school--but Victor!. I married a Virginian and moved to Bruce's home area so lost contact. He must have been loved by many. God bless and give peace to his family. Sincerely, Mary L. Dullnig Short.

Mary L. Dullnig Short - January 09, 2024 at 02:08 PM

TR

*Thank you for your kind words Mary.*

**Tony Resendez** - January 11, 2024 at 09:11 AM

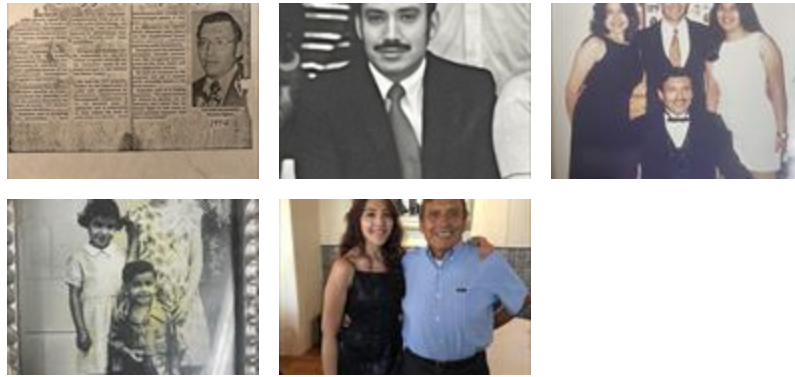
JM

*What more can I say but that I loved Victor like a brother and I will miss our nightly calls remembering times and friends elementary school to college. Tony,Lisa, Cathy and grand children are in my prayers Love to everyone miley*

**Juan manuel Martinez** - January 23, 2024 at 09:47 PM

TR

“ 6 files added to the album Victor Resendez



**Tony Resendez** - January 09, 2024 at 09:42 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Victor Resendez Jr..



January 09, 2024 at 07:17 AM

ER

“ Ernestine.Gonzales lit a candle in memory of Victor Resendez Jr.



Ernestine.Gonzales - January 09, 2024 at 06:35 AM

DR

“ Daniel And Lovell Resendez lit a candle in memory of Victor Resendez Jr.



Daniel and Lovell Resendez - January 09, 2024 at 12:05 AM

LP

“ Leon And Hilda Parma lit a candle in memory of Victor Resendez Jr.



Leon and Hilda Parma - January 09, 2024 at 12:04 AM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Victor Resendez Jr..



January 08, 2024 at 12:32 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Victor Resendez



Adam Reyes - January 08, 2024 at 11:52 AM



Thank you Adam

Lisa Resendez-espinoza - January 09, 2024 at 08:23 AM



“ Elva A Resendez lit a candle in memory of Victor Resendez Jr.



Elva A Resendez - January 08, 2024 at 09:30 AM



“ Victor- You were, and will forever be, an important part of the Resendez family. You stayed true to the family name and made everyone proud. You shared your gifts with the community and those who lead the communities you were part of. As a mentor to many, your legacy will live on.

You were a huge mentor to me and I will always remember your support as I earned my PhD. Thank you for being part of my family. You make me proud to be a Resendez. Please keep watch over us all as we continue to live your legacy. My sincere condolences to your immediate family. May God bless your soul eternally.

The Family of Elva Resendez - January 08, 2024 at 12:23 AM

DR

“ Your place in my life and in my heart is eternal. You will be remembered as my cousin and most importantly a treasured part of my life. We grieve today yet believe we will be reunited again in faith.

*Blessings to your soul Victor and to your immediate family. Our most sincere sympathies to your immediate family and lifelong friends. You will be forever held dear in the hearts of many.*

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**Daniel Resendez** - January 08, 2024 at 12:16 AM

LP

“ Victor- May your legacy live on in your family and friends. You were a great cousin, mentor and friend. Our memories of fishing and camping together in Texas will remain ever dear to us. Though a cousin by blood, you were more like a brother to us.

*Our sympathies to your immediate family and lifelong friends. May God welcome you into His kingdom. Well done good and faithful servant.*

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**Leon and Hilda Parma** - January 08, 2024 at 12:06 AM

BC

“ Beatrice Cardenas lit a candle in memory of Victor Resendez Jr.



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**Beatrice Cardenas** - January 06, 2024 at 06:50 PM

TR

*Thank you very much for being so good to my dad!*

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**Tony Resendez** - January 07, 2024 at 10:37 AM

PL

*I graduated with Victor from Seguin High School in 1962. He was one of the kindest gentlemen that I had the privilege of knowing. He will be missed by all of our classmates - especially at our class reunions. May God bring strength, comfort and peace to his family and of those who loved him. Although we will all miss him - he is healed, rejoicing and so happy. I look forward to seeing him again.*

*Penny Nesloney Lezak*

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**Penny Lezak** - January 09, 2024 at 08:10 PM

DU

“ Diana Barrera Ugarte planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Victor Resendez Jr..

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**Diana Barrera Ugarte** - January 06, 2024 at 05:34 PM

DU

“ Diana Barrera Ugarte purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Victor Resendez Jr..



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**Diana Barrera Ugarte** - January 06, 2024 at 05:34 PM

SG

“ Silvia Guidry planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Victor Resendez Jr..

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**Silvia Guidry** - January 06, 2024 at 04:31 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Victor Resendez Jr..*



January 06, 2024 at 04:31 PM



“ *My condolences to the Resendez Family. Mr. Resendez was an icon at Harlandale, I can honestly say my tenure on the board was shaped by his legacy of leadership and professionalism. Rest in Peace my friend, and thank you for paving the way*

**Carlos Quezada** - January 05, 2024 at 07:21 PM



*Thank you for your kind words. God's blessings.*

**Oscar B. Resendez** - January 05, 2024 at 10:22 PM



*Thank you Carlos for the kind words. Appreciate you very much!*

**Tony Resendez** - January 06, 2024 at 04:42 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Victor Resendez Jr..*



January 05, 2024 at 05:59 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Victor Resendez Jr..*



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January 05, 2024 at 05:45 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Victor Resendez Jr..*



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January 05, 2024 at 11:43 AM



“ *Your Ericsson RCU Team planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Victor Resendez Jr..*

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**Your Ericsson RCU Team** - January 04, 2024 at 01:33 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Victor Resendez Jr..*



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January 04, 2024 at 01:33 PM

ER

“ Dear Victor's Family, I will miss Victor's letters. It was not often that we wrote each other but it was so good to hear from him when he did write. He even wrote my ill daughter in law. I came across his letter not too long ago. May he rest in peace. Elodia Barrera Resendez.

Elodia Resendez-Medina - January 04, 2024 at 01:35 AM

TR

Thank you very much for sharing. ❤️

Tony Resendez - January 06, 2024 at 04:44 PM

EH

“ Elena R. Hernandez lit a candle in memory of Victor Resendez Jr.



Elena R. Hernandez - January 04, 2024 at 12:54 AM

EH

Esperanza & Smokey, My condolences to you and all the family. I am so sorry for your loss. God Bless you during this time.

Elena R. Hernandez - January 04, 2024 at 08:51 AM

OR

I join the Rezedez loss. My condolences as well. Olga will remember him always .

olga ResendezArmendariz - January 04, 2024 at 01:22 PM

TR

Thank you for lighting a candle in memory of my father. We appreciate you very much. ❤️

Tony Resendez - January 06, 2024 at 04:45 PM

TR

“ Tina B. Resendsz lit a candle in memory of Victor Resendez Jr.



Tina B. Resendsz - January 04, 2024 at 12:54 AM

TR

*Rest in Peace, Dear Cousin. I will always remember you.*

Tina B. Resendez - January 04, 2024 at 01:07 AM

TR

*Thank you for honoring my father. ❤️*

Tony Resendez - January 06, 2024 at 04:46 PM

EV

*It is so hard to put into words all that I want say. My brother and I always stayed close even if we couldn't see each other we talked on the phone. He was the sweetest brother anyone could ask for, I will miss him so much but, I know he is in a better place with God and he is not suffering anymore. Thank you to all his family and friends that visited and prayed for him . Your sister Pera .*

Esperanza Villarreal - January 08, 2024 at 10:18 PM

TR

*Another story for the ages: A neighbor (in her 80s) has recalled that as a young girl she + siblings often stopped in at Tio Victor's grocery store (Seguin). She said they didn't always have enough money on-hand. Tio Victor gave them "credit". Her father later paid the debt. (I remember the pineapple-flavored Hippo sodas and Hostess cream-filled chocolate cupcakes). It's of no surprise that Victor, Jr's corner-store was a local S.A. favorite. Customers mattered. People mattered. Good Character and Generosity speaks for itself... .*

T.B. Resendez - January 14, 2024 at 03:08 PM