



## William Guardia

April 10, 1929 - September 5, 2014

William Guardia age 85 of San Antonio passed away peacefully on September 5, 2014. He was born in Eagle Pass, Texas.

He served as a U.S. Navy corpsman attached to the U.S. Marines in Korea.

Mr. Guardia was awarded a Bachelor of Arts Degree from St. Mary's University and a Master's Degree in Counseling from Our Lady of the Lake University. He was also a Fulbright Scholar sent to the Middle East for studies.

Mr. Guardia was passionate about education and spent most of his career teaching, counseling, and finally in administration in the San Antonio Independent School District.

He touched the lives of countless young people, wanting each one to have the best possible education. William was a long time principal of Ira Ogden Elementary School. He was a proponent of bilingual education and was sent to Washington D.C. for the National Education Association in support of bilingual education.

In his retirement, he was a member of the Retired Teachers Association, where he was an active member of the book committee. Mr. Guardia served as a volunteer photographer covering special events for the SAISD.

He was preceded in death by his parents Thomas and Olivia Guardia, sister, Olga Villanueva, and brother Thomas Guardia, Jr.

He is survived by his sister Zulema G. Reina and husband Ben of Houston, Tx; nieces and nephews: Dolores Hamilton, Roland Villanueva, Geri Balleza, Tom Villanueva, and Thomas J. Guardia III, of San Antonio, Tx; Cindy Porras of Sugar Land Tx; Diane Reina and Michael Reina of Houston, Tx; and Francine LaFon of Friendswood, Tx.

Mr. Guardia's family wishes to thank the staff of Autumn Grove Cottage for their devoted care during his illness.

#### SERVICES

A Mass will be celebrated at St. Luke Catholic Church on Tuesday September 16 at 10am.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions be made to the Alzheimer's Association 7400 Louis Pasteur Dr, San Antonio, TX 78229.