

Ricardo “Richard” Gonzales
(July 9, 1935 – May 21, 2019)



On Tuesday, May 21, 2019, Richard Gonzales went to be with the Lord.

Richard was born on July 9, 1935 in his grandparent's house on East Magnolia Street in San Antonio. He is preceded in death by his wife Adela Gonzales, his parent's Gilbert Gonzales and Isaura "Sally" Schrade; his brother Gilbert "Teto" Gonzales; and his brother-in-law Hugo Patiño.

Richard Gonzales is survived by his sister Amelia Patiño and his sister Sylvia Sanchez and husband Henry Gonzales. He is also survived by his daughter Shirley Cantu; his daughter Linda Bueno and husband Hernan; his daughter Adriana Brooks and husband Joseph; and his son Rick Gonzales and wife Rosa Linda. He also leaves behind many grandchildren including Shirley's children (Jesse, Mark and John Isaac); Linda's step-son (David); Rick's step-children (Kenny, Michael and Yvonne); Adriana's children (Tim, Courtney, Amber, Rebekah and Samuel) as well as 13 great-grandchildren.

Richard proudly served his country from 1957 to 1959 in the Army where he was stationed in Korea for much of that time. He held a variety of jobs over the years,

but the one he was most proud of besides his Army service, was his job as a medical aide at John Sealy Hospital in Galveston where he worked with burn patients.

Richard was an inspiration to many who battle alcoholism. He gave up alcohol in 1989 and lived in sobriety for the last thirty years of his life. In 1996, Richard made Calvary Chapel of San Antonio his home church and soon afterward made the decision to receive Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior.

He loved to watch sports especially the Dallas Cowboys, the Spurs and golf. As a kid growing up near Brackenridge Park, he learned to make extra money selling golf balls he fished out of the ponds on the golf course. It is there he began to follow professional golfing and especially enjoyed the years Lee Trevino played.

Richard had a good sense of humor and made friends wherever he went. He was always willing to help people new to the Veterans Administration and other agencies learn to navigate the system - even taking the time to go with them to personally walk them through the process.

On Thursday, June 6, 2019 there will be a viewing at 6 pm followed by a funeral service at 7 pm at Calvary Chapel of San Antonio at 2935 Pat Booker Rd, Universal City, TX 78148 (Triangle Shopping Ctr.). There will also be a short interment service for on Friday, June 7, 2019 at 10:30 am at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery at Committal Shelter #3 on 1520 Harry Wurzbach Rd, San Antonio, TX 78209.