



**Ralph Rodriguez**  
**10/25/1939 – 08/01/2020**

God called Ralph Rodriguez home to Heaven on the morning of August 1, 2020. During that week, Ralph was home enjoying what he loved most in life, attending to his family, his pets, his garden, and his home. Many of us lost “a hero” on this fateful day.

Ralph was born on October 25, 1939, in Bisbee, Arizona. His mom and dad were farmers/ranchers back then, so Ralph learned how to work hard for family at a very early age. When Ralph was finishing high school at Bisbee High, he joined the Marines and became a valued service member and an undefeated Marine boxer while enlisted.

Afterwards, Ralph came back to Bisbee, Arizona and shortly thereafter he met his future wife, Consuelo (Connie) Rodriguez and they were soon wed. They were a young couple full of love and hope for their life. They would eventually have a son and two daughters and learn to maneuver through life’s trials and tribulations.

Ralph would go onto become an MSHA Inspector and Supervisor in San Antonio, Texas. Ralph ran his South Texas District from his San Antonio office where he met and formed good relationships with his employees who later became dear friends of his after he retired. They would all still try to meet once a month or so for lunch so they could get together and share stories and laughter. Being a part of one of these lunches easily showed the camaraderie and respect they all had for each other and Ralph was at the center of it all. So many of his family and friends have reached out to say wonderful things about this great man who touched so many.

Ralph loved life and he loved his family more than anything on earth. He was successful at whatever he set his mind to accomplish. Ralph was a dad, a best friend, a confidant, a therapist, a favorite uncle, and a favorite brother in a very large family. Ralph also became a grandpa (Tata) in 1995, 1996, 1997, and

2004 to four wonderful grandchildren that he doted over extensively any time he had the opportunity to do so. Ralph's family meant everything to him!

Most importantly, Ralph was our hero and our rock. We miss him dearly already. His laughter and zest for life were enjoyed by all who knew him. And all of us who knew Ralph became better people because of him. You could be the lady at the grocery store selling him food for his pets, you could be somebody outside the grocery store, down on your luck, and he'd give you money to help you out, you could be his mail courier, or his neighbor walking by...no matter their standing in society...Ralph treated people with respect and in a friendly manner...and he always had time to say hello and chat...and that's what made him loved by so many...Ralph enjoyed life, love, and friendship.

Ralph was preceded in death by his wife Connie Rodriguez. Ralph is survived by his son, Ralph (Martin) Rodriguez, his sons Matthew and Jacob Rodriguez and their mom Jan Freeman, his daughter Sofia Flores and her husband John Flores and their children, Marisa and Andres Flores, and his youngest daughter Elaine Rodriguez and her husband Ralph McMiller.

The funeral service will be at Church of Holy Spirit, 8134 Blanco Rd, San Antonio, Texas 78216, Tuesday, August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020, Rosary will begin at 9:30am, and Mass at 10am.



