



Raul Chapa-Gonzalez

October 1, 1943 - March 19, 2025

Raul Chapa-Gonzalez, 81, passed peacefully at his home with his loved ones by his side on March 19, 2025, in Beaumont, TX. Raul was an El Campo resident for the majority of his life and worked as an oil field mechanic until his retirement. He is preceded in death by his sister, Eldia Garcia and brothers, Salvador Gonzalez, Eduardo Gonzalez, and Manuel Gonzalez. He is survived by his wife of over 57 years, Juanita “Janie” Gonzalez, Beaumont, TX; his three children, Katherina “Kathy” Valdez and her husband Danny Valdez, Beaumont, TX; Tomas Gonzalez, El Campo, TX; Andrez Gonzalez, Houston, TX; his sister, Delia Garcia, Houston, TX; and his grandchildren Brittany Gonzalez, Brianna Gonzalez and her husband Martin Garcia, Jacob Gonzalez, Sarah Aguillon and her husband Chris Aguillon, and Daniel Valdez and his wife Alex O’Neill-Valdez.

Raul was born on October 1, 1943, in Beeville, TX to Antonio Gonzalez and Hermina Chapa. Raul joined the United States Navy during the Vietnam War in 1962 at the age of 18 where he worked as a Cadet Engineer until his honorable discharge in 1965 with his final duty assignment aboard the U.S.S. Ranger. He became an oil field pump mechanic once he returned to the United States where he worked for over forty years. Raul enjoyed gardening in his free time, and his family would typically find him after work tending to his garden where he grew a variety of vegetables. Aside from gardening, Raul enjoyed barbequing for his family and was a big fan of the Dallas Cowboys.

When football season was over, you could find him watching some of his favorite Western movies or TV shows or reading some of his favorite Western novels.

A viewing and rosary are set for 9AM with a Mass of Christian burial to follow for Raul on March 28, 2025 10 AM at St. Robert's Catholic Church with pallbearers being Chris Aguillon, Chris Alvarado, Richard DeLeon Jr., Roger Garcia, Steven Gonzalez, and Daniel Gutierrez (honorary pallbearers being Rhys Aguillon and Tristan Gonzalez), and a burial with military honors to follow at Holy Cross Memorial Park Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family has asked that you send a monetary donation to either St. Robert Bellarmine Catholic Church in El Campo, TX: <https://sanrobertochurch.org/new-giving-options>, the Alzheimer's Foundation of America: <https://alzfdn.org/donate/>, or give directly to the local Southeast Texas Alzheimer's Association chapter at 700 North Street, Suite M, Beaumont, Texas 77701.

The family also expresses a special thank you to the individuals Vanessa Guajardo and Erica Ramirez from Mid Coast Medical Clinic who have been a vital help during this time. The family would also like to thank the dedicated staff from Enhabit Hospice and Amy Rodriguez from Visiting Angels.

Cemetery Details

Holy Cross Memorial Park

US Hwy 59 and Mechanic St.
El Campo, TX 77437

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 28. 9:00 AM (CT)

St. Robert's Catholic Church
512 Tegner St
El Campo, TX 77437

Rosary

MAR 28. 9:30 AM (CT)

St. Robert's Catholic Church
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El Campo, TX 77437

Funeral Mass

MAR 28. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Pete & Ann Alvarado & family purchased the Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses for the family of Raul Chapa-Gonzalez.*



Pete & Ann Alvarado & family - March 26, 2025 at 10:09 PM

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“ *Luisa, Don Callie and Katherine. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Raul Chapa-Gonzalez.*



Luisa, Don Callie and Katherine. - March 24, 2025 at 01:05 PM