



Rolando C. Rodriguez

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Obituary of Rolando C. Rodriguez Please share a memory of Rolando to include in a keepsake book for family and friends. View Tribute Book Rolando C. Rodriguez September 13, 1931 – July 17, 2025 Rolando C. Rodriguez passed away peacefully on July 17, 2025, at the age of 93, surrounded by family. Born on September 13, 1931, in Encinitas, California, to Trinidad Rodriguez and Luz Chacon, Rolando was affectionately known as "The Sergeant" or simply "Rod" to many—but to most, he was lovingly called "Pop." Rolando spent much of his life in Harbor City, California, where he began his lifelong role as a provider. He enlisted in the U.S. Army at the age of 16 and proudly served his country as a paratrooper in the Korean War. Following his military service, he brought his leadership skills to U.S. Steel, where he worked his way into a managerial role. In 1980, he was transferred to Baytown, Texas, and soon after made La Porte his home. Over the years, Rolando built lasting friendships through his involvement with the California Chapter #1 Rakkasans, where he served as President. He was honored annually by the Korean Consulate in California for his military service and remained active in his community through roles on the board of the La Porte HOLA Club and his local homeowners association. Rolando had a deep love for sports, especially football—weekend newspaper clippings with game lineups were always nearby. He also took great pride in caring for his beloved avocado trees. Above all, Rolando cherished his roles as a devoted husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. He is survived by his loving wife of 61 years, Isabel M. Rodriguez; his children Corina R. Garcia, Rolando M. Rodriguez, and Trinidad F. Rodriguez; his grandchildren Christen Browning, Annalissa G. Lopez (Joseph), Henry R. Garcia III (Randi), Concepcion Rodriguez, Consuelo Rodriguez, Rolando M. Rodriguez Jr., Zakkary Trinidad Rodriguez, and Sofia Rodriguez; and his great-grandson, Joseph A. Lopez II. Rolando was preceded in death by his sister, Tillie Duarte; his brother, Jimmy Rodriguez; and



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his daughter, Monica R. Browning. A viewing and rosary will be held on Thursday, July 24th, from 6:00–8:00 p.m. at Clayton Funeral Home in La Porte, Texas. A Catholic funeral mass will take place on Friday, July 25th, at 10:00 a.m. in Deer Park, Texas, followed by a reception in the gathering hall. Those wishing to send flowers may have them delivered to Clayton Funeral Home or the Rodriguez residence.



Tribute Wall

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Teri Sandate posted:

Our dad (Paskie) and your dad who were cousins - are now standing side by side reminiscing of their time together during the Korean War. May they both Rest In Peace. Sending our condolences from the daughters of Carmen & Pasqual R. Rodriguez, Jr. - Liz Beckley, Debbie Roberts, Teri Sandate & Patty Reynolds

July 27 at 7:00 PM



A.C.T.S. posted:

BROTHERS IN CHRIST!

July 22 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

With deepest sympathies from Tom and Christen Browning. Rest in peace Pop.

July 21 at 7:00 PM



Pemex Deer Park - Central Maintenance posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

July 20 at 7:00 PM



Billy Lightfoot posted:

I met "The sergeant" at a get together at my daughter, Tonya, and son in-law, Mike Jackson's home. We talked for hours about our lives and mainly our time in the military. He was in the Korean War era and I was in Vietnam. Both were in the Army. I looked forward each year to visiting with him. I will miss him. He was one great man.

July 20 at 7:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Rolando by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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