



# Adolfo Balderrama Perez

MAY 30, 1930 - JUL 20, 2012



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**A**dolfo was born on May 30, 1930 and passed away on Friday, July 20, 2012. Adolfo Balderrama Perez was born May 30, 1930 in San Antonio, Texas. His parents, Ascuncion Perez and Agapita Balderrama Perez, took him to Mexico as a baby. As a boy he was a sheep herder in the mountains around Sabinas Hidalgo, Nuevo Leon, Mexico, and worked as a water boy during the building of the international highway. He returned to San Antonio at the age of 12. He later joined the US Army, 3rd Division, 15 Regiment (Can Do) in 1950, and was deployed to Korea. He was in many Korean battles, including Inchon as a Medic where he would pick-up wounded soldiers, administer first-aid, and transport them by jeep back to the camp medical facilities. He met and married Zoila Cantu Cuevas on November 15, 1954 and they had 5 children, Sylvia P. Torres (Vicente), Miroslava Gamboa (Francisco), Aurora Gutierrez, Adolfo Perez Jr. (Idalia), Alberto Perez (Sarah Ramona). They settled in San Antonio where he was employed as a truck driver for 14 years. He then moved his family to Houston in 1969, where he retired from trucking in 1992. He enjoyed many happy years on Soft Shadows Lane with his wife, children, relatives, neighbors and friends until his death. Adolfo is predeceased by his parents, Ascuncion and Agapita Perez, and one brother, Mario Perez. Adolfo was thoughtful, hard working and a loving man. He had a terrific sense of humor, up until his death and never knew a stranger. Although he only had a third grade education, he was highly intelligent, wise, and always available to lend a helping hand. His main motto was "Always be a good American citizen". His presence will be so very missed, but he will live on in our hearts.



## Tribute Wall

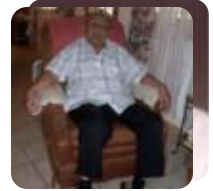
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September 10 at 1:33 PM



**Jeanie Dorsett Markel** posted:

Dear Miroslava, Please know that you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. I wish you peace, comfort and strength during this difficult time.

August 15 at 5:32 AM



**Shirley Hines** posted:

Thanks for sharing the obituary of Adolfo's dad. What an amazing story and I am sorry I never got to meet him. Blessings to all of you.

July 26 at 8:51 AM



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MP

**Maryann Douglas-Palacio** posted:

I am wrting these lines on behalf of my mother, Maria P Douglas, my dad, Alphonse, and my nine brothers and sisters, remembering the wonderful man we knew as brother, brother in-law, and beloved Uncle, Adolfo B Perez. My mom remembers her brother, third oldest of eight children, always caring about his sibilings. As a young man, Adolfo was in the US Army and would always sennd money to help support his parents and brothers in Mexico. Later, he was instrumental in bringing them to San Antonio to live from Sabinas Hadilgo, Nuevo Leon. Adolfo hd a big heart, and was a very humble man. When Adolfo married his wife, Zoila, 58 years ago, in Sabinas Hidalgo, my mom wanted to come along with them to San Antonio for their honeymoon, and her brother was more than happy to bring his sister along ! In later years, Maria would marry and have ten children, while Adolfo and Zoila had five wonderful children. Adolfo and Zoila moved to Houston, Texas in hopes of finding a better life for his family where he would work as a truck driver, often times drivin to San Antonio. As the years went by the families would visit each other periodically. As his niece, what I remember most is this big giant of a man coming to visit in his big rig, and always bringing sweet bread and the best pies in Texas from Grumpy's ! He wassuch a gentle, loving man. As we became adults and had our own families we would continue visiting our uncle and aunt in Houston. Our uncle always had his door open to us and our aunt always had a wonderful home cooked meal for us. Our uncle often made his famous menudo for this motor cycle driving nephews ! These are just a few of the many memories we share of our beloved Tio Adolfo. Your sister Maria will miss you dearly as you were always there to lend an ear and give advice. Cousins, and Tia Zoila, know that we truly appreciate you sharing your husband and dad throughout the years. Our deepest condolences to all of you.

July 22 at 7:01 PM

TB

**Teresa P. Blanchard** posted:

Sylvia and family, My condolences on the loss of your precious father. I never knew your father, but his memorial video was very moving and showed a glimpse into the life of a strong, happy, family man. I pray the memories you have of your father will bring you some comfort. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Love, Teri

July 24 at 3:46 PM

MG

**Mr. & Mrs. Ronald L. Gosney** posted:

May you find comfort in the many memories of your beloved father and may they live forever in your heart. Thinking of you and your family in this time of sorrow. With Deepest Sympathy, Ronald & Sara

July 24 at 1:54 PM



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MM

**Mike Mitchell** posted:

Dear Perez Family, I am very sorry for your loss. I pray that you will all recover and talk together about all the good times you surely had while he was among you. With Sympathy Mike Mitchell Air Products

July 24 at 12:22 PM

JO

**Julian, Frances, Sabrina & Samantha Ortiz** posted:

Perez Family, We can only can image what you and your family are going thru at this time. We wish we had words to comfort you in your grief. But we know there are none that will take away any pain you have endured. We too know what it is to loose a parent and it is devastating. To bury your parent is to bury a substantial part of your past and that is a significant loss. But one learns to cope each day little by little when they are alone. Always remember all the good times you had with your father. Stay positive and remember your father is beside you every day. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your entire family.

July 24 at 6:25 AM

DP

**Daniel Perez** posted:

My Grandpa was the exemplification of a stoic man. Wearing a heart upon his sleeve was hardly his fashion. I will always remember his spiritual presence as one who took life as it was and cut the air with his honesty and self-respect. My mental image of my Grandpa will always be as a man of the Earth for he was tied to the outdoors; and in being so, he sought quiet, peace, and meditation from being outside and sharing with me his tricks to make things thrive and grow. My Grandpa was simple and I will always love his spirit for I learned so much simply from being in his quiet, loving, and down-to-earth presence.

July 23 at 9:47 PM

PP

**Paul And Maryann D Palacio** posted:

my heartfelt condolences to my aunt and all my cousins. You are each in my thoughts and prayers.

July 23 at 2:37 PM



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YH

**Yolanda Walton-Hogan** posted:

Ms. Aurora, Although no words can really help to ease the loss you bear, just know that you are very close in every thought and prayer. May God watch over and bless you and your family. Always, Yolanda

July 23 at 4:12 AM

TW

**Tasa Woods** posted:

Aurora, My condolences on the loss of your father. I pray that God comforts and strengthens you and your family in your time of grief. May the fond memories of your father be with you and carry you through. Kind regards, Tasa Woods

July 23 at 3:38 AM

LR

**Lucy Riojas** posted:

Dear Sylvia, I remember when I first went to visit you at your Mom and Dad's house thirty-something years ago. Your Dad was very warm and welcoming then and each time that I saw your parents over the years he was that way. I remember especially the time when you invited me to your family's gathering at your brother's property in Huffman. Your Dad, or someone, had shot a rabbit or two, and your Dad decided that he would make a stew. He wasn't going to let those rabbits go to waste. Anyway, when I got there, he was so gracious and welcoming. I remember looking around and seeing your sisters and brothers and all the kids running around and I'm thinking, "Wow, this is like what my family does!" Anyway, your Dad actually took me in hand and walked me over to the pot where he made the stew and filled up a bowl for me. He kept telling me how good it tasted and how much I would like it. I could see how proud your Dad was of that stew, and, well, I tasted it sort of hesitantly as I had never had rabbit before. Thank goodness that it sort of tasted like the enchilada sauce so I ate it up. In the meantime, he walked me around to your sisters and brothers and their respective spouses. He gave me the sense of home, "Mi casa, su casa." I could see all the love he had for you all and I could see how proud he was of you all, his family. I saw his love, his warm and generous nature and I see that you have that of him, Sylvia, his warmth and generosity. I am glad to have known him. My deepest condolences to you, Sylvia, and to Vincent, Steven, Michael, your Mom and your sisters and brothers and their families.

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## Media

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visiting my uncle Dec 2010



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