



Antonio "Tony" Lionila Gonzales

January 17, 1928 - December 3, 2011

Funeral services for Antonio L. "Tony" Gonzales, 83 of Giddings, are scheduled for 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 7, 2011 at St. Margaret's Catholic Church in Giddings with Father James Olnhusen officiating. Burial will follow in the Giddings City Cemetery. Visitation will be held on Tuesday, December 6, 2011 from 7:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. and Wednesday, December 7, 2011 from 7:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. at Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home in Giddings. A Rosary will be recited Tuesday evening at 6:30 p.m. at the funeral home. The Gonzales family will be present for visitation Tuesday evening from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Tony passed away unexpectedly shortly after midnight on Saturday, December 3, 2011 at Brackenridge Hospital in Austin. Antonio Lionila "Tony" Gonzales was born on January 17, 1928 in Giddings, Texas to Andres & Maria (Gonzales) Gonzales. He was united in marriage to Ernestine Cantu on September 26, 1948 at St. Margaret's Catholic Church in Giddings. Tony was employed as a signal man with the railroad, was a truck driver and also worked for Nutrena Feeds before owning and operating the ARCO & Texaco gas stations in Giddings for 15 years. He retired from the Texas Department of Transportation where he had been employed for 15 years in the Giddings office as a roadway maintenance worker. Tony was a faithful member of St. Margaret's Catholic Church in Giddings, a founding member of the Knights of Columbus Council 8085, a 4th Degree Knight with the Knights of Columbus Council 1095 and a member of the Sacred Heart Society. He enjoyed spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren

and great grandchildren, fishing, working and taking care of cattle at his farm and making barbeque. Tony was a great storyteller and always told and enjoyed a good joke. He had a great sense of humor and enjoyed making people laugh. He was preceded in death by his parents, Andres & Maria Gonzales; a daughter, Cecilia Smith; five brothers, Domingo, Zacharias, Angel, Albert and Milton Gonzales; sister, Enedina Lopez; parents-in-law, Manuel & Carmen Cantu; four brothers-in-law, Juan Gonzales, Robert Lee Ratcliff, Gilbert Cantu and Manuel Cantu; sister-in-law, Antonia Gonzales-Villegas and six nephews, Adrian Cantu, Kenneth Ratcliff, Ray Gonzales Jr., Michael Villareal, Patrick Garcia and Terry Garcia. Tony is survived by his wife of 63 years, Ernestine Gonzales of Giddings; his children and their spouses, Mary Ann & Jerry Sudduth of Sealy, Esther & Sid Ferrales of Edmonds, WA, Cindy & Dennis Umlang of Conroe, Victor & Karen Gonzales of Giddings, Sylvia Sharp of Giddings and Veronica & Travis Hendrix of Giddings; nineteen grandchildren, Michael & Crina Sudduth of San Antonio, Teresa & Karl Owing of Junction, Stephen Sudduth of Bellville, Robert Sudduth & Greg Rikaart of Los Angeles, CA, Deborah & James Alexander of Columbia, SC, Christopher & Gabrielle Ferrales of Minneapolis, MN, Natalie & Ernesto Trius of Seattle, WA, Kyle & Kate Umlang of Austin, Lance Umlang of Conroe, Brian Umlang of Conroe, Amanda Gonzales of Tulsa, OK, Vinson Gonzales of San Antonio, Robby Sharp and Sydney Sharp both of Giddings, Millicent Hendrix, Elijah Hendrix, Nathaniel Hendrix, Jude Hendrix and Genevieve Hendrix all of Giddings; eleven great grandchildren, Holly Parsons of Sealy, Haley Parsons and Karly Parsons both of Junction, Dillon Alexander and Isabella Alexander both of Columbia, SC, Savino Ferrales and Julian Ferrales both of Minneapolis and Isaac Trius, Miles Trius, Stella Trius and Lucia Trius all of Seattle; three sisters, Rosa & Tomas Rodriguez of Elgin, Rosario "Chayo" & Armando Maldonado of Wimberly and Conception "Connie" & Sydney Villareal of Elgin; four brothers, Jose "Joe" & Mercedes Gonzales of San Antonio, Santos & Eleanor Gonzales of Tanglewood, Reyes "Ray" & Connie Gonzales of Pflugerville and Liborio "Lobo" & Carmen Gonzales of Giddings; four

sisters-in-law, Rosa Gonzales of Paige, Martha Gonzales of Frisco, Rachel Gonzales of Giddings and Rebecca Ratcliff of Giddings; six brothers-in-law, Frank Cantu of El Campo, Inocencio & Josephine Cantu of Richmond, Eddie & Eloisa Cantu of El Campo, Freddie & Eva Cantu of Giddings, Manuel & Rosie Cantu Jr. of Boling and Ramiro & Virginia Cantu of Giddings. Tony is also survived by numerous nieces, nephews, godchildren and friends. Serving as pallbearers will be Michael Sudduth, Christopher Ferrales, Kyle Umlang, Lance Umlang, Brian Umlang, Vinson Gonzales, Robby Sharp and Elijah Hendrix. Honorary pallbearers will be Tony's godchildren and Tony's co-workers from TxDot, Clarence Jatzlau, Herbert Michalk, Norman Berger, Clyde Farris, Herbert Hosea, Ernie Goerlitz, Dale Tomanetz, Paul Meinke, Lana Nickel, Gordon Jenke and Ray Pearson. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorials be made to the St. Margaret's Catholic Church Building Fund.

Tribute Wall



“ Antonio *"Tony"* Lionila Gonzales

Yvonne Johnson - December 08, 2011 at 12:58 PM



“ Antonio *"Tony"* Lionila Gonzales

Martin and Jennifer Placke, Anna and Laura Kate - December 06, 2011 at 02:47 PM



“ Antonio *"Tony"* Lionila Gonzales

Michelle Gutierrez Schuetz - December 06, 2011 at 01:55 PM



“ Antonio *"Tony"* Lionila Gonzales

Lisa Schroeder - December 06, 2011 at 08:39 AM



“ Antonio *"Tony"* Lionila Gonzales

Dana Stavinoha - December 05, 2011 at 10:19 PM



“ Antonio *"Tony"* Lionila Gonzales

Evan Gonzales - December 05, 2011 at 05:32 PM



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Irma Cantu Manzanares - December 05, 2011 at 11:49 AM

CE

“ Antonio "Tony" Lionila Gonzales

Chris Ellis - December 04, 2011 at 10:22 PM

LW

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Lanette Williams - December 04, 2011 at 08:22 PM

CF

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Christopher and Sandra Villarreal and Family - December 04, 2011 at 05:49 PM

JE

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Joyce Escalante - December 04, 2011 at 04:22 PM

AG

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Adam Gonzales - December 04, 2011 at 03:47 PM

TJ

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tommy jacques - December 04, 2011 at 03:37 PM

OF

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Omar & Diana Coward & Family - December 04, 2011 at 03:11 PM

KM

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Kelly Melcher - December 03, 2011 at 10:08 PM

DS

“ Antonio "Tony" Lionila Gonzales

Dwight and Suzanne - December 03, 2011 at 10:05 PM

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“ Antonio "Tony" Lionila Gonzales

Doug, Lisa & Jakob Schlemmer - December 03, 2011 at 08:29 PM