



Antonio Zavala

July 16, 1934 - July 9, 2015

On July 9, 2015, Antonio "Tony" Zavala threw his final punches in a yearlong fight with cancer. Like the way he lived his life, Tony fought with a warrior's tenacity. Appropriately, he passed surrounded by his loving family and friends in his home.

Tony led a unique life. He was a tremendous athlete and elite sprinter. He was a distinguished Marine who embraced hard work. He enjoyed spending time with family and friends, singing mariachi songs, watching good ball games and raising a little hell now and then. However, most of all, he was a loving husband and caring father who preached the importance of family and education. He was one of those few souls who can say he did it his way.

Born July 16, 1934, Tony was nearly 81 years old.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Clara Botello and Jose Zavala; his siblings, Angela Zavala Sauzamedia, Felicitas Jones and Felix Zavala; and his son, Rodney Zavala.

He is survived by his devoted wife Minerva Zavala; his sister, Minnie Cantu; his children, Dr. Sharon Zavala, Yvonne Bryant, Tony Zavala and Gerald Zavala. He had six grandchildren who he never stopped bragging about: Diana, Chelsea, Anthony, Rodney, Leila and Nina.

The family will receive friends from 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm Sunday, July 12, 2015 in the Rudy Garza Funeral Home Chapel of Peace and a rosary will be recited at 7:00 PM.

A Funeral Mass will be celebrated at Our Lady of The Assumption Catholic

Church on Monday, July 13, 2015 at 10:00 AM.

Burial will follow at Restlawn Memorial Park in La Feria, TX.

Honored to serve as pallbearers will be Rosalio Peña, Alberto Perez, Joe de los Santos, Timothy Bryant, Anthony Zavala and Rodney Zavala.