



Genaro "Gene" Soto III

October 9, 1946 - July 26, 2020

Genaro "Gene" Soto

Gene passed away peacefully, after a sudden illness, on Sunday morning, July 26, 2020. He was preceded in death by his parents, Nellie and Genaro "Chico" Soto, of San Angelo, TX, his nephew, Mark Hinojosa, of San Angelo, TX, his brother-in-law, Bob Lasswell, of San Angelo, TX, and his beloved brother, Tom Soto, of Austin, TX. He is survived by his daughter, Dr. Sandra K. Soto, of Tucson, AZ, and his loving wife of thirty six years, Victoria (nee Vogt) Soto of Tomball, TX, his son Daniel (Jessica) Soto, of Houston, TX, his daughter Laura (Ramon) Ramlal, of Jersey Village, TX, and his daughter Ana Soto, of Tomball, TX. He leaves his grandchildren Talia Soto, Asmara Ramlal, and Victor Genaro Soto, with many loving memories of their time spent with him on long walks, reading together, and playing in the pool. Gene is also survived by his sister Stella Soto Lasswell, of San Angelo, TX, his sister-in-law Veronica Soto, of Austin, TX, his sister Dr. Sylvia Soto and her husband Joe Hernandez, of San Angelo, TX, and his brother Roberto Soto and his wife Dr. Virginia San Miguel, of Tigard, OR. He is survived by many cousins, nieces, nephews and extended family who loved him dearly along with at least a dozen youth that called the Soto house a second home for varying amounts of time over the years. There was always room for one more in his home. Gene was born October 9, 1946, in San Angelo, Texas, where he attended Angelo State University. He and his brother Tom entered the Air Force in 1966, and after completing basic training together, Gene attained the rank of

Sergeant and was commended for his devotion to duty. He completed his Bachelor's degree at the University of Houston where he was a member of La Raza and the United Farm Workers of America. He was an advocate for justice in the death of fellow veteran Jose Campos Torres. Afterwards, Gene began graduate work at the University of Colorado.

Gene returned to Houston where he met his wife Victoria in 1980 whom he later married in 1984. He worked for TRW and Baker Hughes as an NC programmer and System Administrator for the NC Programming Department. He traveled to Venezuela, China, and Mexico to train key personnel and assist with operational procedures for new facilities with NC programming depts. Through the years he was a deacon for Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, a sports coach for the M.D. Anderson YMCA, an active member of the San Jacinto Girl Scout Council, a Scout Master for Troop #360, Skyline District and Eagle Scout advisor, a founding member of the North Lindale Civic Club, and a member of the Aficionados writing group. Gene had a keen mind and enjoyed many thoughtful hobbies such as drawing, writing poetry, short fiction, working Sudoku, crosswords, and reading. Two of his favorite authors were Phillip Roth and David Sedaris. He also enjoyed camping, backpacking, kayaking, swimming, golfing, and lifeguarding. Gene fancied himself an "eco-warrior" who gardened and kept bees but admitted he felt a bit guilty about taking honey from "his girls" as he called them. He was a cancer survivor and ran marathons for the benefit of others. He was a supporter of local music and the arts, and from time to time he enjoyed a quality craft beer. Throughout his life, Gene remained an advocate for those who had no voice, whether they were children, immigrants, or the elderly, for which many are thankful. He is remembered as a kind and gentle man with a generous nature, a wry sense of humor, and an infectious laugh. He will be missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing him.

Services are pending for immediate family at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home in Willis, TX.

Donations in lieu of flowers can be sent to the M.D. Anderson Cancer Center

or a non-profit close to your heart.

Online condolences may be left for Gene's family at www.shmfh.com.

Tribute Wall

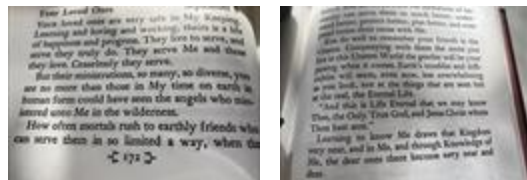


“ Genaro "Gene" Soto III

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ Gene, my beloved brother, was one of the most beautiful souls that I was blessed to have known in my life. I believe he lives in eternity with God and continues to be close to all his loved ones. A thought from the book by A. J. Russell captures the sentiment best.



Sylvia Soto - September 04, 2020 at 11:59 AM



“ Lord, Gene is gone now from this earthy dwelling, and has left us behind—those who mourn his absence.
Grant that we may hold his memory dear, never bitter for what we have lost nor in regret for the past, but always in hope of the eternal Kingdom where you will bring us together again.
This is our hope and our prayer in the name of the Creator, and of the Redeemer, and to the Sanctifier.
(Unknown)

Stella Soto Lasswell - September 03, 2020 at 03:39 PM



Correction: ...and of the Sanctifier..

Stella Soto Lasswell - September 03, 2020 at 03:44 PM

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“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



Stella Soto Lasswell - September 03, 2020 at 02:49 PM

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Stella Soto Lasswell - September 02, 2020 at 06:37 PM



“ I remember being at aunt Vickey and uncle Gene’s house and playing in the tree house with my cousins. I was eight but really small for my age and I could not get down! Uncle Gene came out and saved me, I got on his back and clinched tight for dear life. I know he had to be laughing inside at a 6 to 8 foot heigh tree house if that. But he was one of my hero’s from then on! I love you uncle Gene!

Angela Bailey - August 23, 2020 at 09:29 PM

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“ I remember his wonderful smiles and gracious demeanor. He was a blessing to all he met.
Joyce and Steve Black

Joyce Black - August 10, 2020 at 01:26 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Genaro "Gene" Soto III.



August 10, 2020 at 12:18 PM



“ Malia Tompkins purchased the Ghirardelli Gift Basket for the family of Genaro "Gene" Soto III.



Malia Tompkins - August 09, 2020 at 06:07 PM



“ *Uncle Gene Soto was quite figure in the background on my trips to visit family in Texas. He invited me to dance at Daniel’s wedding when I knew no one at the party. He created the infrastructure that allows his children to be the amazing people they are. Our condolences to his family, wife, children, grandchildren, informally adopted children, and friends.*

~ Malia & Bill Tompkins



Malia Tompkins - August 09, 2020 at 05:37 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Genaro "Gene" Soto III.*



August 09, 2020 at 03:14 PM