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Gonzalo Flores Canales, Jr., a cherished husband, beloved father, grandfather, and great grandfather, and a decorated veteran, passed away peacefully at home on July 12, 2025, at the age of 90 in San Antonio, Texas. Born on September 12, 1934, in Sejita, Texas, Gonzalo, affectionately known as Góne by his loved ones, led a life marked by kindness, generosity, and courage.

Gonzalo's early life in Sejita and Benavides, Texas, laid the foundation for his strong drive toward success and his unwavering commitment to his fa[illegible]nd country. He answered

Douglas and then Northrop Corp., both in Saudi Arabia. Finally, in the 90s he worked for HB Zachary Co., as a security guard. His legacy of service continued long after his military career, as he dedicated time to volunteering with the American Red Cross, Meals on Wheels, and actively participating in his local Neighborhood Watch program.

Gonzalo's love for his family was immense, and he was the cornerstone upon which many cherished memories were built. He is preceded in death by his parents, Gonzalo and Guadalupe (Flores) Canales; his brothers, Jose and Benny Canales; his sister, Lucinda Garza (Arnoldo Sr.); his son, Carlos Canales; and his great-grandson, Jett Elijah Baker. He is survived by his devoted wife of 68 years, Erlinda Enriquez Canales, and his loving daughters, Alma Garza (Marcus) and Annabel Canales. Gonzalo's joy was multiplied through his grandchildren, Matthew Baker (Alexia), Hilary Holmes (Joey), Andrea Canales, and Jon Skow Canales (Stevie), and his great-grandchildren, Isabella Canales, Carly Garibay, Mason Skow, Axel Baker, Willow Skow, and Hazel Holmes, who all had a close and nurturing relationship with him. They will miss him dearly and celebrate their time with him. Gonzalo's numerous cousins, nieces and nephews will miss his ever-present smile and calm nature.

An active man who found pleasure in the simple joys of life, Gonzalo's summers were not complete without the family trips to Corpus Christi, with a pitstop to eat sandwiches at the roadside picnic area on the way. At home, he was always found tending to his yard and maintaining his household, a testament to his belief in the value of hard work and the satisfaction of a job well done.

Gonzalo's kindness touched the lives of many as he and Erlinda welcomed generations of babies into their home for daycare, asking nothing in return. His generosity knew no bounds, often giving rides home to friends of his grandchildren who had stayed too late to walk home. His courage emanated even in his final hours with his close family repeating the phrase, "Sejita Strong," because they just don't make them like him anymore. He was a man of deep Catholic faith, a pillar in his community, and a shining example of a life well lived. His story is one of love, service, and unwavering dedication to the ideals he held dear.

As we bid farewell to Gonzalo F. Canales, Jr., we celebrate a life that was full and meaningful. His memory will continue to guide and inspire us, and his spirit will live on through the many lives he touched. Gonzalo's journey on this earth may have ended, but the values he instilled in us and the love he shared will endure forever.

A private Graveside will take place at a later time.

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