



Donald Richard Soucie

Donald Richard Soucie entered into eternal rest on Sunday, April 2, 2023, at the age of 89. Don was born on May 1, 1933 to Richard and Wanita Dodson Soucie, in Schenectady, New York and grew up in Athol, Mass. He was the eldest of four children. Don entered the United States Air Force in June of 1950 and completed basic training at Lackland AFB in San Antonio. He was later stationed at Laredo Air Force Base in Laredo, TX. He worked in Finance processing the airmen's payroll.

It was in Laredo where Don met and fell head over heels for a lovely señorita named Rita Lozano. In 1954, Don was discharged from the Air Force in Wichita Falls, TX, and he returned to Laredo where he and Rita were married in 1956. Don & Rita moved to San Antonio where Don accepted a position at the Addressograph-Multigraph Corp. They welcomed two daughters Vivian and Cathie.

In early 1964, Don was transferred to the Addressograph office in Hartford, CT and settled his family in Bristol, CT. Don was overjoyed at returning to New England, as his family was all living in Massachusetts. The Soucies enjoyed big family gatherings on holidays and traveling and getting to know the New England area. Don enjoyed bowling in leagues and became an avid golfer. In 1971, Don fulfilled his promise to Rita and moved the family back to Texas.

Don & Rita divorced in 1977 but remained life-long friends. Don married the sweetest lady Sophia McHale in the early 80s. Sadly, Don was widowed in the early 90s and never remarried. Don was a life-long Boston Red Sox and Dallas Cowboys fan. His favorite college team was Notre Dame. Don retired in the 90s and continued to enjoy bowling. He also loved watching movies on the Hallmark Channel and enjoying his favorite Neapolitan ice cream.

Don was preceded in death by his wife Sophia, his parents Richard and Wanita Soucie, and his brother Larry Soucie. He is survived by his first wife Rita Lozano Soucie,

daughters Vivian (Adolfo) Martinez, Jr. and Cathie (Steve) Gilbert, stepdaughter Laura (Noe) Rios, four grandchildren, Adolfo (Maricela) Martinez III, Kelly (Jeff) Benavidez, Michael (Megan) Gilbert, Christopher James, and seven great grandchildren – Tristen & Xochitl Martinez, Jeffrey & Luke Benavidez, and Nathan, Everly & Eevee Gilbert. He is also survived by his sister Carol Watelet, and brother Doug (Deb) Soucie, and numerous nieces and nephews in Massachusetts as well as Laredo, Texas - all of whom he was very fond.

A Celebration of Life will be held for Don on Thursday, April 27, 2023, beginning with a Catholic Mass at 11:00am at Our Lady of Guadalupe in Helotes, Texas. A luncheon reception will immediately follow at 12 noon in the parish hall. Burial will take place on Monday, May 1, 2023 at 11:15am with Military Honors at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery (Shelter #2) in San Antonio.

Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church, 13715 Riggs Road, Helotes, TX 78023

