



Alfredo Carl Sarabia

September 11, 1927 - May 25, 2025

Alfredo Carlos Sarabia, 97 years old, was called home to the Lord on Sunday, May 25, 2025. Alfredo was born September 11, 1927, in Houston, Texas. He was the son of Felipe and Berta Sarabia. As a young boy, Alfredo attended Annunciation Catholic school, which he credits the nuns for teaching him strong math skills. He graduated from Austin High School where he lettered in football and was on a city championship team.

As a young boy, while at his dad's store a lady came into the store and showed him a letter from her son who was a Marine. He noticed the Marine Bulldog Mascot on the front of the letter, and he listened to her speak of her son with such pride that it left a profound impact on him. He knew one day he would be a Marine.

After finishing high school Alfredo joined the Marines in 1946 which set the course for the man he became. "Semper Fidelis" "Always Faithful". Honor, Courage and Commitment were his core values, and he believed you must "Improvise, Adapt, and Overcome".

Alfredo graduated from The University of Houston with a BBA degree. He then went to Chicago for two years to work for an insurance company. Then returned to Houston to work with his father during the day and was a dance instructor at night.

One wondrous day at the store he met the love of his life, Janie Del Los Santos, his bride of 62 years. They built a home in Shepherd Park Plaza and became members of St. Rose of Lima Church. Their favorite organization was the Azalea Social Club where they met lifelong friends. The club held many events including several dances. Dancing was Alfredo and Janie's favorite thing to do together. They were perfect dance partners, and all eyes were on them when they hit the dance floor.

On June 10, 1967, he opened his own store, Alfredo's Discoteca. Janie came up with name. Alfredo believed the opening of the store was the beginning of his true reason for being in the world. His success allowed him to provide a very nice home for his family. He was very proud that his dad Felipe came to work with him and that he opened a second store that Janie's mom Rebecca "Momo" managed. After retirement he worked for HCAD serving on the ARB Board.

One of Alfredo's passions was coaching sports. He coached his sons in football and baseball for many years at Oaks Dads club. Later he would coach his grandson Austin at Cy-Fair Sports Association where he spent many years umpiring as well. He also enjoyed attending his grandchildren's sporting and dancing events, playing poker, gardening, telling stories, and writing about the family history. More than anything, he loved being with family members. He always expressed how proud he was of the family.

Alfredo was a wonderful husband, dad, grandfather, great grandfather, brother, uncle, and son. He is loved and will be missed. He will always be in our hearts, which are full of gratitude for his steadfast love for his family.

Alfredo is preceded in death by his beloved wife Janie Sarabia, son Gilbert Sarabia, grandson Andrew Sarabia, parents Felipe and Berta Sarabia, and

brothers Felipe Sarabia, Johnny Sarabia, and sister Ernestine Garcia.

Alfredo is survived by his son, Sonny and his wife, Carrie Sarabia, daughter Rebecca Sarabia Neal, and son Dominic Sarabia; grandchildren, Austin and his wife Alena Sarabia, Sara Sarabia, Lauren Sarabia, Emily Neal and Hannah Neal; great grandchildren Luke Sarabia, Elijah Sarabia and Emma Sarabia; brother Emilio Sarabia, sister Bertha Marquez; as well as numerous brother and sister in laws, nieces, and nephews.

Special thanks to St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, Bayou City Hospice Care, and The Visiting Angels for the love and care provided to Alfredo. The family is sincerely grateful and believes you are all Angels.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to St. Rose of Lima Church or The Catholic Daughters in honor of Alfredo and Janie Sarabia.