



## Aristeo Rocha Flores

September 3, 1924 - January 25, 2013

Aristeo Rocha Flores, loving family patriarch, and a longtime resident of Abilene, Texas peacefully passed away on Friday, January 25, 2013 in Missouri City Texas at the age of 88. He is preceded in death by his wife Vernarda Aguirre Flores and his parents Andres and Facunda Rocha, his adoptive father Jesus C. and Amelia Flores and brothers Emilio, Everardo. Reyes and Jesus, and Raul Rocha

He is survived by his daughters and spouses: Belia and Jose Maldonado of San Antonio, Texas, Evita and Julio Torres of Baytown Texas, Deborah and Ray DeVido of Missouri City, Texas, Sons: Aristeo Jr. Ted Fran Flores of Justin, Texas, Samuel and Susan Flores of Crosby Texas and Tommy and Ginger Flores of Pasadena, Texas

He is also survived by his Rocha bothers and sister in laws: Ramiro and Carolyn of Norman Oklahoma, Santos and Janie of Katy Texas, Raymond and Jana of Abilene, bothers George Rocha of Sacramento CA, John Rocha of San Antonio, Texas and sisters and bother in laws, Mary Ann and Clayton Wolfenden, Winters, Texas, Enedina and Vicente Gonzalez of Abilene, Texas, and Rosario Rahne of Winters, Texas.

Aristeo had 22 grandchildren and 35 great-grandchildren, and 1 great great grandchild, and many nephews and nieces.

Aristeo was well regarded in the Hispanic Community in Abilene up until his wife's illness prompted a move to the Houston area to be near his children in 1996. He took a lot of joy and pride working for his Christian beliefs. He was a deacon for the Graham St. Church of Christ, and loved to deliver Sunday sermons when asked. He loved to translate English hymns into Spanish. He had very fond and loving memories for his church family, and many were saddened when he left Abilene.

Aristeo was always encouraging his children to get their education. His attempts to continue his education at Abilene Christian College were hindered by lack of transportation, since he had to walk to the campus from his home. In spite of his limited higher education friends and family members constantly sought him out when in need of assistance reading legal documents and other matters that required assistance.

Dad's deceased brother Reyes Flores was the second Abilene resident to have given his life in Viet Nam, and had a park in Abilene named in his honor. Aristeo was a constant supportive presence in the life of his father Jesus C. Flores an Abilene centenarian who died on July 4th 1984 at the age of 102.

Beloved "dad" "grandpa" will be very missed. Thank you, Dad, for you have touched the lives of many brothers and sisters in Christ.

Funeral services for Aristeo Rocha Flores, 88, of Missouri City, Texas will be held at 10:00 a.m., Monday, January 28, 2013 in the Chapel of Davis-Greenlawn Funeral Home in Rosenberg with burial at Greenlawn Memorial Park in Rosenberg.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Davis-Greenlawn Funeral Home, 3900 B.F. Terry Blvd., Rosenberg, Texas 77471, Phone: 281-341-8800.

Visitation will be held from 8:00 a.m. until service time at 10:00 a.m., on Monday, January 28, 2013.

For personal acknowledgements the family encourages family and friends to sign the online guest book at: <http://www.davisgreenlawnfh.com/> .

# Tribute Wall

BL

“ Bob and I were priviledged to have had a long relationship with Mr. Flores from the time he moved to Houston as we are close friends of Ray and Debbie DeVido. We were sad to learn of his death. Our thoughts and prayers during this time of sorrow are with famiily members. May you find comfort knowing that he is at peace in the hands of our Maker. Bob and Elena Leroux

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**Bob and Elena Leroux** - February 02, 2013 at 12:00 AM

NT

“ From my family, our prayers and thoughts

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**Natividad A. Trevino** - January 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM

GR

“ Belia my condolences to you and your family. I know you got to spend some time with him recently, so that time must have been very precious to you. It was Gods plan for you. May your dad rest in peace for he is with God now.

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**Gloria Ramirez** - January 29, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ Belia, please know that you and your family are in our prayers. It sounds like your father had a wonderful, long life. You will have many memories to cherish. May God hold you close during this time.

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**Aimee & Eddie Fite** - January 29, 2013 at 12:00 AM

EP

“ *Belia, Debbie, Evita, Sammy, Teddy and Tommy and to your family - Our thoughts and prayers are with you. We loved your Father and Mother so much. We have such wonderful memories of your parents! Your Father was an amazing gentleman who touched so many peoples lives and hearts!*

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**Esperanza and Esmeralda Pallarez** - January 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM

NS

“ *Belia,Evita,Debbie,Teddy,Sammy and Tommy, there are no words to express my feelings at this time. I wish I could be there with you at this time of sorrow. Know that we are in our hearts and prayers. Your dad was one of the great men that I had a privilege to know. He was strong in his faith and always showed it. The Graham Street Church of Christ send their prayers and remember him with fondness. Find comfort in each other and all the memories that you have of your parents. Mi honey is with Bernalda now.*  
*Norma Gomez Sierra*

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**Norma Sierra** - January 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RJ

“ *My deepest condolences to the family and we have you all in our prayers.*

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**Ramiro Rocha Jr.** - January 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ To my grandpa; One of the kindest and funniest guys I knew. I will never forget all the times we played dominos almost all day!

To my family; you are in our thoughts and prayers always. All our love

TJ, Heather, Jaidyn and Zoie

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**Colombani Family** - January 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LR

“ Belia and family: It's been years since we last saw each other. Your parents and mine Adam & Pilar Flores were great friends. They loved having a good time together and now they are all celebrating your Dad's homecoming. Would love to hear from you. Love and blessings to you and your brothers and sisters.

Lucy & Santos

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**Lucy Flores Rodriguez** - January 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SR

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to the family. It warms my heart to see a photo of Aristeo, he looks so much like my grandfather Andres Rocha. Sending out love and prayers to all of the family.

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**Santa Yvonne Rocha** - January 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ sending our thoughts and prayers to a wonderful and kind gentleman.I have so many wonderful memories of Mr & Mrs Flores "Los Compadres " such great friends to my grandparents Stokes..now they are all in heaven havin their "caffecito" Also our condolences to the Flores familias and to my cousins Johnny JR. & Chris Stokes of the loss of thier wonderful Granpa...love deby DeHerrera-Stokes Muroski

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**Deby DeHerrera-Stokes Muroski** - January 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM

FH

“ We neighbors all miss grandpa and the fond kindness he showed all our children.

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**Fred Howard** - January 27, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SL

“ Our prayer and thoughts or with you and your family may god bless and keep you all with love.

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**Sidney/Lou Lewis** - January 27, 2013 at 12:00 AM

ME

“ Belia and Family,  
Please accept my deepest condolences on your loss. My thoughts are with you and your family during this difficult time.

*Maria Esqueda - AT&T*

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**Maria Esqueda** - January 27, 2013 at 12:00 AM

ME

“ *Belia and Family,  
Please accept my deepest condolences on your loss. My thoughts  
are with you and your family during this difficult time.*

*Maria Esqueda - AT&T*

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**Maria Esqueda** - January 27, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ *Belia and Family,  
We extend our deepest condolences to you in your time of sorrow.  
May all the memories help bring you strength and comfort. You are  
in our prayers. God bless.*

*Monica- AT&T*

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**Monica Corpus** - January 27, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ *To Belia and Family, Our deepest condolences, may you find  
comfort in each other. Though you are suffering through these  
times, try to cope by celebrating his life. May his memories and  
legacy stay in your hearts forever! Rosie - AT&T*

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**Rosie De la Cruz** - January 27, 2013 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ *To all the family and friends,*

*Johnny and I have all the family and friends in our prayers as we all  
cope thru this difficult time. Grandpa was a wonderful amazing man.  
We must all remember he is in a better place. He will be missed  
greatly!*

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**Tiffany and Johnny Stokes** - January 27, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RR

“ *your family is in our thought and prayers during this time. He always wanted to be around the family laughing and having a good time he will be missed*

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**Ramon and Jana Rocha** - January 26, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BD

“ *To all the family,*

*Our deepest condolences, we will keep you and your family in prayer. I had the pleasure of meeting and being with Grandpa Flores, he was an honorable man, loving, caring and funny in his own way. It was a pleasure meeting him and being with him when he was here in San Antonio. Grandpa Flores, you will be missed. We love you Bella Stokes.*

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**Bellanira Delgado-Stokes** - January 25, 2013 at 12:00 AM