



## Ruben Longoria Vitela

June 3, 1938 - October 20, 2017

A celebration of the life of Ruben L. Vitela, 79, of Lubbock will be held at 1:00 p.m., Saturday, October 28, 2017 at Tabernacle Baptist Church. Please celebrate the life of Ruben by visiting [www.sandersfuneralhome.com](http://www.sandersfuneralhome.com).

Ruben passed away peacefully watching baseball on October 20, 2017.

Ruben was born June 3, 1938 in Raymondville, TX to Doroteo and Guadalupe Vitela. During his retirement, he was the "honey do king". He enjoyed craftmaking and gift giving. He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, David Vitela; sister, Cindy Gonzalez; brother, Roman Vitela; and sister, Elizabeth Vitela.

Loved ones include daughter, Sheila Vitela; daughter, Diana Vitela (David Vignasse); son Calvin Vitela; daughter, Teresa Vitela; best friend and former spouse, Junita Vitela; sister, Stella Reyna; brother Robert Vitela; brother John Vitela; sister Olga Lepe; brother Ramiro Vitela; brother Sam Vitela; sister Dalia Medina; granddaughter Alexis Beam (Eric); granddaughter Kasey Roberts; granddaughter Alyssa Vitela; great-grandson Zayde Vitela; great-granddaughter Myah Vitela; close family friend, Henry Dominguez; and a host of family and friends.

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

OCT **28**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Tabernacle Baptist Church  
1911 34th Street  
Lubbock, TX 79411

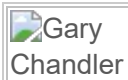
# Tribute Wall



“ Sanders Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Ruben Longoria Vitela

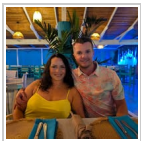


Sanders Funeral Home - October 27, 2017 at 09:16 AM



“ Ruben was always like my second Father away from home when I served in the US Air Force at Reese AFB in Lubbock. The Vitela family took me in as one of the family and he always was nice to me. He trusted me with the safety of his daughters who are all still really dear friends of mine. I think to this day that he always thought my real name was Garydon because he always called me that, just like everyone in the Vitela household. I always felt like part of the family when I came to visit. He will be missed.

Gary Chandler - November 09, 2017 at 11:55 AM



“ Grandpa Ruben was such a sweet and thoughtful man, with a huge Sense of humor, set in his daily routines. He literally was the the center of our family and will be missed dearly. RIP Grandpa Ruben

Love,

Eric & Lexi Beam

Alexis Beam - October 27, 2017 at 04:47 PM

BB

*I often thought of Ruben while looking out my window seeing the American flag he made out of fence wood. Ruben's love for his family and friends was admirable.*

**Bonnie Beam** - October 28, 2017 at 10:02 PM

BB

“ *Brittani, Zach, & Harris Taylor, Matt & Marci Blau purchased the Love's Journey for the family of Ruben Longoria Vitela.*



**Brittani, Zach, & Harris Taylor, Matt & Marci Blau** - October 27, 2017 at 12:00 PM



“ *55 files added to the album Life Tributes*



**Sanders Funeral Home** - October 27, 2017 at 08:13 AM

LS

“ *Uncle Ruben was the eldest of my mother’s siblings. He was an honest man and loved life and his family. He never missed a chance to call me when he came to Childress. He always tried his best to give me advice or guide me down a road he knew his sister would want me to go. He loved to tell stories about when they were young kids, and I loved listening to those wonderful memories. Uncle Ruben was definitely one of a kind. I will miss you terribly and I can’t wait for the day I get to see you and my momma again. Rest In Peace* 🙏🙏

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**Lisa M Gonzalez Stalcup** - October 26, 2017 at 06:51 PM

DV

“ *I will miss Ruben's great sarcastic humor that always made me laugh. He was very sly with his delivery and he rarely did more than smile after he got off a good one, but I was always laughing even before he finished his joke. He was a terrific mechanic and built some home furnishings that are proudly displayed at our house. Jesus was a carpenter and Ruben was a man after his own heart.*

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**David Vignasse** - October 24, 2017 at 05:16 PM



“ *I just loved just seeing his big smile every time I seen him. He was very dear to my heart. He never judged but always comforted those around him. I sure am gonna miss your big hugs Uncle Ruben.* ❤️❤️

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**Mary Vitela** - October 24, 2017 at 05:09 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ruben Longoria Vitela.*



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October 24, 2017 at 04:07 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Ruben Longoria Vitela.*



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October 24, 2017 at 01:36 PM



“ *Love, Rick DeGrauwe and Shelly Fiorotto purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Ruben Longoria Vitela.*



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**Love, Rick DeGrauwe and Shelly Fiorotto** - October 23, 2017  
at 05:42 PM



“ *One of my favorite memories is when Ruben would give me a ride home back in middle school in his old truck. It was always a fun ride home. Diana and I laughed. Loved this guy. You will be missed. Our loss is Heaven's gain.*

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**Cindy Yanzuk** - October 22, 2017 at 10:28 PM

DV

*Don't forget the part where he told us we rolled around like a bunch of eggs. The reality was his driving was bad. Lol*

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**diana vitela** - October 22, 2017 at 11:03 PM

MA

“ *We are so sorry for yalls loss. Yall are in our thoughts and prayers.*

*Mandy*

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**mandy** - October 22, 2017 at 05:34 PM

TV

*Thank you sweet Mandy, honorary Vitela!*

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**Teresa Vitela** - October 24, 2017 at 01:40 PM