



Jose Lopez

September 27, 1921 - September 2, 2014

Jose Lopez was born in Yorktown, Texas on Tuesday, September 27, 1921 at 11:30 pm to the parents of Trinidad & Mirabel Rubio Lopez. Jose was the oldest in the family of 13 children having 10 brothers & two sisters. Jose grew up on a farm and due to the workload & being the oldest child was only able to attend school until 5th grade. His 5th grade education did not deter him from learning or making it through life. At the age of 21 he joined the service at his mothers request, to get away from the farm and see what opportunities life had in store for him. He served in the Army 14th Armored Division "Liberators" during World War II as a tank driver & at times clearing the way for General Patton himself. He cut hair in his spare time or took extra watches on duty just to make more money & send it home to his parents. He always put others first above his own needs. Once out of the Army he took a job with Champion Papers & worked his way up the ladder beating out college educated employees for his supervisor position. Jose worked 37 years for Champion Paper before retiring to better his health.

Jose married his bride Rose Mary Gutierrez on February 10, 1965 & started a family having 2 sons & a daughter then adopted his niece & nephew after the loss of their mother giving him another son & daughter for a total of 5 children, Joseph, Joel, Rosanne, Jesse Paul & Patricia Ann. He loved his wife, his family & above all God the Father.

Jose loved being outdoors working in his yard, watering his plants, making people laugh and prayed daily to The Blessed Mother & loved to devote flowers from his garden in her honor. He was a member of The Knights of Columbus, American Legion & Woodmen of The World.

Jose was a fighter, surviving cancer not once but twice living out the remainder of his life without a bladder & one kidney. He fought a long battle with Alzheimer's and lived out his life to the fullest beyond the average life span here in the US of 77.6 years. He passed away at his home, surrounded by his family, the evening of Tuesday, September 2, 2014 reaching the age of 92 years, 11 months and 6 days, just 25 days shy of his 93rd birthday.

Jose is preceded in death by his parents Trinidad & Mirabel, his brothers Trinidad Jr. @ 77 years old, Ricardo @ 9 months of age, Francisco @ 75 years old, Juan @ 73 years old, Pablo @ 61 years old & sister Mirabel @ 6 months of age. Sister-in-laws: Ella Lopez, Eva Lopez and Magdalena Lopez.

He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Rose Mary Lopez of Giddings; his children & their spouses, Joseph & Stephanie Lopez of Giddings, Jesse & Ramona Lopez of Colorado, Joel & Sandra Lopez of Giddings, Patricia Ann & Randy Kelley of North Carolina and Rosanne Lopez of Giddings.

He is also survived by his honorary daughters, Elfride Mercedes Stockl of Giddings and Marilyn Denise "Doe" Ester of Houston; his sister Emerita Arriaga & her husband, Antonio of Rosenberg; his brothers, Jose Conrado (J.C.) Lopez of Pasadena, Victor Lopez of Cypress, Jesus (Jesse) Lopez of College Station, Candelario Lopez & his wife, Guadalupe of Rosenberg, Deacon Richard Lopez & his wife, Mary Sophia of Conroe; his sisters-in-law, Virginia Lopez of Sugarland, Carolina Lopez of Humble and Pura Amparo Lopez of Missouri City; spouse of Pablo Lopez; his 19 grandchildren, Brennen Lee Kelley & his wife, Amber Denise Kelley of California, Daniel Ward Pillow

of Houston, Chase Randall Kelley & his wife, Tanya Kelley of San Antonio, Christopher Joel Lopez & his wife, Lacy Nicole Lopez of Paige, Esteban Serapio Jose Lopez & his wife, Cecelia Roann Lopez of Giddings, Naomi Elaina Lopez of New Mexico, Natasha Elaine Lopez of Giddings, Ryan Wesley Kelley of North Carolina, Cheyenne Renee Kelley of Giddings, Anjelica Rose Akin & her husband, Devan Scott Akin of Paige, Jackie Lynn Wade II of Paige, Daniel Jesse Lopez of Colorado, Reagene Anne "Genie" Wade of Giddings, Nathan Paul Lopez of Colorado, Samuel Moses Lopez of Colorado, Colette Benet McClure of Giddings, David Noel Lopez of Colorado, Gwendolynn Carysarose Lopez of Giddings & Benjamin Joseph Lopez of Giddings; his 10 great grandchildren, Kiersten Marie Lopez of Paige, Joel Francisco Rivera of Paige, Donovan Joseph Lopez of Colorado, Brayden Nikhyl Kelley of San Antonio, Ariana Naomi Webb of New Mexico, Nathan Giovannie Lopez of Colorado, Kaylee Mae Lopez of Paige, Cambrie Grace Akin of Paige, Xephenia Rose Lopez of Giddings and Ryleigh Hope Akin of Paige as well as numerous nieces and nephews, other relatives and many friends.

Funeral services will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 6, 2014 at St. Margaret's Catholic Church in Giddings with Father James Olnhausen officiating. Burial will follow in the Giddings City Cemetery. Visitation will be held on Friday, September 5, 2014 from 7:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. and on Saturday, September 6, 2014 from 7:00 a.m. until 8:30 a.m. at Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home in Giddings. A Rosary will be recited Friday evening at 7:00 p.m. at the funeral home.

Serving as pallbearers will be Christopher Joel Lopez, Esteban Serapio Jose Lopez, Jackie Lynn Wade II, Chase Kelley, Ryan Kelley and Nathan Giovannie Lopez. Honorary pallbearers will be Brennen Kelley, Nathan Lopez, Samuel Lopez, David Lopez, Joel Francisco Rivera, Benjamin Joseph Lopez,

Brayden Nikyle Kelley, Donovan Joseph Lopez, Daniel Jesse Lopez and Devan Scott Akin.

Memorials may be made to the St. Margaret's Catholic Church Education Building Fund, the Alzheimer's Association or to the charity of one's choice.

Cemetery Details

Giddings City Cemetery

900 West Austin Street
Giddings, TX 78942

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 5. 7:00 AM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - Giddings
3950 East Austin St.
Giddings, TX 78942
(979) 542-3113
phillipsluckey@yahoo.com
<https://www.phillipsandluckey.com/>

Rosary

SEP 5. 7:00 PM (CT)

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Service

SEP 6. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Margaret Catholic Church
526 S. Grimes
Giddings, TX 78942

Tribute Wall

AA

“*Qué triste situación perder un ser amado. Mas, Jehová el Dios de todo consuelo sabía eso y por ello nos brinda su apoyo y fortaleza a través de su Santa Palabra La Biblia. En ella nos deja ver como se eliminará la muerte para siempre: Juan 5: 28- cito: “No se maravillen de esto, porque viene la hora en que todos los que están en las tumbas conmemorativas oirán su voz y saldrán.....” Apocalipsis (Revelación) 21: 4 – nos da la siguiente promesa; “Y limpiará toda lágrima de sus ojos, y la muerte no será....” Como registra en Isaías 25.8 que se tragará la muerte. ¡Qué maravillosa esperanza, que no haya más muerte y la vez se nos dé el privilegio de verlos nuevamente! espero que estas palabras le ayuden a lidiar con su dolor y le dé luz de esperanza.*

AAK - November 20, 2014 at 08:35 AM

RM

“*Rosie & Steven McJunkin sent a virtual gift in memory of Jose Lopez*



Rosie & Steven McJunkin - September 05, 2014 at 11:28 PM

RO

Our Deepest Sympathy to Aunt Rosie, Joey, Joel, Jesse, Rosanne, Patty and All Your Families on the loss of Uncle Joe. He was an amazing and wonderful man who will be missed by so many. What wonderful memories that we will cherish. May Our Dear Lord keep All of His Family wrapped in his arms during this time.

*God Bless and Much Love,
Rosie, Steven & Richard*

Rosie - September 05, 2014 at 11:39 PM

 Irma
Rivera

“ *Uncle Joe was a wonderful man and will be truly missed by many. My favorite memory is that ever since I can remember he always called me "Ponytail". Even as I got older, and married, he still called me that. I will cherish that nickname forever. I love you Uncle Joe. R.I.P.*

My deepest condolences to Aunt Rosie, Joey, Joel, Jesse, Roseanne, Patty, and all the family. May the Lord grant you peace and comfort during this difficult time. We love you all.

Irma Rivera - September 05, 2014 at 05:48 PM

 ML

“ *Missy, Chris and Stella Lopez purchased the A New Sunrise Spray for the family of Jose Lopez.*



Missy, Chris and Stella Lopez - September 05, 2014 at 11:37 AM



“ *Sacred Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jose Lopez.*



September 04, 2014 at 05:58 PM

MS

“ *Michelle Schuetz lit a candle in memory of Jose Lopez*



Michelle Schuetz - September 04, 2014 at 08:43 AM

MS

To the Lopez family, I am so sorry for your loss. He was a great man and will be missed by all who knew him. May God give you all strength today and the days ahead. Remember all the good times, those will always have a special place in our hearts. We have another angel watching and protecting us all. God bless!

Michelle Schuetz - September 04, 2014 at 08:45 AM

BA

“ *My prayers and condolences to Jose Lopez family. He was a wonderful man with a grand spirit for life.*
Bob Arriaga

Bob Arriaga - September 04, 2014 at 02:43 AM

MA

Our sympathy to the family, on you great loss..pray for comfort and peace for Jose his now watching and praying for his loved family..many hugs.
David Mary Ann Bordovsky

maryannbordovsky - September 06, 2014 at 06:03 AM

PO

“ *In a lifetime you meet and get to know a family that stands out always in a very special way. Joe was the finest example of a loving Husband-loving Father. He shared a kind gentle spirit and always wore that smile in even the toughest of times. Their door was always open to friends in a Christ like manner. He leaves behind an example that I know each son and daughter will follow in their own way.*

Recently while there I watched his own siblings gather around his bedside and I thought of how blessed this family is. His devotion to Our Blessed Mother- His love of the rosary are the example that should be in every home. His gift of listening. His patience. I thank my God for having the pleasure of knowing him. My heart understand this will be a difficult time for each of you but he fought a long hard battle to last for each of you. Rosie and family my prayers are there for all of you.

Pat Oldham - September 03, 2014 at 07:41 PM