



Armando Javier Duarte

October 29, 1947 - January 23, 2026

Armando “Javier” Duarte, 78, passed away peacefully on Friday afternoon, January 23, 2026, surrounded by his family. He was born on October 29, 1947, in Tangancícuaro, Michoacán, Mexico, the son of Raul and Maria Luisa Duarte.

Before his first birthday, Javier’s family relocated to Guadalajara, Mexico. As a young man, he later moved to the United States and built a long, dedicated career with BNSF, where he worked for thirty-nine and a half years.

Javier married the love of his life, Graciela Duarte, and together they shared nearly 56 years of marriage. They were blessed with four children—Javier, Veronica, Graciela, and Gabriela—whom he cherished deeply. A devoted husband, father, and grandfather, Javier always made time for his family. After long days of hard work, he never failed to show up for his children, whether it was helping with schoolwork, sharing family dinners, or simply being present. He also proudly coached his son’s soccer team, creating memories his family still treasures. In later years, he took great joy in attending his grandsons’ extracurricular activities, cheering them on with pride.

Javier lived his life guided by faith. He led by example, choosing kindness, integrity, and doing what was right even when no one was watching. His steady presence, gentle humor, and unwavering love will be remembered by all who knew him.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers Raul Duarte Jr. and Luis Duarte; and sister Sylvia Duarte and one grandchild.

He is survived by his wife, Graciela Duarte; his children Javier Duarte, Veronica L. Andrade (Tommy), Graciela A. Hollister (Jack), and Gabriela Freeman (Dustin); his six grandchildren; his two great-grandchildren; his brother Ramon Duarte; and his sister Beatrice Gutierrez and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

A memorial visitation for Javier will be held at St. John the Evangelist Church on Saturday, February 7, 2026, from 9:30–11:00 AM, with a memorial Mass to follow at 11:00 AM. Interment will take place at Maple Hill Cemetery at a later date.

The family extends their heartfelt gratitude to Dr. Appl and his staff for their numerous years of caring for Javier. Also KU Medical Center and its staff for the exceptional care they provided to Javier and for the compassion they showed to the entire family.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

FEB 7. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St John The Evangelist Catholic Church
2910 Strong Ave
Kansas City, KS 66106

Catholic Mass

FEB 7. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Kansas City, KS

Tribute Wall



“ *Maple Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery created a Tribute Video in memory of Armando Javier Duarte*



Maple Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery - February 03 at 09:26 AM

JH

It was a pleasure to know him and his family as patients of Dr Appl's sending hugs to his family

joan hollack - February 06 at 10:48 PM

CM

“ *Gracie, and children
So sorry to hear about Javier Sr. passing away. Our thoughts and prayers for him and the Duarte family. May God comfort you and grant you peace during this sad time. May God allow you to remember your happy times with your Husband and Dad.*

Charlie Murguia - February 26 at 05:48 PM

TF

“ *Tony & Amber Candelario and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Armando Javier Duarte.*

Tony & Amber Candelario and Family - February 05 at 04:54 PM

TF

“ Tony & Amber Candelario and Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Armando Javier Duarte.



Tony & Amber Candelario and Family - February 05 at 04:54 PM

SB

“ Our deepest condolences to the Duarte family, he was such a good family man to all that knew him. Our prayers are with you, your cousin's the Rocha's.



Susie Becerra - February 04 at 03:48 PM

YF

“ Your BPU Admin Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Armando Javier Duarte.



Your BPU Admin Family - February 03 at 01:46 PM

TR

“ Tom ruis purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Armando Javier Duarte.



Tom ruis - February 03 at 08:55 AM

DT

“ *Delfina Torres purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Armando Javier Duarte.*



Delfina Torres - February 01 at 06:36 PM

PL

“ *Javier Jr, sorry to hear of your fathers passing away, God bless La Familia Duarte...Siempre Argentine!!*

Paul Loya - January 31 at 11:40 AM

JC

“ *Javier Centonzio planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Armando Javier Duarte.*

Javier Centonzio - January 30 at 09:22 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Armando Javier Duarte.*



January 30 at 09:22 AM

ME

“ *To the Duarte Family...we are so sorry to hear about our Comrade Javier passing. He will be truly missed...may he RIP and may god comfort all of you during this sorrowful time!*

Mario & Loretta Escobar - January 29 at 09:56 PM

FF

“ From John & Jenny Fuentez planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Armando Javier Duarte.

From John & Jenny Fuentez - January 29 at 07:33 PM

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“ From John & Jenny Fuentez purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Armando Javier Duarte.



From John & Jenny Fuentez - January 29 at 07:33 PM

DF

“ Delia Marin and family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Armando Javier Duarte.



Delia Marin and family - January 29 at 07:28 PM