

David A. Vega

April 13, 1927 - June 6, 2022

David A. Vega, 95, of Kansas, City, Kansas, passed away peacefully in his home, on June 6, 2022, with his loving family by his side. David was born on April 13, 1927, in Kansas City, Kansas, to Joseph and Esperanza (Alvarado) Vega, and raised in the Argentine community, where he was a lifelong resident. He married the love of his life, Armella Vallejo, on May 4, 1944, and together they raised 6 children.

July 1945, he was called upon to defend his country, and was enlisted into the United States Army where he served in the 78th division, 310th Infantry, 131st Quartermaster Truck Company, serving in Berlin, Germany during World War II. He was honorably discharged in July 1946. After returning from the war, he earned his trade as an auto mechanic from Stevinson Auto & Electrical School. In 1951, he was offered to take over the lease of the Texaco Gasoline Station at 26th and Strong, where he had previously worked, and for twenty-nine years, successfully operated his business. In 1968, he was the first Hispanic to run and be elected to a political office in Kansas City, Kansas. He was appointed as a commissioner of the Kaw Valley Drainage Board, and later served as the superintendent of the commission until he retired from that position in 1995.

David was dedicated to public service during his lifetime. He served on numerous boards and committees, such as, El Centro Inc., Area Agency on Aging, Board of Education, Urban renewal community development projects through the Villa Argentina organization, Housing Authority, Cross-Lines

Board, American GI Forum, a charter member of the American Legion Post 213 Eagle's Nest, just to name a few. In recognition of his public service and dedication, on April 4th, 1991, the park located at 24th & Metropolitan was renamed Vega Field in honor of David Vega, under Resolution 37325, issued by the city of Kansas City, Kansas government.

David and Millie were married for 73 beautiful years, before her passing in 2017. They raised six children with a dedication to God, filled with love, respect, and the importance of family. They were also active in the care and raising of their many, many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great grandchildren. He loved cooking, creating his own recipes, took great pride in his gardening and yard, which he always kept pristine and manicured, building things, and could fix just about anything, especially when it came to cars. Shopping was one of his favorite past times, as well as, dining out. He could always be found at Village Inn, Bob Evans, Longhorn Steakhouse, or Rosedale Barbecue, where he could spend hours just people watching. In his younger days, he enjoyed golfing, Mexican music, and dancing with his beloved bride. God and family were always his priority. Prior to Covid, he faithfully attended mass six days a week. Sunday mornings were always his favorite. He would make a big Mexican breakfast and have menudo and Mexican bread ready, with the anticipation of having family, and any friends that wanted to stop by after Church.

He is preceded in death by his wife of 73 years, Armella "Millie" Vega; son, Patrick E. Vega, Sr. ; sisters, Irma Lopez and Amparo Salazar; and 5 great-grandsons. He is survived by his sons, Daniel J. Vega, David A. Vega (Cheryl), and Conrad S. Vega, Sr.(Toni); daughters, Cynthia A. Ortiz (Bob) and Regina Vega; brothers, Joseph, Michael, George, Richard and Javier Vega; sister, Teri Vega-Parson; 19 grandchildren, 43 great-grandchildren and 8 great-great-grandchildren.

A visitation will be held from 6-8 pm on Monday, June 13, 2022, at St. John the Evangelist Church. Catholic Mass will be at St. John the Evangelist Church on Tuesday, June 14, 2022 at 10am. Burial will follow at Maple Hill

Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to Bonner Springs Special Olympics at <https://secure.e2rm.com/registrator/startup.aspx?eventid=377638>, or St. Mary's Food Kitchen in care of Our Lady of Unity Catholic Church, 2646 South 34th Street, Kansas City, KS, 66106.

Cemetery Details

Maple Hill Cemetery

2301 S 34th St
Kansas City, KS 66106
(913) 262-6610
info@maplehillfuneralhome.com

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 13. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

St. John Evangelist
2910 Strong Avenue
Kansas City, KS

Catholic Mass

JUN 14. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. John Evangelist
2910 Strong Avenue
Kansas City, KS

Tribute Wall



“ *Maple Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery created a Tribute Video in memory of David A. Vega*



Maple Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery - June 13, 2022 at 02:29 PM



“ *David A. Vega*

October 08, 2023 at 10:59 AM



“ *David A. Vega*

September 17, 2022 at 08:24 PM



“ *Sorry for your great loss Vega family. Mr. Vega was a big part of the Argentine experience. Rest in peace. John Fogarty Jr*

John Fogarty Jr - June 18, 2022 at 05:21 PM



“ *Thoughts and prayers to the Vega family.*

John Alvarado - June 13, 2022 at 08:50 PM

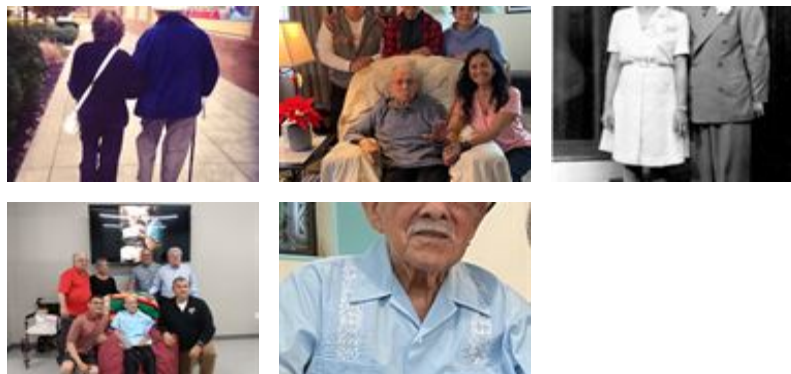
RV

“ my name is Bertie Vallejo and I live in Des Moines, Iowa. I was married to Pedro Vallejo. Danny and I are very good friends. I must admit that I have not seen or talked to anyone for a long time. I lived in the Quad Cities for 30 years and moved back to Des Moines in 1995. I would like to send my sincerest condolences to the Vega and Vallejo families. Aunt Millie was a very good friend to me and I also treasured her friendship. May Uncle David rest in peace.

Roberta Vallejo - June 13, 2022 at 08:35 PM



“ 91 files added to the album Life Tributes



Maple Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery - June 13, 2022 at 02:13 PM

WM

“ I have those memories of when I was a little pain in the butt hanging around his gas station when I was young. So glad I was able to reconnect and eat breakfast with him and your family after I became Judge. He is a part of my history and the history of Argentine and Wyandotte County. My Mother and Father both send you condolences and prayers from Nevada.



WYCO Judge Tony Martinez - June 13, 2022 at 11:21 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of David A. Vega.



June 13, 2022 at 11:09 AM

 Simon de Leon

“ To the Vega Familia! So sorry for your loss! I last saw your Dad and Mother when I was in Argentine for the de Leon family reunion in 2012! Our family lived on 27th and Strong ave in the 50's, until we moved to California in 57! You Dad also mentioned to me that he remembered my Mom and Dad back then! Danny took me to see your parents!

Simon de Leon - June 13, 2022 at 10:12 AM



“ Here are a few memories in the last few months and weeks with our grandpa.
His 95th Birthday Celebration in April. And a friday afternoon visiting Grandpa.
Times I will miss and cherish the Memories forever! To my one and only Grandpa i was blessed to have. I love you Grandpa!



Stephyc Vega - June 12, 2022 at 01:58 PM

PL

“ To all the Vega family sorry for your loss, may God bless and comfort all of you, Dave was part of the Greatest Generation and knowing Dave it's easy to see why its called the greatest, Siempre Argentine!!

Paul Loya - June 12, 2022 at 12:10 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of David A. Vega.



June 12, 2022 at 10:50 AM

JO

“ I’ve got so many great memories of my Gramps. One thing he always instilled in me from as far back as I can remember, was hard work and attention to detail. It could have been a lesson in making our bed, getting our clothes together for the next day, or doing yard work. I’ll always remember him giving us a dollar to go over to Chicago dogs or letting me sneak a miler high life from his cooler. Or hearing him and grandma argue about who should be cooking! We’ll miss you forever gramps!

Joshua - June 11, 2022 at 10:00 PM



“ Care and Compassion Spray was purchased for the family of David A. Vega.



June 11, 2022 at 05:16 PM

BD

“ Growing up in the late 60s and early 70s, I worked at Mickeys Surplus and knew David Vega to be a great man. My condolence to his friends and family. God has gained a good man.

Buddy Denham - June 11, 2022 at 03:57 PM

GV

“ *Gramps made my childhood unforgettable, and gave me everything I ever wanted. He was my rock, my second dad, my gramps man. His memory will always be a blessing. 💙*



Gabriell Vega - June 11, 2022 at 01:39 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of David A. Vega.*



June 10, 2022 at 03:09 PM

GE

“ *Conrad and family, Kevin and I are so sorry for your family's loss. Thoughts and prayers for you and your family. Kevin and Geri Williams*

geri - June 10, 2022 at 02:29 PM