



## John Rivera

January 19, 1962 - September 26, 2023

John Rivera, 61, of Kansas City, Kansas passed away peacefully at home with his loving wife, Stephanie and their devoted son, Chance by his side on Tuesday September 26, 2023.

John was preceded in death by his father, Jose C. Rivera. He is survived by his eternal love and wife of 38 years, Stephanie and their loving and devoted son, Chance Rivera, his mother, Natalia Macias Rivera, loving brother and friend Joe(Martha)Rivera, siblings Gloria, Josephine, Ben, Carmen and many, many nieces and nephews.

John was a life long resident of Kansas City, Kansas and a graduate of Turner High School. John and Stephanie met in 1976 while attending Pierson Jr. High at the ripe old age of 14. They continued to date until their marriage in 1985. In 1996, John and Stephanie welcomed the light of their lives, son Chance. After high school John went to work for Western Auto. He worked at the home office as an off set press operator for 17 years. John then went back to school and became an auto mechanic and worked at National/Alamo Car Rental for 11 years. John had to give up being a mechanic after three back surgeries and started working warehouse jobs. John was a great and talented cook and he loved to feed people. John also enjoyed sports. He loved bowling and basketball, along with Chiefs football and Royals baseball. John spent many hours in bowling centers, either bowling with Chance, or just watching Chance

bowl. John really enjoyed being involved with youth bowlers. Always available to lend a helping hand, a watchful eye, a listening ear and a word of encouragement. John developed and gained so many friendships in bowling centers across the country. John was a quiet man, but one look from him could speak volumes. He smiled a lot and laughed often. If you knew that John was a wonderful husband and a great father, you know the most important things about John Rivera.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

OCT **25**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Maple Hill Funeral Home  
3300 Shawnee Dr  
Kansas City, KS 66106  
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## Celebration of Life

OCT **25**. 2:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Maple Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery created a Tribute Video in memory of John Rivera*



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**Maple Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery** - October 20, 2023 at 11:01 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of John Rivera.

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October 23, 2023 at 11:15 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of John Rivera.



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“ Dearest Stephanie & Chance,

We send our love, our prayers, our deepest condolences to you both as you mourn the loss of a great man, your husband, and your father. He meant so much to my family - you all did/do, please know we are here for you, now, and in the days ahead...



*The Garrett Family/Neighbors & Family for Life*

Michele Garrett - October 20, 2023 at 07:51 PM



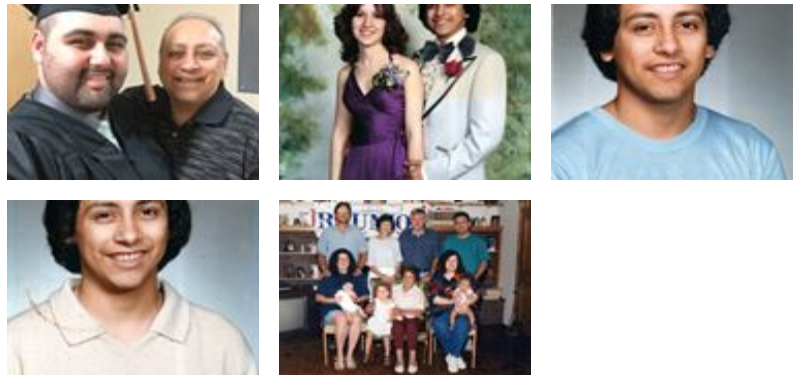
“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John Rivera.



October 20, 2023 at 04:04 PM



“ 87 files added to the album Life Tributes



Maple Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery - October 20, 2023 at 11:02 AM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of *John Rivera*.



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October 20, 2023 at 10:52 AM