



Joseph Rangel

March 18, 1935 - December 4, 2024

Joseph (Joe) Rangel, 89, of Kansas City, KS, passed away peacefully on December 4, 2024.

He was born on March 18, 1935, in Turner, KS, to Antonio and Concepcion Rangel. He was the youngest of their six children. Joe lost his father at the young age of two and soon after began helping his mother and siblings in the fields, picking radishes and potatoes to support the family. It was there that he learned the values of hard work and commitment to family.

Joe attended Turner and Emerson Grade Schools in Kansas City, KS, and graduated from Argentine High School in 1954. Upon graduation, he enlisted and served three years in the U.S. Coast Guard. He later attended Donnelly College and St. Mary of the Plains College, earning a B.S. in Elementary Education, and went on to earn a Master's Degree in Social Work. He became a teacher, instructing grade school at St. Agnes Catholic School in Roeland Park, KS, before working for the Kansas Department of SRS as a social worker and supervisor. Joe deeply enjoyed his work because of his love for helping others. He also worked part-time for 30 years at Manny's Mexican Restaurant in Kansas City, MO.

Joe was a founding and lifelong member of the Kansas City Chapter of the Pan American Golf Association (P.A.G.A.) and a member of the American

Legion Post 213, St. John the Divine, and Sacred Heart Church. A man of great faith, he was deeply devoted to St. Jude. Joe played softball for the American Legion Post 213 (Argentine Eagles Nest) and was an avid golfer. In his later years, he cherished the camaraderie of his "Mexican Mondays" golf group. He also enjoyed traveling with family and friends throughout the U.S. and Mexico, but his greatest passion in life was his family and grandchildren.

In May 1968, Joe married the love of his life, Carmen Peña, and with her came two children, whom he adopted. How lucky we were that he "chose" us to be his family and love us. We will carry him in our hearts forever.

Joe was preceded in death by his parents and beloved siblings: Antonio Rangel, Solomon Rangel, Esperanza Amayo, Dolores Vargas, and Genaro Rangel. Their memories remained a guiding force throughout his life.

He is survived by his children: Xavier Rangel (Britta) and Laura Marin (Tony), who will forever cherish his wisdom and love. He also leaves behind his former wife and friend, Carmen Rangel, and his sister-in-law, Mary Ann Rangel. His legacy lives on in his grandchildren: Anthony Marin (Jessica), Robert Marin, Alexandra Leonard, Marissa Rangel, Joseph Rangel, and Gabriella Lamkey (Scott), as well as his great-grandchildren: Ava, Grace, Zoe, Nora, James, and Olivia.

Friends and family are invited to honor Joe's life on Friday, December 13, 2024, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 2646 S. 34th St., Kansas City, KS, where a visitation will take place from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., followed by a rosary at 10:30 a.m., and a Mass of Christian Burial at 11:00 a.m. Joe will be laid to rest at Leavenworth National Cemetery at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you consider a donation in his name to Sacred Heart/Our Lady of Unity Catholic Church or Friends of Yates Shelter in

Kansas City, KS.

The family would also like to extend heartfelt thanks to Claudia Larkin, Patty Nelson, and Bruce Conley for the great care and compassion they provided in his final days. Gratitude is also extended to the Kansas City VA, especially the doctors and nurses in Hematology/Oncology and Infusion, as well as the Shawnee VA Clinic. Special thanks to his doctors and nurses at KU and St. Luke's North Hospitals.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 13. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Sacred Heart Catholic Church
2646 S. 34th St.
Kansas City, KS 66106
(913) 677-1277

Rosary

DEC 13. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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Mass of Christian Burial

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Tribute Wall



“ *Maple Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery created a Tribute Video in memory of Joseph Rangel*



Maple Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery - December 09, 2024 at 06:45 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Joseph Rangel.*



December 11, 2024 at 11:26 PM



“ *Susie Becerra lit a candle in memory of Joseph Rangel*



Susie Becerra - December 11, 2024 at 05:25 PM

SB

“ Our thoughts are with all the "Rangel" family members throughout this difficult time. Joe you were always a kind, well respected person, and you will always be remembered on "Mexican Mondays". The Rocha Family.

Susie Becerra - December 11, 2024 at 05:25 PM

GL

“ Gloria and Isa Lipari purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Joseph Rangel.



Gloria and Isa Lipari - December 10, 2024 at 09:09 PM

AR

“ Uncle Joe you were a great and honorable uncle and brother of my father Solomon Rangel you and my father went through turbulent times raising a family with out a father my family will never forget you not only for your devotions to the Rangel family and to my grandmother Conception Rangel she was so proud that all of her sons had served in the military during those times for the very freedom of life and preservation that we have in this nation today you are truly an icon, educator, spokesman and part of the greatest generation of this world today. There is not enough words to describe your life and deeds to you did for your families and there is no replacement for your caliber on this earth today and i and my family will truly miss you until the next life. God Bless You Alfred Rangel Family

Alfred Rangel - December 10, 2024 at 01:56 AM

LM

Thank you, Compadre. He was very proud of all his nieces and nephews as well as your children. He was also very proud of all his brothers and sisters for their accomplishments in life and always watching out for him and looking out for each other, especially your Dad. He had so much admiration for him.❤️

Laura Marin - December 10, 2024 at 11:38 AM

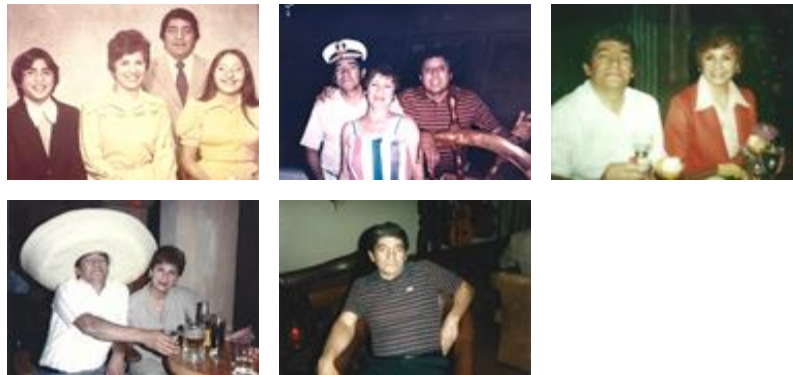
PL

“ *Tia Carmen, X and Laura, sorry to hear of Joe's passing, I know how much he meant to all of you, God bless all of you, Paul and Mari Loya.*

Paul Loya - December 09, 2024 at 03:15 PM



“ *234 files added to the album Life Tributes*



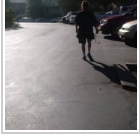
Maple Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery - December 09, 2024 at 01:31 PM

ML

“ *Matt Leonard purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Joseph Rangel.*



Matt Leonard - December 08, 2024 at 09:59 PM



“ *My uncle Joe. He was my 6th-grade math teacher at Franklin Elementary School. I remember the stories and the laughter he shared at a picnic in Joplin. I enjoyed our talks when we saw each other. I will always remember his red Mustang. He will be missed.*

Rita Amayo

Rita Amayo - December 07, 2024 at 04:45 PM

LM

Awww! Thanks for sharing your memories of him with us, Rita. ❤️

Laura Marin - December 09, 2024 at 03:30 PM

MR

“ *I went to high school with Joe. He was such a nice person back then and I'm sure he remained a nice person all of his life. He was always immaculately groomed, was fun to be around. After High School I saw him one time, and he did remember me. He was a very nice person.*

Marilyn Reardon - December 07, 2024 at 09:53 AM