



## Miguel Echavarria

July 17, 1949 - June 29, 2023

Miguel Echavarria, a man whose heart knew no bounds, touched the lives of countless souls during his 73 years on earth. Born on a warm summer day in El Paso, Texas, Miguel was a devoted husband, loving father, caring grandfather, and a proud Navy veteran, whose spirit will forever remain in the hearts of those he loved and helped.

Miguel's devotion to his family was the cornerstone of his life. He shared 50 years of pure love and companionship with his wife, Jessie Echavarria. His love was endless, and it flourished as he supported each of his children's individual endeavors. Beyond his own children, Miguel's compassionate heart extended to his 21 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren, who were the light of his life. He cherished every moment spent with them, finding immense joy in their laughter and achievements.

Miguel's dedication to service was evident not only during his time in the Navy, where he served aboard the USS Fresno 1182 as a PO 3rd class E5 from May 12, 1969, through

February 2, 1973, but also in his tireless efforts to help children in his community. As a tutor and mentor, he lent a helping hand to those who faced language barriers and challenges in their education. He selflessly advocated and translated for parents navigating the complexities of the Kansas City School System, ensuring that every child had an equal chance to succeed.

Beyond his altruism, Miguel had a range of hobbies that brought joy to his life. He loved spending time in the great outdoors, finding solace in hunting, fishing, and camping. His playful side was evident through his love of telling dry dad jokes and performing magic tricks that would delight both young and old. His appreciation for diverse music genres enriched his life, and his skill in working on cars brought smiles to the faces of those who sought his expertise.

On June 29, 2023, surrounded by his loving family, Miguel peacefully passed away at Saint Luke's Hospital of Kansas City, leaving behind a legacy of love, compassion, and service. He was preceded in death by his parents, Jesus Echavarria and Tomasa Serna, as well as his brother Salvador Echavarria, sister Maria Estela Borunda, and daughter Angelica Echavarria. Miguel is survived by his devoted wife, Jessie Echavarria, and their children: Miguel Echavarria Jr (Kara), Daniel Echavarria, David Echavarria (Josephine), Christina Echavarria, Rebeca Avila, and Patricia Bowers-Echavarria (Gary Murray). He also leaves behind his cherished grandson,

Jessie Echavarria, whom he raised as his own son, grandchildren: DeMarko Echavarria, Antonio Echavarria, Diego Echavarria, Alejandro Echavarria, Ella Echavarria, Eva Echavarria, Ezekiel Echavarria, Julia Avila, Nicholas Avila,

Gabriel Echavarria, Alexandra Echavarria, Jesse Laijo(Lizeth Rocha), James Laijo, Atina Laijo, Admetha Laijo, Alana Peregrina, Adrian Murray, Jayla Murray, Owen Murray, Julian Murray, and great-

grandchildren: Carter Vandik, Valentina Angel Echavarria, and JJ Laijo. Visitation to honor and remember Miguel will be held at Maple Hill Funeral Home, 3300 Shawnee Dr, Kansas City, KS 66106, on Wednesday, July 5th, from 6:00pm-8:00pm. A Rosary service will commence at 6:00pm.

The Funeral Mass will be held at Our Lady of Good Counsel, 3934 Washington Street, Kansas City, MO 64111 on Thursday, July 6th at 8:00am.

Funeral Procession leaves sharply at 12:30pm from Maple Hills Funeral home.

Burial 1:30pm at Leavenworth National Cemetery, 150 Muncie Road, Leavenworth, KS 66048.

Reception to follow at IBEW Local 124, 301 E. 103rd Terrace, Kansas City, MO, 64114.

# Cemetery Details

## Leavenworth National Cemetery

150 Muncie Road  
Leavenworth, KS 66048

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 5. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Maple Hill Funeral Home  
3300 Shawnee Dr  
Kansas City, KS 66106  
(913) 831-3345  
info@maplehillfuneralhome.com  
<https://maplehillfuneralhome.com>

## Funeral Mass

JUL 6. 8:00 AM (CT)

Our Lady of Good Counsel  
3934 Washington St  
Kansas City, MO 64111

## Burial

JUL 6. 1:30 PM (CT)

Leavenworth National Cemetery  
150 Muncie Road  
Leavenworth, KS 66048

# Tribute Wall



“ *Maple Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery created a Tribute Video in memory of Miguel Echavarria*



Maple Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery - July 05, 2023 at 04:05 PM

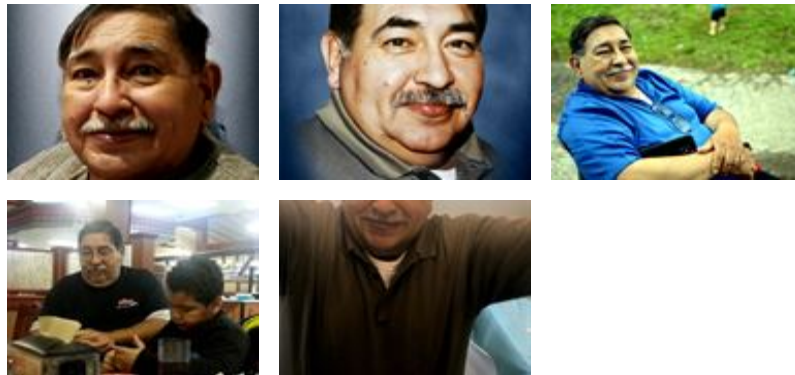


“ *Miguel Echavarria*

October 08, 2023 at 10:59 AM



“ *117 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Maple Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery - July 05, 2023 at 03:56 PM

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*He will be truly Missed.Sorry for the Loss of a Good Man.*

Vicki Smith - July 05, 2023 at 04:39 PM



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

July 05, 2023 at 09:41 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Miguel Echavarria.



July 05, 2023 at 09:41 AM



“ Jessie and family, I'm so sorry for your loss. He was such a good man and loved you all so much. His many years of striving to provide for his family were such a good example for all. Keeping all of you in my heart.



**Elaine Hines** - July 02, 2023 at 11:23 PM



Thank you my friend

**Jessie Echavarria** - July 04, 2023 at 01:56 AM



“ Jessie, please know you and the family are in my thoughts. Sending prayers of hope and comfort to your. Hugs, Maryann

**Rev. Maryann Farnsworth** - July 01, 2023 at 05:31 PM



*Thank you Maryann.*

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**Jessie Echavarria** - July 04, 2023 at 01:55 AM