



Richard Rene Rocha

March 27, 1961 - February 12, 2024

Richard Rene Rocha, 62, of Kansas City, KS passed away on Monday, February 12, 2024, surrounded by his family.

Richard was born the youngest of six children to Celia and Jesus Rocha on March 27, 1961 in Kansas City, KS. Richard enjoyed his childhood in Kansas City playing sports and spending time with his parents, siblings, and extended family. Richard met the love of his life, Lorayne Adriano, in 1977, married in 1985. Richard and Lorayne shared 39 years of marriage that welcomed two children – Nick and Erica – and three grandsons – Christopher, Joshua, and Kingsley.

Richard was a lifelong resident of Kansas City, KS and immersed himself in all things Kansas City and Wyandotte County, especially by serving his community in working for the Unified Government. He was a proud Dotte Original and loved the KU Jayhawks, Kansas City Chiefs, and Kansas City Royals. Richard formed a large network of friends coaching basketball and volleyball and playing in the Men's fast-pitch softball league from the age of 17 to well into his 40's . One of the few things that transcended his love for KCK and Wyandotte County was the love he had for his family and friends – all of which he treated as family. Richard could be found stirring up trouble on local golf courses as he was an avid golfer, was also known to enjoy an afternoon or evening cigar, or could be found serenading anyone who would listen with

Me and Mrs. Jones by Billy Paul.

Richard, above all else was a remarkable human being. Specifically, he was a devoted father, husband, grandfather, uncle, and friend. Richard will be remembered for his kindness and humor. He filled any room he entered with love, light, and laughter. He will be deeply missed by all those who were lucky enough to know him.

Richard is survived by his wife, Lorayne (Adriano) Rocha of Kansas City, KS son Nick Rocha, Nick's wife (Mindy), and sons (Christopher and Joshua) of Kansas City, KS; daughter Erica, Erica's husband (Aaron) and son (Kingsley) of Kansas City, KS. Richard is also survived by his in-laws Joe and Angie Adriano; his five siblings: Yolanda Rocha (Hondo), Jesse Rocha (Kathy), Elizabeth Bumgarner (Russ), Susie Becerra, Robert Rocha (Rose Collin) and his many nieces and nephews who knew they were more like his kids than nieces and nephews. Richard was also extremely close with Lorayne's siblings and he loved every one of them dearly. The list of family and friends could go on forever but just know that he loved each one of you deeply.

Family and friends will gather to visit and celebrate Richard's life at Maple Hill Funeral Home on Monday, February 19th from 5:00pm – 7:00pm. Funeral at St. John the Evangelist at 10:00 am Tuesday morning.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **19**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

Funeral Mass

FEB **20**. 10:00 AM (CT)

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

Tribute Wall

CM

“ Lorayne,
I'm so sorry to hear of Tito's passing. I remember sitting in the bleachers with you, watching the games at Shawnee Park as Nick ran around, playing. Tito was always smiling and laughing. I hope your memories help you get through the roughest of times. You and your families will be in my prayers.
Carolyn Merino

Carolyn Merino - March 23, 2024 at 12:29 PM

AS

“ Lorayne, Erica, Nick and family. My heart goes out to you all during this most difficult time. Lorayne for all the times I ran into you and Richard from grocery stores to Menards AND restaurants. You two always had the smiles, laughter and conversations to brighten that day. Although, every time he would tease me about doing something with my hair! He'll truly be missed. Keeping you in prayer. ~ Angie Sanchez



Angrlina Sanchez - February 19, 2024 at 11:42 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Richard Rene Rocha.



February 19, 2024 at 06:46 PM



“ 136 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Maple Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery - February 19, 2024 at 12:05 PM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of **Richard Rene Rocha**.



February 18, 2024 at 09:39 PM



“ *Niesha F.* purchased the *Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet* for the family of **Richard Rene Rocha**.



Niesha F. - February 18, 2024 at 06:18 PM

NF

“ Niesha F. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard Rene Rocha.

Niesha F. - February 18, 2024 at 06:18 PM

AA

“ Alex & Anu purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Richard Rene Rocha.



Alex & Anu - February 18, 2024 at 04:21 PM

SV

“ Sal and Dana Vargas purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Richard Rene Rocha.



Sal and Dana Vargas - February 17, 2024 at 09:19 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Richard Rene Rocha.



February 17, 2024 at 12:14 AM

JG

“ Joe & Angie Grandpa purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Richard Rene Rocha.



Joe & Angie Grandpa - February 16, 2024 at 07:05 PM

DS

“ I had the pleasure of play with and against Tito in our playing days. Tito was such a great teammate and fierce competitor. Our condolences from Danny, Natalie Salas and family



Daniel Salas - February 16, 2024 at 03:31 PM

LD

“ To Lorayne and all of Richard’s family,
I am so very saddened to hear of Richard’s passing. I am sure you know he was loved and beloved by everyone he met. He was amazing man, friend, and colleague; always caring and kind. Most of all he was so proud of all of you. In all the years I worked with Richard, rarely did we talk when he didn’t have something to share about one of you.

We were to have met for lunch a few months back and I had to cancel; I so regret that now.

Richard, you are missed, but you left a permanent and positive mark on so many.

Louie DiMiceli - February 16, 2024 at 02:16 PM

VM

“ Condolences and regrets to all of RICHARD'S family and friends. I will always remember "TITO" as a fun loving person. Who truly cared for his family and friends. Always asking. "How are you doing?" And if something was he always wanted to know, how could he help. If something was wrong. I enjoyed seeing him and his Wife Lorayne on Thursdays when I serviced their trash. ALWAYS have cold drinks for me and my helper. REST IN PARADISE, FRIEND.

Vincent Myers - February 16, 2024 at 01:56 PM

LS

“ Local 64 Peer Support purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Richard Rene Rocha.



Local 64 Peer Support - February 16, 2024 at 12:07 PM

HS

“ Haley Klemencic and SumnerOne purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Richard Rene Rocha.



Haley Klemencic and SumnerOne - February 16, 2024 at 10:40 AM

JC

“ Richard was a force in the Argentine community and known by most everyone from there. He will be sorely missed.

Jessica Castillo - February 16, 2024 at 09:25 AM

MR

“ *The world already feels darker and less funny without Richard’s bright light. I have such fond memories of growing up with Erica as one of my best friends and spending time with Richard and Lorayne. Staying close to the Rochas in adulthood reaffirmed how special Richard was. Spending time in Richard’s presence guaranteed a few things – laughter, some light razzing, genuine conversation, and always leaving feeling better than when you arrived. For how incredibly funny Richard was, his kindness and inclusiveness were slightly greater. While we all contemplate our existence on this floating rock – it feels right to take a page out of Richard’s book. It feels fair to say that a life well lived is leaving everyone a little better than when you found them, bringing countless laughs to the world, and making those you love feel special/seen/heard. Richard – you and your life will be remembered by me forever as a life well lived, rest easy. To the Rocha family: I love you and I am here for you.*

Molly Ross - February 15, 2024 at 10:21 PM

YF

“ *You Sunlife HOLA family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Richard Rene Rocha.*



You Sunlife HOLA family - February 15, 2024 at 10:19 PM

JX

“ *Last September, both of my parents passed away unexpectedly. I still remember the card Richard sent me and the small gift that was included. It may have been a small gesture but it was a big act of kindness and compassion that I will never forget. I'm glad I got to meet and know you. Even if it was brief. You will be truly missed by your family and friends!*

Jack Xiong - February 15, 2024 at 05:20 PM

YT

“ From: *Your Favorite Budget Team* planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of *Richard Rene Rocha*.

Your Favorite Budget Team - February 15, 2024 at 04:19 PM

YT

“ *Your Favorite Budget Team* purchased the *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* for the family of *Richard Rene Rocha*.



Your Favorite Budget Team - February 15, 2024 at 04:19 PM

PD

“ *Phyllis Derington* planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of *Richard Rene Rocha*.

Phyllis Derington - February 15, 2024 at 04:02 PM

PD

“ *Phyllis Derington* purchased the *Country Basket Blooms* for the family of *Richard Rene Rocha*.



Phyllis Derington - February 15, 2024 at 04:02 PM

AH

“ Richard, we will miss you so very much. You were always such a bright, positive light in our lives. A truly dedicated public servant, you made everyone around you feel heard and appreciated. Your ability to see the good in all of us made us better.

I feel so privileged to have crossed paths with you and thank you for all that you have done to make our community even better for those to follow. I will miss your pop-in visits and giant smile so very much.

To Richard's family, thank you for sharing him with us. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Ashley Z. Hand - February 15, 2024 at 03:54 PM

FK

“ From (Brian/Katie Jo Parson and Kids) planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard Rene Rocha.

From (Brian/Katie Jo Parson and Kids) - February 15, 2024 at 02:51 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Richard Rene Rocha.



February 15, 2024 at 02:51 PM

ME

“ We are so sorry to hear about the passing of my compadre Tito. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Lorayne, Nick & Erica and the entire Rocha Family. May he RIP!

Mario & Loretta Escobar - February 15, 2024 at 02:21 PM

TW

“ Teresa W. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard Rene Rocha.

Teresa W. - February 15, 2024 at 10:42 AM

YC

“ Your friends at Turner Construction planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard Rene Rocha.

Your friends at Turner Construction - February 15, 2024 at 10:20 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Richard Rene Rocha.



February 15, 2024 at 10:20 AM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Richard Rene Rocha.



February 14, 2024 at 09:41 PM

MR

“ *Mr.Mrs Carmen Robert Romero purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Richard Rene Rocha.*



Mr.Mrs Carmen Robert Romero - February 14, 2024 at 04:17 PM

MR

“ *Mr.Mrs Carmen Robert Romero planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard Rene Rocha.*

Mr.Mrs Carmen Robert Romero - February 14, 2024 at 04:17 PM

RF

“ *Richard Adriano, Tricia, Jen & Families purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Richard Rene Rocha.*



Richard Adriano, Tricia, Jen & Families - February 14, 2024 at 03:09 PM

EV

“ *Richard always made sure I was included in meetings he felt necessary for me to be involved in. He was always positive, and supportive to me. He helped me through issues that came up at and gave me advice with solutions. We got off work at the same time and would see each other in the parking garage. After we laugh and talk to our cars he would say, "Alright, see you later Brother". Gonna miss him.*

Erick V. - February 14, 2024 at 02:02 PM

JA

“ Richard was a wonderful person to work with at the Unified Government. It was a privilege to know him.

Janet Parker

Janet - February 14, 2024 at 01:52 PM

DR

“ Richard truly was the fun loving man described in his obit. I can never remember a time where he didn't have that big, beautiful smile on his face. He always brought one to mine with some kind of humor. Lorayne, my thoughts and prayers are with you and the family. Love ya, Debbie Belshe Rutler.

Debbie Rutler - February 14, 2024 at 12:06 PM

C(

Richard {Tito} was always a fun loving person. Even when he was a little guy always smiling and fun. Prayers to all the family. May he RIP. Love You All ❤️🙏 Frostie and Tina Loya

christina (Tina)Loya - February 15, 2024 at 09:32 AM

MF

“ Marc Wilson jr and family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Richard Rene Rocha.



Marc Wilson jr and family - February 14, 2024 at 11:49 AM

SB

“ Shaun and Shana Brennan planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard Rene Rocha.

Shaun and Shana Brennan - February 14, 2024 at 11:35 AM

SB

“ Shaun and Shana Brennan purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Richard Rene Rocha.



Shaun and Shana Brennan - February 14, 2024 at 11:35 AM

SC

“ Tito and I played baseball together at “clopper field” when we were kids...he was a solid friend ...and continued on as classmates through JC HARMON ..he always had a great smile ...he will be missed ..prayers for his wife and children and family 🙏💪
S.Clark
Class of '79

Scott Clark - February 14, 2024 at 11:25 AM