



Ralph Lara Benavides

December 24, 1944 - March 20, 2022

Ralph Lara Benavides was born to Rafael Benavidez and Dora Lara Zuniga on December 24, 1944 in Robstown, Texas and passed away peacefully at home on March 20, 2022 at the age of 77.

Ralph worked as a head custodian for Fresno Unified School District for over 35 years. Having been born in Texas, he had innate love for the Dallas Cowboys Football team.

He is preceded in death by his mother Dora Zuniga and the father who raised him Chano Zuniga, his birth father Rafael Benavidez, his grandmother Modesto Moreno, a grandson Ralph Rodriguez and by his siblings, Ofelia Macias, Eddie Benavidez, Amado Benavidez, and Ralph Benavidez.

Ralph is survived by his wife, Rosemary Morales Benavides; his daughters, Dora Cortez and her husband Raymond of Salida, Rachel Benavides, Dallas Benavides, Alyssa Morales and Bernice Brown Garcia. He is also survived by his 14 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren; his siblings Jeannie Juarez, Maggie Herrera, Dolores Mendoza, Delma Salinas, Zenaida Avila, Chano Zuniga, Sylvia Luckey, Belin Martinez, and Sunny Benavidez Galvan; and a host of extended family members and friends.

Visitation will be held at Chapel of the Light Funeral Home on Tuesday, March 29, 2022 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. A vigil service will be held at 7:00 p.m. in the chapel.

A funeral liturgy will be held at Chapel of the Light Funeral Home on Wednesday, March 30, 2022 at 11:30 a.m. He will be laid to rest at Mountain View Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Mountain View Cemetery

1411 W Belmont Ave
Fresno, CA 93728

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 29. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (PT)

Chapel of the Light Funeral Home
1620 W. Belmont Avenue
Fresno, CA 93728
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Vigil Service

MAR 29. 7:00 PM (PT)

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Funeral Liturgy

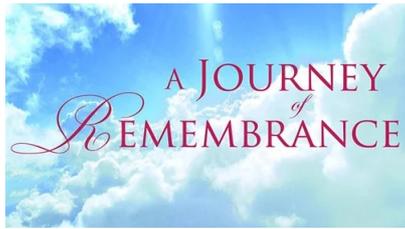
MAR 30. 11:30 AM (PT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Chapel Of The Light created a Tribute Video in memory of Ralph Lara Benavides



Chapel Of The Light Funeral Home and Mausoleum - March 29 at 11:37 AM

TM

“ You will truly be missed I will always remember the good times we encounter together you were such a respectable man and a powerful one to I'm gonna share some of these pictures of you sending your respects to all the families who lost their love ones you were always there and the other half for you fighting with your brother I can always remember you talking shit it was funny to see you guys at your old ass gangster age Love you Nino



Tina Moreno - April 07 at 11:57 AM

AA

“ cousin Ralphie
I will never be able to find the exact word's to say how much you mean to me I have so much respect for you.
I know for one thing you are a true og 100 ill forever cherish time's we got together to shoot the BS. I just loved hearing all your crazy life stories. Especially when you and cousin frank wound come by boy those were good stories along with great laughs. You'd come in your lil red car. At times in your car with the big ol DALLAS COWBOYS STAR ON THE HOOD. YOUR TRULY GONNA BE MISSED. BUT YOU WILL FOREVER BE IN MY HEART. NOW YOU AND COUSIN FRANK. CAR SPEED AROUND IN IN YOUR LIL RED CAR WITH TOP DOWN IN HEAVEN UNTIL WE SEE YOU AGAIN FLY WITH YOUR GOLDEN WINGS

Alane Avila - March 29 at 03:15 PM



“ *Springtime Wishes was purchased for the family of Ralph Lara Benavides.*



March 29 at 03:08 PM



“ *Patty Shelton & Michael Shaw purchased the Yellow & White Sympathy Standing Spray for the family of Ralph Lara Benavides.*



Patty Shelton & Michael Shaw - March 29 at 01:36 PM



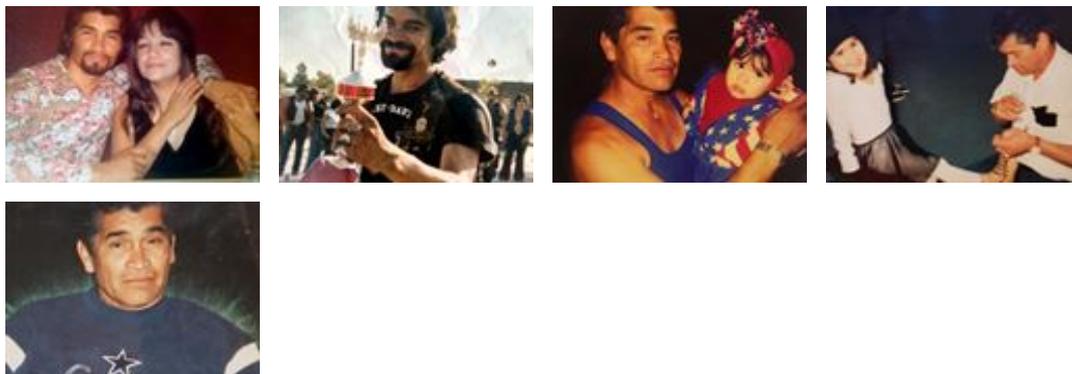
“ *In loving memory of my Brother Ralph. Rest in peace. Love, Charlie and the Martinez Family*



Charlie Martinez - March 29 at 01:14 PM



“ *191 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Chapel Of The Light Funeral Home and Mausoleum - March 28 at 07:53 PM

LB

“ Linda Benavides purchased the Blue & White Sympathy Standing Basket for the family of Ralph Lara Benavides.



Linda Benavides - March 28 at 11:06 AM

SM

“ So sorry for your loss , I'll be praying for the family 🙏



Sherrie medellin - March 25 at 08:30 AM

RS

“ I'm gonna miss your beautiful smile 😊 your funny crazy OG stories.... I still remember when I first saw you on your buffalo 🐮 machine you had your service light on I went to help you and you said mija are you Rosemary daughter I said yes and you gave me your number to give to my mom !!! You both rekindled the love you had for each other in marriage!!! You always treated me and my husband mike and children like we were your own and I respected and loved you for that thank you !!! I will miss having you at are family functions but I know your flying high with the angels, may god keep you safe until we see each other again love you papa ❤️❤️🙏🙏😭



Rosalena Samanc - March 23 at 12:52 PM

RD

“ Always remember him as a Dallas cowboy fan who always address me as mija even if I was just about his age always calm respectable will miss seeing him once in awhile at casino Parkside lost another good oldie God bless him

Rachel diaz - March 23 at 12:08 PM

JE

“ Tio, ill never forget how great it was having the coolest tio work at my school..u made sure i was 1st for everything there. Thank you for coming to my daughters 16th.. Each time you see me no matter how old i am u still would come to pinch my cheeks & call me lucy in a sweet baby voice just like u always did when i was small. Give my Tia Babe, my lil cuzin Ralphy & my grama & all them tio a great big hug & kisses from us You will truely be missed.. with Lotts of Luv
Lucy

Joanna Escobar - March 22 at 06:41 PM

IM

“ Rest In Peace Ralph it was a blessing to have known you at sequoia middle school, member you were and still is cool with everyone, I saw you in metcha in the q-vo class , thank you for taken care of my sister in-law rose she use to always talk about you for years and when you guys dated back in the day now husband and wife a bueatifull blessed wedding the wedding party was awesome you made my sister in-law very proud she has a big smile on her face as well as yours thank you for coming to my grandkids birthday party and now you have became my brother in-law blessing every one loves you , keep your guardian Angels covering and rose safe ❤️🙏 and the family my nieces and nephews 🙏
❤️🏠🙏 Amen 🙏

Irene Padilla morales - March 22 at 01:56 PM

LL

My condolences to the family and friends ❤️. May you Rest In Peace! I remember you from sequoia jr high. That was so sweet that you ended up marrying my sister to end up being my Brother in law ❤️ You will definitely be missed.

Leticia (Sister in law) - March 23 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ I want to say thank you for giving my grandma all your love. You two had a really strong bond that could never have been broken. Even though we didn't know each other for too long I loved you and thought you were really cool. Even though you're gone the memories of you will keep going, going, and going. Our love for you is still here in our hearts. God has a plan for you in heaven. God loves you and will take care of you. We love you and rest in peace.-Ruben



Ruben Florez - March 22 at 11:50 AM

JO

“ To my Grandpa Ralph, thank you for always coming to visit me at work, even when you didn't recognize me with my mask on you still always asked if your grandson was working at the time. I'll miss having dinner with you and Grandma at nice restaurants and having you over for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Rest easy
-Joseph Samanc



Joseph - March 22 at 11:47 AM

RS

To my wonderful papa I will always remember all the fun and crazy stories we shared you always had a big bright smile that anyone could love !!! I still remember you playing buffalo at table mountain casino asking are you Rosemary daughter you look just like her and how you remembered me when I was a little baby to give my mom your number so I did and years later you both rekindle the fire of love you always had for each other !!! You excepted us kids like we were your own I have nothing but love and respect for you and I will miss are family functions we had and our fun times at the casino love you papa till we see each other again you will be missed but not forgotten may Godbless you and keep you safe always cause I know your flying high amen 🙏



Rosalena samanc - March 22 at 03:50 PM

DM

“ Grandpa Ralph leaves great memories in my heart he was always smiling when I seen him I'm going to miss him dearly I Thank God for giving me these years to know him he always made me laugh and he was always there if you needed to talk a Great Man has Gain his Wings Fly high Grandpa Ralph Always in my heart
❤️

Dora Mata - March 22 at 11:44 AM

MC

“ Tio ,Ralph you will forever be in my heart you loved each and everyone of us in a unique way yr smile was one of a kind and yr love was enough to go around the world. Your love for the Cowboys was enormous a true die hard fan which made me one also . I love you and always will have much respect for you . Your niece Matilda Coronado ❤️ 🤔

matilda Coronado - March 22 at 04:28 AM

NJ

“ *Tio you will be Missed Very much alot of good memories say hello to my mom and my bro.*

You Will Be Missed

LOVE,

THE JOYA FAMILY

Nana Joya - March 22 at 12:36 AM