



Adolfo Gomez Puertas

May 23, 1939 - July 15, 2016

Adolfo Gomez Puertas was born to Ricardo Mendoza Puertas and Carolina Gomez Arizmendi in Mexico City, Mexico on May 23, 1939. He passed away suddenly on July 15, 2016 at the age of 77.

At a young age, Adolfo was a dedicated working man. Soon he met the love of his life in what would be described as a traditional Mexican courting. After asking for his bride's hand in marriage with the blessing of her parents, Adolfo married Esther Maldonado. Continuing his hard work ethic, Adolfo opened his own business, A & P Autobody where he enjoyed assisting his clients.

Later in life, Adolfo developed his love for Christ and served his Lord and Savior in various capacities. His words were, "My Lord first and then my priorities." He truly lived by those words with his dedication of serving as a sacristan for St. John's Cathedral for 29 years. He served Rev. Msgr. John Esquivel, Rev. Msgr. Walter Minhoto, the late Rev. Msgr. Raul Sanchez, Rev. Msgr. John Coehlo-Harguindeguy and most recently, Rev. Sal Gonzalez. He also enjoyed being active in several ministries such as the detention ministry in which he ministered to the those incarcerated. He was also a faithful acolyte at all the 9:00 a.m. funeral masses that were celebrated at the Cathedral. Amidst all this, he served as a eucharistic minister, minister to the sick, and belonged to the adoracion nocturna.

With what little spare time he had, Adolfo enjoyed rooting for his New England Patriots and his favorite soccer team, Barcelona along with his all time favorite player, Leonel Messi. He also had a passion for collecting coins. A man of all trades, his genuineness will greatly be missed.

He is preceded in death by his parents, and a brother, Richard G. Puertas.

Adolfo is survived by his loving and devoted wife of 57 years, Esther M. Puertas; his children Richard Puertas and his wife Rachel of Fresno, Carmen McIntyre and her husband Brett of Clovis, and Adolfo Puertas Jr. and his wife Betsy of Fresno. He also leaves his grandchildren, Gregory Gerhardt, Joshua Puertas, Angela Gerhardt, Chloe Puertas, Nico Puertas, Julia Puertas, Johnny Reynoso and Regina Davalos; his great grandchildren, Kyrie Gerhardt, Julian Gerhardt, Nevaeh Davalos and William Davalos and his siblings Eduardo Puertas and Claudia Puertas and numerous nieces, nephews and extended family members and friends.

Visitation will be held at St. John's Cathedral on Monday, July 25, 2016 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. A vigil service will be led by his friend and confidant, Sister Rosalie Rohr, at 7:00 p.m.

A Funeral Mass will celebrated at St. John's Cathedral on Tuesday, July 26, 2016 at 10:30 a.m.

A committal service will take place at St. Peter's Cemetery on Tuesday, July 27, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.

Cemetery Details

St. Peter's Cemetery

264 N. Blythe Avenue
Fresno, CA 93706

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 25. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (PT)

St. John's Cathedral
2814 Mariposa Street
Fresno, CA 93721

Vigil Service

JUL 25. 7:00 PM (PT)

St. John's Cathedral
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Fresno, CA 93721

Funeral Mass

JUL 26. 10:30 AM (PT)

St. John's Cathedral
2814 Mariposa Street
Fresno, CA 93721

Graveside Service

JUL 27. 9:00 AM (PT)

St. Peter's Cemetery
264 N. Blythe Avenue
Fresno, CA 93706

Tribute Wall



“ Chapel Of The Light created a Tribute Video in memory of Adolfo Gomez Puertas



Chapel Of The Light Funeral Home and Mausoleum - July 25, 2016 at 03:43 PM

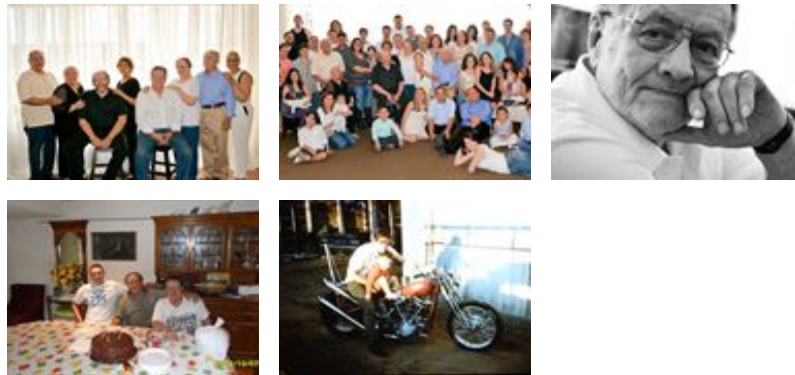


“ Adolfo Gomez Puertas

September 15, 2022 at 09:34 PM



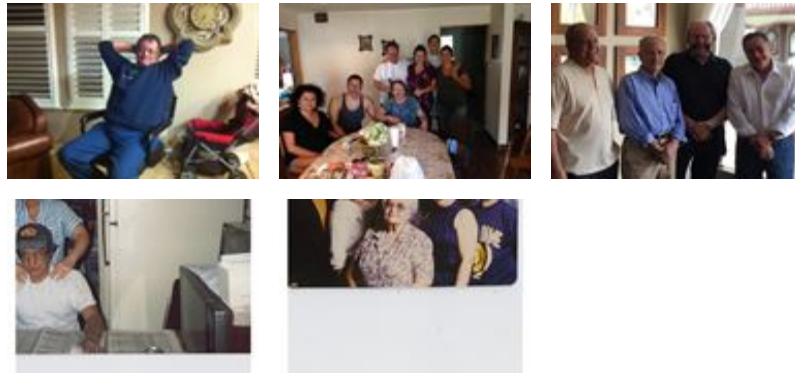
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Chapel Of The Light Funeral Home and Mausoleum - July 25, 2016 at 05:06 PM



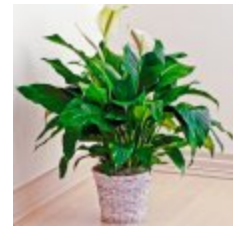
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Chapel Of The Light Funeral Home and Mausoleum - July 25, 2016 at 03:19 PM



“ *Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Adolfo Gomez Puertas.*



July 25, 2016 at 11:09 AM



“ *Ray and Diana Falcon purchased the White Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of Adolfo Gomez Puertas.*



Ray and Diana Falcon - July 24, 2016 at 03:15 PM

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“ From the Lopez Family Gilbert, Amoreena, Sevastian purchased the Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White for the family of Adolfo Gomez Puertas.



From the Lopez Family Gilbert, Amoreena, Sevastian - July 22, 2016 at 03:16 AM

BP

“ My Girls lost their grandpa. He was strong, gruff, and sometimes crass. But he had amazing faith in God and shared that with us through prayer and example. When ever we were down, facing adversity, we knew we could go to Grandpa and he would pray with us with so much faith. We left feeling that everything would be ok if we left the worries and fears in God's hands. We will miss you Grandpa. Sitting at the couch when we came over. All your jokes at Grandmas Pozole dinners and the way you ALWAYS welcomed us in to your home no matter what time it was or when. You loved us all so unconditionally and equally. The greatest gift you ever gave me was your son Adolfo M. Puertas Jr. You and Esther did an amazing job shaping him into a Godly husband and Father. May you rest in peace Pa', I never called you that while you were alive, I wish I had. You will be missed.



~Betsy S. Puertas

Betsy S. Puertas - July 21, 2016 at 05:42 PM



“ *Crossing Over Lid Decoration was purchased for the family of Adolfo Gomez Puertas.*



July 19, 2016 at 02:31 AM



“ *Adolfo, you were such a good friend, so kind and compassionate. We will miss you very much, may you enjoy the Presence of our Lord, our Blessed Mother, St. Joseph, and the angels and saints. Please pray for all of us here, as we continue to work for the Kingdom of God until He comes for us. Thank you for all that you did at the conferences since 1994, Rest in peace, brother Adolph.*

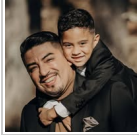


Villas Family - July 18, 2016 at 06:52 PM



“ *RIP brother we work together as eucharist ministers at St Johns Mass and lent funerals etc etc , I won't forget many hours we talked as friends Brother of Jesus Christ. I will miss you but now you're with Jesus in heaven peace love HOOAH AHO .From Mr Silver Foxx (Mr Lorenzo Santos Vega) and Family Familia Gods Be HOOAH AHO*

Silver Foxx Lorenzo Santos Vega - July 18, 2016 at 04:24 PM



“ Thank you for always being ever so helpful to me and my staff. Your hospitality was graciously appreciated and will forever be remembered. May your soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Job well done, thy good and faithful servant.



*Michael J. Rabara, General Manager
and Staff of Chapel of the Light Funeral Home*

Michael Rabara - July 18, 2016 at 02:13 PM

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I was at St. John's Cathedrsl from 1979 thru 1988 As a Reader, Wedding Director and other Ministries ... and, I Don't Remember Him When I Left in The Summer of 1988 ~

Robert Lopez - July 18, 2016 at 06:40 PM