

Rigoberto "Rigo" Vargas

May 19, 1948 - October 7, 2024

Rigoberto Vargas, passed away peacefully with family by his side on October 7, 2024 after a gallant battle against Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS). Rigoberto affectionately known as “Rigo” or “Pa” was born on May 19, 1948 to his parents Cresencio Vargas Serrano and Arcelia Vargas. He was born and raised on a ranch in El Tullillo, Jalisco, Mexico for eighteen years alongside eleven other siblings. At the age of 18, he moved to Joliet, Illinois to work alongside his father at the Prairie State Mill. From there, Rigoberto remained a lifelong resident where he met his beloved wife, Guadalupe. Together, they raised three beautiful children. Rigo loved spending time with his family and always loved engaging in conversations. He loved his family cookouts, listening to his regional Mexican music, and tending to his vegetable garden. He enjoyed the beauties of life in every moment. Whether it was him sitting down at his porch or taking a walk to visit his grandchildren. He loved life. In his words, “You have to be happy everyday. To wake up with life” His loved ones will forever honor his legacy by doing just that.

Rigoberto is preceded in death by his father: Cresencio Vargas Serrano and two brothers, Hernando Vargas and Juvenal in infancy. Also preceded by his father in-law Eligio B. Ramirez and mother in-law Francies Ramierz.

Survived by his loving wife of 52 years, Guadalupe (née Ramirez) Vargas. Devoted Pa to Grasia Gonzalez, Olivia (Hector Melero) and Cresencio

(Nicolette) Vargas.

Pa will be deeply missed by his grandchildren and great-granddaughter: Alberto Daniel Gonzalez, Eliana Melero, Alexander Gonzalez, Sofia Gonzalez, Emilio Melero, Mark Marschner, Brenden Marschner, Bianca Marschner, Kaden Cresencio Vargas and Seri Gonzalez.

Survived by his loving mother, Arcelia Vargas (née Madrigal) and 9 sisters and 1 brother. Ernestina (Marcos) Cuevas, Martha Vargas (Francisco Ramirez), Antonia (Manuel) Zuniga, Isaura (Gonzalo) Del Toro, Ofelia (Federico) Fajardo, Arcelia (Jose) Robles, Maria Elena (Jesus) Valencia, Hortencia (Santiago) Moreno, Gildardo (Elsa) Vargas, Rosalva (Ramon) Del Toro and numerous nieces, nephews and numerous other family members and friends.

A heartfelt and grateful thank you to Unity Hospice Caregivers Kari RN, Brittany CNA, Vanessa and Jennifer from Integrated Respiratory Solutions.

Funeral Service Information

Visitation: Sunday, October 13, 2024, 3:00-7:00 PM and Monday October 14, 2024 from 9:00-10:00 AM at Delgado Funeral Chapel, 400 Landau Ave. Joliet, Illinois 60432.

Funeral Service will be held on Monday, October 14, 2024 at 10:00-11:00 AM at Delgado Funeral Chapel, 400 Landau Ave. Joliet, Illinois 60432.

Graveside Burial: Monday, October 14, 2024, 12:00PM at Mount Olivet Cemetery, 1320 E. Cass St. Joliet, Illinois 60432.

Live webcasting of the visitation and funeral service is available online at Delgadofunerals.com

For further assistance or questions please call 815-774-9220.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **13**. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (cst)

Delgado Funeral Chapel
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Graveside Burial

OCT **14**. 12:00 PM - 12:30 PM (cst)

Mount Olivet Cemetery & Garden Mausoleum
1320 E. Cass St.
Joliet, IL 60432

Tribute Wall



“ *Delgado Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Rigoberto "Rigo" Vargas*



Delgado Funeral Chapel - October 13, 2024 at 08:23 PM



“ *Delgado Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Rigoberto "Rigo" Vargas*



Delgado Funeral Chapel - October 13, 2024 at 05:27 PM

EM

“ *My Pa. He was truly a wonderful man. A caring grandfather, husband, brother, and friend to all. He would always be there for the family, no matter what and I will always cherish the memories we made along the way in the journey we call life. Pa was Pa. He helped everyone in any which way he can. He was funny and loved being active. He could not just stand still in the house. (Maybe if he was just lounging around late at night) But the backyard was his playground. I loved his little inventions he would create too. He loved walking and sitting on the porch. That's what he just did. He loved taking in the moment. And he also loved his nature documentaries. His family was his everything. He was a kind Pa with heart full of soul. He did not hold any grudges. He was the best Pa.*

I love you Pa and I will miss you dearly.

*Love your grandson,
Emilio Melero*



Emilio Melero - October 14, 2024 at 12:16 AM

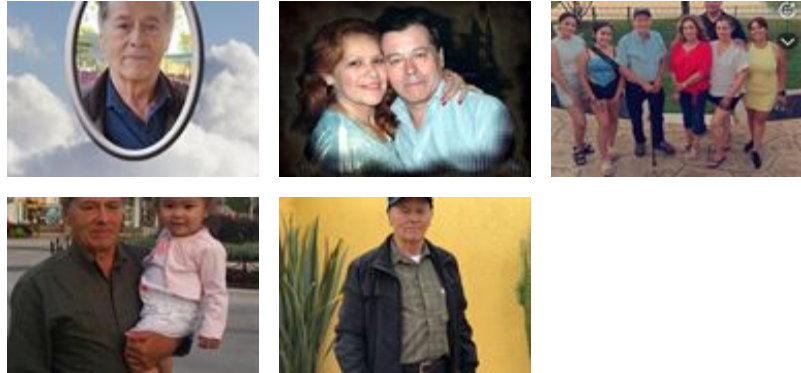


Love you and miss you Pa. thank you Milo for this. His inventions were the best!

Grace Gonzalez - October 26, 2024 at 09:49 AM



“ 151 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Delgado Funeral Chapel - October 13, 2024 at 12:47 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Rigoberto "Rigo" Vargas.



October 13, 2024 at 11:25 AM



“ *Alexander Valencia and Family* purchased the *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* for the family of Rigoberto "Rigo" Vargas.



Alexander Valencia and Family - October 12, 2024 at 10:41 PM

EO

“ Elizabeth Orozco purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Rigoberto "Rigo" Vargas.



Elizabeth Orozco - October 12, 2024 at 05:40 PM

AF

“ Ana Vargas y Familia purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Rigoberto "Rigo" Vargas.



Ana Vargas y Familia - October 12, 2024 at 01:51 PM

AF

“ Ana Vargas y Familia planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rigoberto "Rigo" Vargas.

Ana Vargas y Familia - October 12, 2024 at 01:51 PM

DF

“ Daniel Cuevas and Family purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Rigoberto "Rigo" Vargas.



Daniel Cuevas and Family - October 12, 2024 at 11:23 AM

DF

“ Daniel Cuevas and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rigoberto "Rigo" Vargas.

Daniel Cuevas and Family - October 12, 2024 at 11:23 AM

TF

“ The Chung Family purchased the Rose Garden Heart for the family of Rigoberto "Rigo" Vargas.



The Chung Family - October 11, 2024 at 10:59 PM

FR

“ From Raul and Vivian Del Rio purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Rigoberto "Rigo" Vargas.



From Raul and Vivian Del Rio - October 11, 2024 at 07:48 PM

LC

“ La Familia Chavez purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Rigoberto "Rigo" Vargas.



La Familia Chavez - October 11, 2024 at 06:30 PM

RC

“ He'll be greatly missed. He was a patient person and took his time teaching my family how to fix something or how something worked. He was always there to help us whether it be with a home project or with life. We'll miss his stories and words. A truly wonderful Tio. Descanse en paz Tio - Familia Chavez



Raquel Chavez - October 10, 2024 at 09:37 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rigoberto "Rigo" Vargas.



October 10, 2024 at 08:36 PM

MF

“ Moreno vargas family purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Rigoberto "Rigo" Vargas.



Moreno vargas family - October 10, 2024 at 06:07 PM

KF

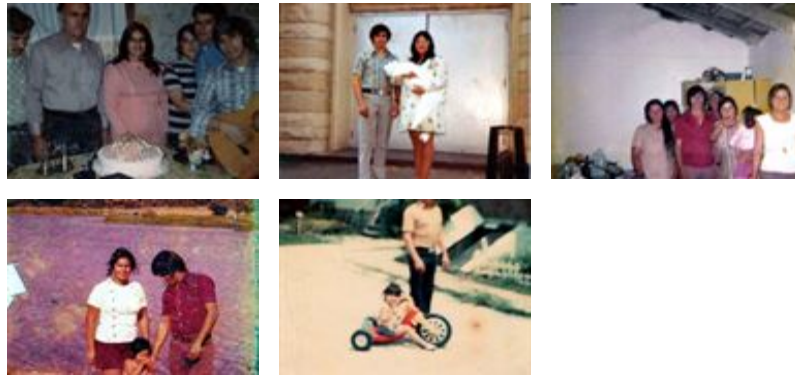
“ Kelly family purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Rigoberto "Rigo" Vargas.



Kelly family - October 10, 2024 at 02:35 PM



“ 274 files added to the album Life Tributes



Delgado Funeral Chapel - October 10, 2024 at 02:00 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Rigoberto "Rigo" Vargas.



October 10, 2024 at 01:04 PM

MP

“ Margarita Partida planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rigoberto Vargas.

Margarita Partida - October 10, 2024 at 01:04 PM

BA

“ Barbara A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rigoberto Vargas.

Barbara A. - October 10, 2024 at 12:08 PM

JD

“ Jaime D. purchased the Serenity Wreath for the family of Rigoberto "Rigo" Vargas.



Jaime D. - October 10, 2024 at 10:31 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Rigoberto "Rigo" Vargas.



October 09, 2024 at 09:11 PM

DF

“ DT family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rigoberto Vargas.

DT family - October 09, 2024 at 09:11 PM

FF

“ Federico F. purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Rigoberto "Rigo" Vargas.



Federico F. - October 09, 2024 at 08:51 PM

SF

“ Sincerely, the Sherwood Family purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Rigoberto "Rigo" Vargas.



Sincerely, the Sherwood Family - October 09, 2024 at 07:40 PM