



Ruben Maldonado

November 17, 1945 - August 23, 2024

Ruben Z. Maldonado “Don Ruben” passed away on Friday, August 23rd , 2024 at the age of 78. Ruben fought a courageous battle for the last three years against an illness but he had faith in his heart and put his trust in God, which never allowed him to give up. Ruben loved life and lived it up to the fullest.

Although a long time resident of Joliet, Illinois, Ruben was born on November 17, 1945 to his parents, Ma. Dolores and Pedro Maldonado in Urireo, Guanajuato, Mexico. Ruben would later move to the United States when he was 17 years old. Ruben started working at a very early age. Showing to have discipline and a strong work ethic. He drove tractors in farmlands and seeded crops. He quickly advanced exploring other options. The next chapter of his journey would be started when he met the love of his life, Luz “Lucy” Gutierrez who would later become his wife when they married on December 2nd , 1970. Ruben was also was a dedicated worker for Local 681 and retired after 37 years. Ruben loved being outdoors in his garden and playing his harmonicas for all his grandchildren. He also enjoyed a good game of poker, dominos and teaching his grandchildren all his tricks and how to win. Ruben will be deeply missed by everyone blessed to have known him.

“You may be gone but never forgotten.

We will always carry your memory in our hearts.”

Preceded in death by his parents, Pedro and Ma. Dolores Maldonado. Two sisters Gloria and Linda. Two brothers Antonio and Salvador.

Survived by his loving wife of 53 years Luz Maldonado (Lucy). Loving father to Jose (Isabel) Maldonado, Raul (Angelica Martinez) Maldonado, Maribel Maldonado-Mendez. His grandchildren Alecxis, Ezequiel, Jazmine, Amber, Angelo, Aryahna, Jenny, Ayleen. Five great grandchildren Liliana, Eevee, Aria, Silas, Liam. Also survived by his sisters Alicia, Celia, Sylvia, Luz. Two brothers Francisco and Jose. Several nephews, nieces, family members and friends.

A visitation will be held on August 29, 2024, 5:00 PM – 8:00PM & Also on August 30,

2024, 8:30 AM -9:30 AM at Delgado Funeral Chapel, 400 Landau Ave. Joliet, Illinois 60432. A Funeral Mass for Ruben will also be held on August 30, 2024, 10:00 AM at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 416 N. Chicago St. 60432.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **29**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (cst)

Delgado Funeral Chapel
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Funeral Mass

AUG **30**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (cst)

Saint Joseph Catholic Church
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Tribute Wall



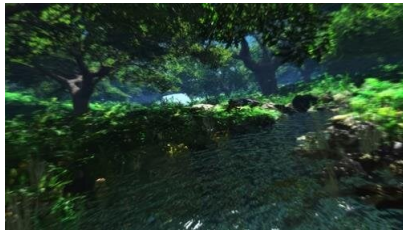
“ *Delgado Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Ruben Maldonado*



Delgado Funeral Chapel - August 29, 2024 at 09:11 PM



“ *Delgado Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Ruben Maldonado*



Delgado Funeral Chapel - August 29, 2024 at 06:52 PM



“ *66 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Delgado Funeral Chapel - August 29, 2024 at 02:29 PM

VG

“ My deepest condolences to my Maldonado family on the death of my Tio Ruben. I visited Joliet briefly in November and was blessed to have spent a little time with him. May God give my Tia Lucy and my cousins peace and comfort during this difficult time. 🙏



Veronica Gomez - August 29, 2024 at 11:11 AM

LJ

“ Praying for mi Madrina & toda la familia,, love you all!
Sending you lots of hugs! ❤️



Laura Juarez - August 29, 2024 at 12:47 AM

LJ

“ My condolences to my Madrina Lucy and family, I'm so lost for words, & It's to hard to believe he's gone... he was a loving person, that I have known all my life, you will be missed. Love you ❤️ Rest in paradise, Padrino 🙏🙏



Laura Juarez - August 29, 2024 at 12:38 AM

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“ Rosario Yzaguirre lit a candle in memory of Ruben Maldonado



Rosario Yzaguirre - August 28, 2024 at 08:38 PM

RF

“ Rosa Padilla Foote lit a candle in memory of Ruben Maldonado



Rosa Padilla Foote - August 25, 2024 at 04:25 PM