



## Joe G. Ramirez

October 5, 2020

Jose "Joe" G. Ramirez, loving husband, devoted father, grandfather, brother and uncle, of Longview, Texas, passed away peacefully at home on Monday, October 5, 2020, at the age of 89. Joe was born in Mission, Texas, on April 27, 1931, to Carlos and Ventura Ramirez. The eldest child, he grew up with siblings Enrique, Carlos, Antonio, Miguel, Maria, and Ramon. While still in high school, he joined the United States Navy, serving our country for four years aboard the USS Boxer during the Korean War. He returned home to Mission to attend Pan American University in Edinburg, Texas, graduating with a B.A. in Sociology. Following graduation, he accepted a position with the Sam Houston Area Council Boy Scouts of America. He worked for the Boy Scouts in several Texas cities until his retirement in 1994 as Director of Hispanic Scouting in Houston. Joe touched the lives of countless young men, helping them become productive citizens for which he was awarded the Boy Scout Silver Beaver distinguished service award in 2000.

While in college, a medical emergency brought him to Monterrey, Mexico, where he met and married Maria Luisa Colchado (deceased). The couple were blessed with four children. Being a responsible and dependable father was of the utmost importance to Joe. He certainly did not disappoint when it came to wholeheartedly loving his family.

God later brought Carolyn and her son, Jeffrey Buehring, to enrich Joe's life. Joe and Carolyn were happily married for over 26 years and together they served in numerous volunteer capacities, including East Texas Area Boy Scouts, Longview Too AMBUCS, the Alzheimer's Association, and Meals on Wheels. Joe was a proud veteran and active member of American Legion Post 232, serving as adjutant and commander. Over the past ten or so years, he enabled more than 100 families to enter and leave their homes by constructing access ramps with his American Legion and AMBUCS teams, and assembled numerous Amtrykes for people with mobility issues. Joe was happiest when he was helping people in need, and was named as the 2010 Man of the Year by the Longview Federated Clubs in recognition of his community involvement. He had also been active in Rotary Club, both in Longview and Houston, as well as The Knights of Columbus (Houston). Joe was a faithful and active member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in

Longview. And for those who knew him well, he always had a song in his heart, and music on his lips, with his harmonica at the ready to share a tune. He could play almost anything, but was especially fond of patriotic songs and gospel music. However, being the Lone Ranger's biggest fan, he could play the William Tell Overture to perfection!

In addition to Carolyn and Jeffrey, Joe is survived by his children, Frank and Janice Ramirez, Luis Carlos Ramirez, Ana Marie Colchado and Jose G. (Gerry) Ramirez, along with grandchildren Linda Ramirez, Daniel Ramirez, Alonzo (Lonnie) Spencer, Marcelina and Ryan Johnson, Max and Lindsay Spencer, and Stefania Glaros; and great-grandchildren Julius Michael Garza, Cyrus Andrew Zapata, Joseph Barnabas Johnson, Anastacia Maria Johnson, and Jonathan Paul Johnson. Also surviving are his siblings, Carlos Ramirez, Maria Gonzalez, Ramon and Sylvia Ramirez, two sisters-in-law, Alicia Ramirez and Alicia Ramirez, his mother-in-law, Dorothy Berg, and sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Betty and Bob Rodgers, and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews. Joe was preceded in death by his parents and brothers Enrique, Antonio and Miguel and sisters-in-law, Carmen Ramirez and Esther Ramirez.

A Funeral Mass will be on Saturday, October 17, 2020 at St. Mary's Catholic Church, 2108 Ridgewood Drive, Longview. The Rosary will be at 12:30 p.m., followed by visitation at 1:00 p.m. The Funeral Mass will begin at 2:00 p.m., Father Daniel Dower, Celebrant. Due to COVID restrictions, masks will be required. The Mass will be live streamed at [www.facebook.com/stmaryslongview](http://www.facebook.com/stmaryslongview). Interment will be at a later date at the Rio Grande Valley State Veterans Cemetery in Mission, Texas.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials to St. Mary's Catholic Church (2108 Ridgewood Drive, Longview TX 75605), or American Legion Post 232 (P. O. Box 386, Longview TX 75606), or Longview Too AMBUCS (P. O. Box 331, Longview TX 75606).

# Cemetery

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## Rio Grande Valley State Veterans Cemetery

2520 S. Inspiration Road  
Mission, TX, 78572-6997

# Events

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- OCT 17** **Rosary** 12:30PM
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- St Mary's Catholic Church  
2108 Ridgewood Drive, Longview, TX,  
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- OCT 17** **Visitation** 01:00PM - 02:00PM
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- St Mary's Catholic Church  
2108 Ridgewood Drive, Longview, TX,  
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- OCT 17** **Mass of Christian Burial** 02:00PM
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- St Mary's Catholic Church  
2108 Ridgewood Drive, Longview, TX,  
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# Comments

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“ Carolyn, It is our prayer that God grant you peace and comfort to continue on living your life. I know you will miss Joe and his harmonica but with God's blessing you will be able to continue your journey.

We will miss Joe at our Boy Scout Retiree Reunions, laughing and playing his harmonica. We always lighten things up when we slowed down. Joe was a talented man and will be missed by the fellow retirees in our annual activity.

He impressed us as being an honorable man and lived the values and precepts found in the Scout Law and Scout Oath. We respect him for his lifestyle of love and respect which he showed us all.

If myself or any other retiree's can be of assistance to you please call.

Carl & Ruth Cummins

**Carl Cummins** - October 16, 2020 at 04:38 PM

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“ Mr. Joe was one of the sweetest, funniest people I have ever met. He would come to St. Mary's Church office every Friday, and tell me the corniest jokes. I really enjoyed our visits. Ms. Carolyn and their family are in my prayers.

**Melissa Adams Aguilar** - October 15, 2020 at 08:34 AM

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“ Joe is man of the year every year. If you want to know if he made a difference? He did in many lives. Pete and I send our Love to you Carolyn and to Joe's family.

**Margaret Litterski** - October 14, 2020 at 09:10 PM

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“ Dear Carolyn and Family,

Such an amazing man!! He will be missed by many. Sending prayers and condolences to all of you. May he rest in peace.

God Bless,

Jacque Whittle and Family

**Jacqueline Whittle** - October 14, 2020 at 02:58 PM

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“ Pappa Joe was such a force for our American Legion post. he was always fun to be around.  
Rest easy Joe, we will carry on.

**Kenneth MCCMORMICK** - October 12, 2020 at 10:00 PM

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“ Carolyn and Family,  
Deepest condolences and sympathy.

Debby Brown



**Debby Brown** - October 10, 2020 at 07:28 PM

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“ This is my favorite photo of Dad. I have so many fond memories of attending Veterans marches with my hero Dad.



**Ana Marie C** - October 10, 2020 at 01:50 PM

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“ Thank you for letting you inner-child out with your granddaughter, Marcelina!

And, what a thrill being with you when you won "Longview's Man of the Year" award. You were always man-of-the-day to me. Love you, Daddy



Ana Marie C - October 10, 2020 at 01:36 PM

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“ So many amazing memories, Dad. Thank you.



Ana Marie C - October 10, 2020 at 01:30 PM

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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Joe G. Ramirez.



October 09, 2020 at 03:47 PM

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“ To the family of Joe: I have countless memories to share about this generous, wonderful man. It was a pleasure to work side by side building access ramps for fellow Veterans. The many breakfast, lunch and dinners and the conversations I had with Joe were filled with laughter and wisdom, but most of all compassion. I will miss the Spanish songs you sang for me. Your calls to say hello and how my was doing. I was blessed to call you my dearest friend, my heart is broken. I know God has put you to work building mansions and I can imagine you playing your harp before the throne of God. I love you Joe. Prayers to Carolyn and family.



Patricia Rodriguez Overstreet - October 09, 2020 at 02:38 PM

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“ Dad: I an so thankful to our Lord Jesus, for having sent a hero man whom expressed utmost unconditional love and support to my children and, one I was proud to say was "my Dad". Play your harmonica proudly for Jesus, the Saints, Angels, and our family members whom are there with you in heaven. You certainly brought joy to us here when you did. Much love, your grateful daughter, Ana M.



Ana Marie C - October 08, 2020 at 03:18 PM

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“ Carolyn and Family,

My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.

With love,  
Mary Whitton

**Mary Whitton** - October 08, 2020 at 09:39 AM

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**Ramon Ramirez** - October 07, 2020 at 07:33 PM

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“ Papa Joe! You will truly be missed!



**David Applewhite** - October 06, 2020 at 06:53 PM



“ American Legion duo! Both of us served in Korea although I was 15 years later.

**David Applewhite** - October 06, 2020 at 06:54 PM



“ A true patriot and gentleman. Will miss you.

**Roger Lineberry** - October 07, 2020 at 10:26 AM



“ It is difficult to find the words that properly convey my feelings for this remarkable man who brought so much joy to people’s lives. In a world seemingly gone mad, he brought a sense of humor that helped diffuse the stream of hate and divisiveness with which we are constantly subjected. We will sorely miss you, Amigo.

**Joe** - October 08, 2020 at 11:06 AM



“ I spoke to Joe often at the post office; He was always friendly. Casey Cammack

**Casey Cammack** - October 08, 2020 at 11:34 AM



“ Adios, Primo. Ojala, nos veremos en Mission en la primavera.

**Tom** - October 09, 2020 at 12:08 PM



“ A most loving , giving soul, Joe will be greatly missed. I pray for your entire family at this time. Hugs. Julia Yost

**JULIA YOST** - October 10, 2020 at 09:20 AM



“ Carolyn - Joe was one of the funniest most benevolent people that I have had the pleasure of knowing. May you find peace in his passing.

**Adam J. Holland** - October 11, 2020 at 10:41 AM