



Robert F. Lopez Jr.

May 12, 1946 - October 1, 2019

ROBERT F. LOPEZ

A Funeral mass will be celebrated at Anderson Bethany Funeral Home at 10:00 AM, on Saturday, October 12, 2019, for Robert F. Lopez, 73, who saw the Light and passed thru the gates Home to heaven on Tuesday, October 1, 2019, at his residence. Burial will follow at South Park Cemetery.

Robert was born on May 12, 1946, in Roswell, NM, to Ruperto and Sara Lopez. He graduated from Roswell High School, being a member of the basketball team that won the New Mexico State Championship in 1964. On August 14, 1965, Robert and Rosemary Velasquez were married in Roswell and made California their home for eight years. He served in the Army stationed in Ft. Bliss, Tx, Ft. Polk, La., and in Germany. They then made their home in Albuquerque for eight years where he worked for American National Insurance Co. before finally settling in Roswell, where Robert worked and retired from the US Postal Service. He was known there as "The Worker" and "Bobby Lo."

An amazing, loving, and caring man, Robert was always ready to give a helping hand to those in need. His outgoing personality and humor made him numerous friends, and Robert would go out of his way to talk to them. He was always involved with his children's activities being their coach in softball, baseball, basketball, and football. With the Boy's Club, Robert did several years serving and doing fundraisers to help their sports activities, even making it one year to tournaments in Las Vegas, NV, and Colorado. In 1993, he and a few friends got together to bring back to life the cash drawing fundraising program for the Roswell High School Football Program after a few years of being dormant. To this day, the cash drawing fundraising continues to support the program. His love of sports and children led him to be a referee for the Boys Club and youth programs, later on the RISD football, basketball and softball programs and umpire for the AAASA. In 2016, Robert was awarded New Mexico West Texas umpire of the year. He was also a member of the Knights of Columbus.

Robert's grandchildren were his love and joy, spending all the time he could with them. He was always there for them, being their counselor, advisor, and always with a word of encouragement. The same goes true to all his children. Their friends, as they were growing up, all respected and still call him Mr. Lopez or Coach. Robert will be greatly

missed and leaves behind many special memories.

In addition to Robert's wife, Rosemary V. Lopez, he is also survived by his daughter, Roberta Allen and husband Johnny of Roswell; son, Michael Lopez and wife Erika of Phoenix, AZ; grandchildren: Chabri, and Jez Allen, Drew, Addison, and Aiden Lopez; brothers: Johnny Lopez and wife Cecilia of San Jose, CA, Ronnie Lopez and wife Teri of Fresno, CA, Lonnie and wife Rita of Ontario CA; sister, Lupe Saldana and husband Chris of Elk Grove, CA; and numerous nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, and cousins that he loved.

He was preceded in death by his beloved son, Richard (Pico); and parents, Ruperto and Sara Lopez.

Pallbearers are Roberto Nevarez, Larry (Hooter) Grant, Frank Lilly, Stanley Smith, Arthur Cobos, and Dwayne Brown.

Honorary Pallbearers are Jay Edgett, Lucus Hernandez, Ismael Pantoja, Andrew Brady, John L. Gonzales, and Ruben Prieto.

"God saw he was getting tired, and a cure was not to be,
So He put his arms around him and whispered, "come with me."
With tearful eyes, we watched him suffer and saw him fade away.
Although we loved him dearly, we could not make him stay.
A golden heart stopped beating, Hard working hands to rest.
God broke our hearts to prove to us He only takes the best!"

Please take a moment and share a kind thought or memory with Robert's family at www.andersonbethany.com.

Robert's tribute was written by his family.

Tribute Wall



“ *Robert F. Lopez Jr.*

December 29, 2022 at 05:26 PM

WD

“ *My deepest sympathies Rosemary on your loss!! I will keep you and Robert in my prayers! God bless you and May He bring you peace!*



Willadine Duran - October 12, 2019 at 01:57 PM

MR

“ *Rosemary and family, my heart goes out to you and your family at this most difficult moment in your lives. I pray God gives you the peace and comfort only He can give.*

I feel so bad that I haven't reached out to you or any of the family. I have been dealing with a family situation that has taken a lot of my time. Take comfort knowing that Robert is rejoicing in heaven with all the family and especially his beloved son Pico. I remember Robert always happy, cracking jokes full of life, but when he lost Pico a big part of him went with this great loss. that's why I feel he is very happy now. He will be missed by many. God bless all of you> Martha K. Romero

Martha K. Romero - October 11, 2019 at 10:47 PM

LE

*Rosemary, may the The God of all confront Jesus Christ be with you and give you peace in the loss of your loved one. Our condolences to you and your family
Larry Lydia Eimer and family*

Lydia Eimer - October 12, 2019 at 01:38 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert F. Lopez Jr..*



October 10, 2019 at 02:54 AM

RF

“ My condolences to Rosemary. I knew him from the old days. Also knew Rosemary from the old days. He was a very nice person to the girls at the softball fields.He was also a very nice person all around. Talked to him a lot at the girls softballs fields. *I didn't know his family.Just his daughter,She and my son knew each other. she was a credit to her upbringing. Rudy Flores

rudy flores - October 08, 2019 at 06:13 PM

ME

“ Our deepest condolences go out to the Lopez Family. It has been an honor to know such a wonderful man. He not only meant a lot to those who came in contact with him but to our community as well. He greatly impacted our family with his infectious smile and positive attitude. He always made it a point to acknowledge us and take a personal interest in our girls on and off the softball field. The words of wisdom and kind words were greatly appreciated by Ernie growing up as a kid. You will be greatly missed but your memory will live on in all of those around you whose lives you touched.

Melanie Estrada - October 04, 2019 at 08:27 PM

SG

“ So sorry for the loss of your Dad Roberta and Family.Prayers go out to y'all..May he RIP....😭
Gustavo,Sylvia and Family.....



Sylvia Garcia - October 04, 2019 at 01:22 AM

Ana Lopez-Bruce

“ Ana Lopez- Bruce lit a candle in memory of Robert F. Lopez Jr.



Ana Lopez- Bruce - October 04, 2019 at 01:05 AM

BC

“ Belia S Chaparro lit a candle in memory of Robert F. Lopez Jr.



Belia S Chaparro - October 04, 2019 at 12:36 AM

RP

“ Our deepest sympathy goes out to Rosemary and the rest of the family. We are heartbroken about your loss. Robert was a great friend. We knew him and Rosemary from high school. Robert and Ruben worked together after school and later ran into each other at Fort Polk, Louisiana (1968), when they were both in the U.S. Army. The friendship continued to grow throughout the years. We remember him as a thoughtful and upbeat individual. When Ruben was hurt, Robert went out of his way to help take care of him. His care and encouragement helped Ruben tremendously. Robert was always there for us and we are eternally grateful that we were given the opportunity to know such a wonderful person. May he rest in peace.

Ruben and Frances Prieto

Ruben and Frances Prieto - October 03, 2019 at 10:55 PM

AN

“ I remember Robert from growing up in Roswell. Robert was on the 1964 Roswell High basketball state championship team. That team was so good, they had 10 players good enough to be starters, and Robert was one of them. Condolences to his immediate family, and his brothers.

Anonymous - October 03, 2019 at 04:13 PM

MV

“ MELI'SA VEGARA lit a candle in memory of Robert F. Lopez Jr.



MELI'SA VEGARA - October 03, 2019 at 03:33 PM

LL

“ babies they really enjoyed going to the park with us I remember Anthony thought it was so funny that you were chasing him in the park but really you just didn't want him to go too far but Anthony thought you were just playing with him so he just kept running. Lol. Thank you uncle Robert for all the great memory Lonnie and I and Anthony & Angelina & Daniel we got to share with you. Thank you uncle Robert for always keeping us in you thoughts you will always be our coolest uncle full of life and joy with a big heart for all the family .. We love you uncle Robert may you rest in peace 🌹🌹

Lonnie and Veronica Lopez - October 03, 2019 at 01:58 AM

LL

“ Uncle Robert thank you for being the coolest uncle. Lonnie and I will always remember how much you enjoyed life and traveling . Uncle Robert thank you for coming out and meeting the babies they really enjoyed going to the park with us I remember Anthony thought it was so funny that you were chasing him in the park but really you just didn't want him to go to far but Anthony thought you were just playing with him . Lol. Thank you uncle Robert for all the great memory Lonnie and I and Anthony & Angelina, Daniel will miss you and Rosemary visiting

Lonnie and Veronica Lopez - October 03, 2019 at 01:52 AM

CP

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the family. The world lost a beautiful soul..



Christy P. - October 03, 2019 at 01:02 AM

AR

Rosemary and family I am so sorry for your loss. Robert was one of a kind. Will always remember his good natured teasing whenever we ran into you two. May our Lord give you strength and comfort in knowing he is now in peace

Aida Rosales - October 03, 2019 at 12:28 PM

LL

“ Lonnie Lopez lit a candle in memory of Robert F. Lopez Jr.



Lonnie Lopez - October 03, 2019 at 01:00 AM

JE

“ Robert we didn't grow up together. But we're 1st cousins and I do have great memories. You were a great person. And of course an awesome husband/ dad/ grandpa and of course Brother.. You are so loved and will be so missed. RIP my dear cousin. Love you.. joanne ❤️🙏🕊️

joanne escujuri - October 02, 2019 at 09:55 PM

TM

“ Robert was a very good kind man he will be missed dearly R.I.P ROBERT. GIVE PICO A HUG FOR ME PLEASE....

TOBY MARRUJO - October 02, 2019 at 09:50 PM

OA

“ Robert was a great husband, dad and a heart of gold with his grandkids. He was a kind and happy all the time. I'm very proud to say I'm grateful for him being the best grandpa to my grandkids and the best father-in-law to my daughter. May he Rest In Peace, and blessings to Rosemary and all the family.

Olga Alvarado - October 02, 2019 at 09:23 PM

DS

“ I just want to express Helen and Dan Ortega's Condolences to the Robert and Rosemary Lopez Family. I remember you Robert as a Very Good Husband to Rosemary and a Very Good Father to Michael, Roberta and Richard+. I first Remember you from the East Side Neighborhood. You were a good Brother to Johnny, Ronnie and Lonnie. I always admired you because you were a good Basketball Player and Played on the Roswell High Varsity Team. You were always a nice guy to me and too my older brothers. I enjoyed working with you at the USPS. You were always a happy man at work and never gave anyone a hard time. You joked around and made the job better with your outgoing and fun personality. When I became sick, anytime I saw you at the Softball fields you always stopped to ask me how I was doing and you always wished me well. Rosemary, Michael and Roberta I'm very sorry that Robert passed away. To Robert's Brothers I'm so Sorry. I pray that the Good Lord helps all of you during this very difficult time.

Danny Ortega Sr. - October 02, 2019 at 08:45 PM