



Enrique Oropeza Martinez

March 29, 1950 - August 18, 2016

Enrique Oropeza Martinez, known as Rick to his friends and family, passed early Thursday morning, August 18, 2016. He is survived by his sisters, Juanita Quirino, Maria Gloria, Angela Bocanegra, and Rosalie Martinez. On November 28, 1997, Rick was wed to the love of his life, Dora and together they worked hard to blend their two families into one. Rick and Dora were the very proud parents of Arthur John Saucedo, Jonathan Paul Saucedo, Virginia Herrera, Tomas Enrique Martinez, and Ricky Martinez. In the early beginnings of their family, some of the favorite activities included chasing each other around the house with water guns and going to Fiesta Texas on the weekend. Rick loved coming home from the Fiesta Texas Park with all of his kids carrying as many basketballs as they could handle—always winners shooting and making the baskets at the park basketball games. As time passed, and kids became adults, breakfast or lunch on Sundays, grilling or barbequing and watching Spurs games became family favorite traditions. Those Sunday together were filled with laughter, smiles, and fun, all deeply rooted in the solid foundation of family.

Rick received exceptional training as a professional Machinist in high school and was the proud recipient of the first place trophy of high school State of Texas Competition of Machinists. Because of his professional ability, Rick was hired by CPSEnergy. Rick Martinez became the first Mexican-American to hold the position of Machinist Foreman at CPSEnergy and was given the

responsibility of overseeing five of the electricity producing plants, their operations, employees, and contractors. Rick coordinated the production of electricity at the plants and coordinated all the manpower as required. Rick's strong character, leadership skills, and fair treatment of his workers, made him a great boss—loved and respected by his co-workers and his management.

Rick had a successful career, but was first and foremost a loving husband and father. He spent every available minute with his wife and kids. He was a man who loved to spoil his wife and his favorite phrase to her was, "for you, my Love, the world." He was always willing and ready to assist his children in any way and he was forever telling them, "I am only a phone call away." When his kids thanked him, he'd affectionately reply, "That's what Dads are for." Rick's love and generosity knew no limits, for his family or for others around him. He will be missed so very much and our only consolation is that he remains forever in our hearts.

We love you with all our hearts, Rick, and you take that love with you to await us on the other side.

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“ I will never forget the day Rick and I went to Burnett Tx during the Christmas season. On our way we drove through Marble Falls and we saw the abundant Christmas lights by the side of the lake and their majesty doubled as they reflected in the water. Rick was mesmerized by the beauty and we stopped to view. We got off the car and walked through that magical field of lights. As I gazed at all the beauty around us, he gently came up behind me and pulled me close to him and whispered his love and dedication to me. I felt like I was truly in heaven amidst the beauty and surrounded by the love of this amazing and handsome man. I will never forget that moment of love and beauty. The rest of my life with Rick was just as wonderful because he always made sure I was surrounded by his love and he made me feel beautiful and loved every day of my life. I miss you still, my Love. I dream of you and wish I could be with you.

Dora S Martinez - December 17, 2017 at 12:15 AM