



## Jose Fernando Gonzalez

February 21, 1967 - January 24, 2022

Jose Fernando Gonzalez was born in Mexico City, Mexico on February 21, 1967 to Maria Elena (Cruz) and Jesus Fernando Gonzalez; immigrated to the United States and proudly became a US citizen on July 3, 1986.

He was lovingly referred to as Joey or Nando by friends and family and Mr.G in his work. His long career nurturing and educating children with disabilities to realize their fullest protentional at Mission Road Ministries and then as a Special Education Teacher in Harlandale ISD, where he won Teacher of the Year multiple times, was nothing short of remarkable.

He was a loving, goofy and inquisitive father; he loved outdoor exploration, and history. He will be remembered for this as well as humor, humility and compassion.

He is survived by his children, Liam M. Gonzalez and Sean F. Gonzalez, their mother Cara L. Magrane, his siblings Roger Gonzalez and Adriana Villafranca (Gonzalez) and preceded in death by his beloved parents.

May he rest in peace.

Visitation will be held from 4:30- 8:00pm Tuesday, February 1, 2022 at Mission Park Funeral Chapels South at 1700 SW Military Drive, with chapel services at 6:00pm.

In lieu of flowers please send donations to Mission Road Ministries IN MEMORY OF Jose Fernando "Joey" Gonzalez 8706 Mission Rd, San Antonio, TX 78214.



# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 1. 4:30 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels South, Cemeteries & Crematories  
1700 SE Military Dr  
San Antonio, TX 78214  
(210) 924-4242  
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

## Chapel Service

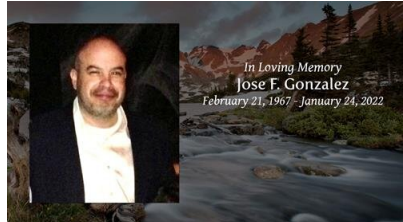
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemeteries created a Tribute Video in memory of Jose Fernando Gonzalez*



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**Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemetery** - February 01, 2022 at 01:46 PM



“ *What a loss for all who knew Mr. Joey. What a tremendous loss for our HISD students. His absence will truly be missed. R.I.P. Mr. G*

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**JoAnn Carr** - February 02, 2022 at 02:01 PM

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“ At Scheh Elementary he was known as Joey by friends and those at Schulze Elementary knew him as Mr. G; some of us were privileged to know him by both. I was glad to have known him for at least twenty years. We talked. His signature token of chocolate kisses to chocolate cupcakes always left us with a smile. He was always willing to participate in activities around the school that would involve reaching out to our students as well as staff. In just a few words he could somehow encourage students to do what needed to be accomplished. He had that certain appeal. Joey knew his students and the approach he took with them was amazing to watch. I think we may all have a story to tell, from daily duties to outside of work gatherings, and must admit they would probably include some laughter. His deepest love was of course his family and he spoke of his kids with such a father's pride. There is a void right now, our hearts are sad, but oh the memories. Memories of someone we knew that touched our lives and will always remain in our hearts. Rest in peace my dear friend. Until we meet again.

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**Elva Cope** - February 02, 2022 at 05:31 AM

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“ Rest In Peace Mr. Gonzalez. You will certainly be missed.

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**M. Holtermann** - January 31, 2022 at 05:21 PM

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“ I've known Joey for many years. We worked together at both Scheh and Schulze and I always thought of him as being the BEST of the BEST!!! Joey made such a positive difference in the lives of those around him and children thrived with his guidance. My thoughts and prayers are with the family. Joey will be missed terribly.

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**Penny Autry** - January 31, 2022 at 03:36 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jose Fernando Gonzalez.*



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January 31, 2022 at 01:56 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jose Fernando Gonzalez.*



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January 30, 2022 at 05:59 PM



“ *What a kind person and wonderful teacher. A human gemstone!*

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**linda hitz** - January 30, 2022 at 04:13 PM



“ *Joey had one of the biggest hearts. If I was having a rough day I could always depend on Him to lift my spirits by bringing me a coke, Hershey kisses, and even some aspirin if I had a headache. He is and was a selfless Man who was simply dedicated to working with all students not just those he was assigned too. I remember the first time I heard Joey read to my students. LOL it was the best and the students wanted more of his read alouds. He was an amazing man who is gone way to soon. Rest In Peace my friend. You will truly be missed. Until we meet again.*

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**Raquel Rodriguez** - January 30, 2022 at 11:08 AM

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*Joey was an awesome Teacher and also a very kind man. He always was happy and in a good mood. The kids loved him very much!! I appreciated everything he did for our students. He also helped any of the teachers that needed his help. As a teacher I was always grateful for everything that he helped us when dealing with our students. He will always be remembered for being a great Teacher and human being too!! 🙌🙏*

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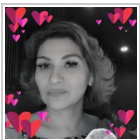
**Sandra Infante** - January 30, 2022 at 07:45 PM

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*“Where do I begin, I remember working with Joey at Rayburn Elementary where he worked as a self-contained teacher. He always had a serious look on his face, but behind that look he was the sweetest teddy bear. We meet again when he came to work at Schulze Elementary and a few years later we worked together, serving students with disabilities. My heart has always been in Special Education. I learned everything there was to know from Joey. He was always so calm while we all were all over the place. I have great memories of us working together. One memory I will always remember, when we had a rough day he would give us a Hershey's Kiss to bright our day. He was so thoughtful and giving. He touched many lives and will be truly missed💕💕 I am going to miss his smile and his laugh. Until we meet again Joey. Prayers for his family and love ones through this difficult time.*

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**Elizabeth A Gonzalez** - January 30, 2022 at 09:31 AM



*“Mr. G was an amazing man who was always willing to help everyone. We met when he became my mentor teacher in 2008. I then had the privilege to work alongside twice in my career. My favorite memory is every time I heard him read a story to the students. If you had ever heard him read a story, you know exactly what I am saying. Rest in peace, my friend. You will be missed by so many—my prayers and thoughts for your family and friends.*

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**Donna Gonzalez** - January 29, 2022 at 09:32 PM



*Mr. Joey you will be missed. Thank you for expertise on students with me. You were an asset to our school. Thank you for always being helpful and full of laughter. It was a pleasure to work with you these last 3 years.*

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**Lisa Hernandez** - January 30, 2022 at 12:38 AM



*Mr G was the kindest man I have ever met, He was such a great teacher always making you laugh He will be missed . Rest in peace. My prayers go out to his family*

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**Rene Huron** - January 31, 2022 at 08:50 AM