



## Marco A. Lopez, Jr., M.D.

January 17, 1944 - October 30, 2021

On Saturday, October 30, 2021, our beloved Dr. Marco A. Lopez, Jr. reached the end of his sweet journey here on earth and entered the realm of everlasting life as an angel in heaven.

Marco was born in Havana, Cuba, on January 17, 1944, as the only child to his proud parents, Dr. Marco Antonio Lopez Hidalgo and Alejandrina Paredes Conejo. The Lopez family fled the growing oppression of the Castro dictatorship in 1960 and sought refuge in their new cherished home, the United States of America. Overcoming cultural and language barriers, Marco finished high school. He graduated from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, where he and his first wife, Judy Lopez, welcomed their daughter Linda into the world. Undaunted by nay-sayers and the challenges of being a young father and student, Marco pursued his dream of becoming a physician. He enrolled at the Universidad Autónoma de Guadalajara School of Medicine. During this time, Marco and Judy welcomed their son, Marc Andrew, to the family.

With a growing family, Marco jumped at the opportunity to transfer from the medical school in Jalisco, Mexico, to the then-new University of Texas Medical School in San Antonio, Texas. Marco completed his clinical internship and residency in obstetrics and gynecology in 1975 while simultaneously serving as an Army reserve physician under the Berry plan. Following his residency,

Marco honed his medical expertise at the OB/GYN department at the 97th General Army Hospital, Frankfurt, Germany, where he served as an Army major until 1979. Marco and Judy divorced shortly after that, but they remained steadfast co-parents and life-long friends.

After his military service, Marco returned to San Antonio, Texas and settled into private practice. Marco then met the love of his life, Carolyn Kranz Bluhm. Cliché as it may sound, it was truly “love at first sight.” Marco and Carolyn were married in 1985, and the family instantly grew. Marco proudly welcomed two more children, Stephanie and Michael Bluhm, as his daughter and son. Carol likewise welcomed Linda and Marc Andrew into her life as her children.

Throughout his career and life, Marco remained a fierce advocate for women of all walks of life. He vigorously supported women’s health initiatives and issues throughout his long career. Generations entered this world assisted by his skillful care for mother and child. He proudly displayed photos of “his babies” on the walls of his practice, along with countless letters, notes, and mementos of love and thanks. He was esteemed by colleagues and loved by patients, innumerable friends, and family. Marco was an instant friend. People mattered to him. He candidly acknowledged the worth, talents, and relevance of each person. He greeted the stranger as a friend and made those he encountered feel welcome and important. His heart was HUGE. We now bear the depth of his loss.

Marco is survived by his beloved wife, Carolyn Kranz Lopez; daughter, Linda Lopez (Joanne Lemon); son Dr. Marc Andrew Lopez; daughter Stephanie Bluhm Carrales (James Carrales); son Dr. J. Michael Bluhm (Dr. Maria Danet Lapid-Bluhm); grandchildren Jenny, Austin, Alexander, Braden, Dane, Andrew, and Mikaela; great-granddaughter, Sloan Ryan; countless, beloved cousins, other family, friends, and friends, and friends...Rest in peace, sweet Marco. You will live in us forever.

Services will be private. You may wish to leave a memory or message on his Tribute Wall.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemeteries created a Webcast in memory of Marco A. Lopez, Jr., M.D.*



**Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemetery** - November 12, 2021 at 12:50 PM



*Thank You for posting this, I will miss him greatly. Marco was like my second father. My Father and Marco were like brothers since when they met while attending The University of Illinois Champaign-Urbana.*

**Hector Romero** - November 12, 2021 at 02:22 PM

RM

“ *I practiced many years with marcos and great love and respect for his passion for medicine and the care of his patients. we all will miss his very warm and kind personality. god bless you in your sorrow .  
randall singleton MD*

**raqndall singlewton MD** - November 30, 2021 at 10:03 PM

JK

“ *Dr. Lopez was my DOCTOR for 40 years until his retirement. He was the Best! Very caring and respectful to any concerns that arise in women's care. I felt Dr Lopez looked out for me and his patients. He will be missed. God received a Wonderful Angel. Rest in God's Palace, Mr. Lopez.*

**Judy Kutz** - November 19, 2021 at 09:00 PM

ES

“ Dr. Marco Lopez was my OB/GYN for over twenty years up until his retirement and delivered both my Daughters and posted the photos of all the babies that he delivered on his wall at the office. He would always fondly ask during my visits, "How are my beautiful Girls doing?, you know I only deliver beautiful babies." I had the pleasure of also working closely with his office during my time as a Surgery Scheduler at the San Antonio Surgery Center. Dr. Lopez was a compassionate Physician who truly cared and listened to the needs of his patients. The Medical community has lost a good one and will be truly missed. I pray for strength and comfort for his Family during this time of mourning. Rest in paradise Dr. Lopez.

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**Elizabeth Martinez Soto** - November 11, 2021 at 08:55 PM

RS

“ I have worked with Carol's son, Dr. James Bluhm, for over 16 years. I have had the pleasure of getting to know the entire family. Dr. Lopez was a kind, compassionate husband, father and grandfather. He will be greatly missed. My sincere condolences on your loss.

*Alan & Rachel Sanchez*

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**Rachel Sanchez** - November 11, 2021 at 02:09 PM

RL

“ My sincere condolences on your loss. I am connected to your family in many ways. I fondly remember Carol as one of my teachers during anesthesia residency. She taught me some of the most important things I learned during residency. Then for many years I worked with and was friends with Marco. Both Carol and Marco are some of the most genuine and kindest people I have every met. Then about a year ago I was very pleasantly surprised to learn that my anesthesiologist was Marc Lopez. I was very reassured that I would be well cared for. It has truly been my pleasure to know so many members of your family and to personally benefit from the friendship and excellent medical care that your family is known for.

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**Robert Luedecke** - November 11, 2021 at 09:04 AM

CG

“ Marco was a special physician who truly cared about each patient. He was my doctor for 30 years, delivered my 2 boys and was a colleague of my father, Dr. Brandon Chenault. My dad chose Marco for me because of his great skill and calm mannerism, even during emergencies. He was always interested in our family and I enjoyed our conversations over the years. He will be missed and was what every doctor should aspire to be. Sending wishes to the family for your happy memories to make each day easier.

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**Christie Chenault Gonzalez** - November 09, 2021 at 09:46 AM

MM

“ Marco was limitless in his caring, compassion and kindness for family and friends, and even for strangers who would come to him for help. In times of hardship he would rise to challenges with resilience and courage, and inspire others to do the same. Love you my friend...my brother...forever.  
Manuel Schydlower, M.D.



Manuel Schydlower, M.D. - November 08, 2021 at 10:51 PM



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Joanne Lemon - November 08, 2021 at 03:05 PM



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Joanne Lemon - November 08, 2021 at 01:55 PM



*One of our many joyous family gatherings. I will miss seeing and feeling your loving and warm smile.*

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**Joanne Lemon** - November 08, 2021 at 03:09 PM



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**Joanne Lemon** - November 08, 2021 at 01:46 PM

KG

“ *Dr. Lopez was my physician for many years. He was always on the cutting edge of gynecology, and he helped me greatly during some difficult times. He was kind and gracious, and he believed that women always deserved the best of care. I am so sorry that his family has lost him, but I know that his inspiration and loving nature will live on in their lives.*

*Katherine E. Goethe, PhD*

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**Katherine Goethe** - November 08, 2021 at 01:16 PM

SC

“ *My condolences to his family. I mainly knew him through his first wife Judy and his two children Linda and Marc Andrew. What I learned is he was a wonderful friend to Judy and a great father to their two children. Everything I heard showed he was a man of compassion and integrity. He has left a legacy of this way of life to his wife, children and grandchildren. I may have only met him once but he has touched my heart.*

*Suzanne Carpenter*

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**Suzanne Carpenter** - November 08, 2021 at 09:54 AM

EO

“ I was a patient of Dr. Lopez for more than 45 years. He was the dearest, kindest person who was truly loved by all his patients. When I visited him for the last time before his retirement, I started crying as he walked toward me to hand me my records to take with me. Unlike so many doctors of today who spend an office visit typing on their laptops and not even looking at their patients, Dr. Lopez never brought a laptop to the exam room. He was very proud of his family and always wanted to know about the news of the patient's family.  
My deepest condolences to Carolyn and the entire family. May all of you feel God's love and comfort at this difficult time.  
Elvira Ortiz

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**Elvira Ortiz** - November 08, 2021 at 09:16 AM

MK

“ I worked with Marco at the 97th General Hospital in Frankfurt Germany for four years in the 1970's. From the first day I met him we were and have remained friends. Despite all the distance, I have remained in Germany and he returned to the USA, we always kept in contact. My heart and thoughts go out to Carol, as I know she will miss him daily. I am grateful to have had him in my life.

Marilyn Kuntze  
Berlin, Germany

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**Marilyn Kuntze** - November 07, 2021 at 05:27 AM



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Joanne Lemon - November 06, 2021 at 12:51 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Marco A. Lopez, Jr., M.D..



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“ Shelton & Valadez, PC purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Marco A. Lopez, Jr., M.D..



Shelton & Valadez, PC - November 05, 2021 at 02:25 PM



“ Hector Romero purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Marco A. Lopez, Jr., M.D..



Hector Romero - November 03, 2021 at 10:39 PM



“ Marco was my second father. I feel like I did when my father passed on April 20, 2016. Marco was a great and kind man. He was always there for me when I needed someone to talk to and seek fatherly advice. I will miss him greatly. I will always love and miss him.

Hector Romero - November 03, 2021 at 10:21 PM



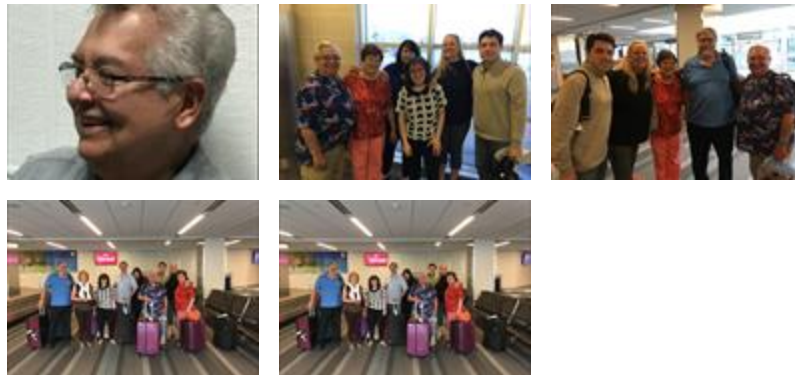
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Thomas Ibarra - November 03, 2021 at 08:04 PM

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**Linda Lopez** - November 03, 2021 at 12:55 PM