



Richard Cortez

November 23, 2022

Richard Cortez, 62, ended his hard-fought battle with complications due to cancer on November 23, 2022 in Denver, CO.

Rick was born and raised in San Antonio, Texas where he met his wonderful wife, Debbie, had three children, and was a dog dad.

He loved nothing more than spending time with his family, going for long bike rides, and sharing meals. Rick was in the fire department for 34 years where he served as a firefighter and an engineer, then later worked as a paramedic and finished his career as an instructor at the San Antonio Fire Academy. While there he made lifelong memories and friends, and experienced more than his fair share of shenanigans. He was never short of jokes, laughter, or pranks, he was a light to many that will be missed.

His constant optimism will be carried on by his wife, Debbie Cortez, their children, Kenny and Laura, his brother Mario, and countless other family and friends. He will be reunited with his parents, Consuelo and Henry, his brother Albert, and his son Michael.

Honor the exuberant life of Richard Cortez with family and friends at his visitation on Sunday, December, 4 at Mission Park Funeral Chapels Cherry Ridge and funeral service on Monday, December 5. In lieu of flowers, please

send donations to the San Antonio 100 Club.

Details

Visitation and rosary: Sunday, December 4, visit from 5 to 7pm with a rosary to follow.

Mission Park Funeral Chapels Cherry Ridge, 3401 Cherry Ridge Dr, San Antonio, TX 78230

Funeral: Monday, December 5, starting at 11am at Outer West Community Church, private burial to follow, a reception at Outer West immediately after the 11am service.

Outer West Community Church: 12280 Alamo Ranch Pkwy, San Antonio, TX 78253

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 4. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels Cherry Ridge
3401 Cherry Ridge Dr
San Antonio, TX 78230
(210) 349-1414
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

Rosary

DEC 4. 7:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels Cherry Ridge
3401 Cherry Ridge Dr
San Antonio, TX 78230
(210) 349-1414
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

Funeral Service

DEC 5. 11:00 AM (CT)

Outer West Community Church
12280 Alamo Ranch Parkway
San Antonio, TX 78253

Tribute Wall

OC

“ *Donation to 100 Club of San Antonio from your family at Outer West Community Church.*

Outer West Community Church - December 05, 2022 at 05:05 PM

DC

“ *Rick was my neighbor for nearly 20 years. Always with a smile on his face and full of life. I recently moved and his telling me hello and asking how we were doing while passing on his daily walk and waving as he drove by has been one of the things I miss most about the old neighborhood. Rick was very active in our community serving on the HOA board as well as coaching the community soccer teams when our children were younger. Even during his roughest time when he first got sick he stayed positive. He was one of the kindest people I've ever met. My thoughts and prayers are with Debbie and the kids.*

Desiree Cherry - December 04, 2022 at 06:44 PM

AB

“ *Maj Gen (Ret) Abel Barrientes: My condolences on your loss. Rick was a great man and I will miss him.*

Abel Barrientes - December 04, 2022 at 03:34 PM

CK

“ *Charlie and Diane Klunder: RIP dear friend.*

Charlie and Diane Klunder - December 03, 2022 at 02:59 PM

ES

“ *Charlie and Diane Klunder: RiP dear friend.*

Evangeline Slanco - December 03, 2022 at 02:56 PM

ES

“ *Evangeline Slanco: : He will be greatly missed. We will always be here for you and Love you.*

Evangeline Slance - December 03, 2022 at 02:52 PM

TK

“ *Thomas Kozar: : Our thoughts and prayers are with you! We loved Rick and we will miss him!*

Thomas Kozar - December 03, 2022 at 02:47 PM

LG

“ *We will always remember Rick's constant smile and fun personality. He was absolutely the best. Debbie, Kenny/Kayleigh and Laura/Sage are the luckiest to have him for a husband and father./father-in-law. His family and friends were fortunate to have Rick in their lives. Our prayers and love are with you all.
Ron and Lisa Guerrero*

Lisa Guerrero - December 01, 2022 at 05:11 PM

KW

“ *With many prayers for his family. Karin Wiles*

Karin Wiles - December 01, 2022 at 03:10 PM

MG

“ *We are so sorry for your loss. Uncle Rick was a wonderful man and will be very missed. With love, Ryan and Margaret Guerrero*

Margaret Guerrero - December 01, 2022 at 03:03 PM

RT

“ Reagan & Bob & Kristen Wagner & NFA Team purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Richard Cortez.



Reagan & Bob & Kristen Wagner & NFA Team - December 01, 2022 at 11:30 AM

MD

“ Rick was a pillar of our community but more importantly he was a good friend. He never failed to offer a helping hand or some great advice. In life you take for granted that there are people who you will always see around, who will always stop for a chat or give you a wave as they go by. And when that is gone you feel lost. Rick, on behalf of myself, my family and our neighborhood as a whole you are missed and things will not be the same without you.

Michael DiGangi - December 01, 2022 at 09:26 AM

RF

From our family to yours, we offer our deepest sympathy. In looking back I believe Rick had a huge smile on his face every single time I saw him. I can't even picture what he looked like otherwise. God Bless all of you.

Rowell Family - December 05, 2022 at 02:54 AM