



Joe Palafox

January 18, 1934 - May 25, 2018

Joe Palafox, 84, a native of Roscoe, Texas and long-time resident of Grand Prairie, died on Friday morning, May 25, 2018 with his family at his bedside.

Memorial Mass of Christian Burial: 10 a.m. Friday at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church.

Joe Palafox was born on January 18, 1934 in Roscoe, Texas, the son of the late Refugio Palafox and the late Juanita Villa Palafox. He was a long-time resident of Grand Prairie, and a retiree of the defense industry.

Joe had a strong interest in knowing how things worked and how to repair them when they were broken. You might find him at local flea markets or at the golf course.

He is survived by his wife of sixty-four years, Josie Gonzalez Palafox; children, Joe Palafox Jr and his spouse Christine, Mary Ann Palafox Gomez and spouse Lupe, Kathy Palafox Kennedy and spouse Joe, Joe Edward Palafox Jr.; 9 grandchildren; 8 great grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by 3 brothers; 2 sisters; grandson, Joe Edward Jr.

Previous Events

Mass of Christian Burial

JUN 8. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church
404 NE 17th St
Grand Prairie, TX 75050
(972) 262-5137

Tribute Wall

“Ricky and I will miss Tio Chepe. He had the gentlest spirit! We loved him so much.

One time, when our two children were about 5 & 9, we went on a trip to South Padre. It was a gift from Rick's employer so they managed all the time, airfare, and rentals.

We had a great time, but on our way back we faced delays at DFW due to storms that had happened during the day. The airport was full of tired, angry, and exhausted people. We ended up waiting all day and finally boarding at 9:30 PM, only to be deplaned after a long wait because they had no pilots. It was close to 11 PM by then, and we were just as tired and hungry and restaurants were closed. Also there was no more snacks in the machines due to all the stranded travelers. The next flight was not till the morning!!

We called Rick's dad who didn't answer, then we called Tio. Without hesitation he immediately drove to DFW. Not close to his house at all!! I can still see him pacing up and down the corridor looking for us. Tio was a good hugger, and his hugs felt especially good that night. (You know he hugged all of us!!) He took us to his home where he and Tia put us up for the night. My children cried in relief. (as did this momma).

As I lay with my 5 year old son, he asked me. "Mom is that my grandpa?" My son had never met his grandpa Gonzales and it touched my heart that in a 5 year old's eyes, THIS was a grandpa. Tio's tenderness, caring, and love were exactly how his grandpa would be.

We have never forgotten this story and it still means so much to us how he took care of us.

Our hearts hurt with yours in your loss, but OH how our lives were enriched by having known this great man.

With sympathy and love, Ricky and Christine Gonzales

Christine Gonzales - May 29, 2018 at 10:27 AM

LW

This saddens me, he was a great man, so sweet and kind, always treated like one of his nieces when he saw me. His wonderful wife and kids are in my prayers, love you all ❤️

Lucy Webb - June 04, 2018 at 02:45 PM

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Prayers and our condolences to our comadre, Mary Ann and family. Please give your mom a hug and kiss from us. Love you. Compadres Raul and Norma Rios

Norma Rios - June 06, 2018 at 02:20 PM

LG

I miss you, grandpa!

LaDawn Gomez - June 07, 2018 at 10:07 PM

LG

I love you and will always remember all the many memories and times we shared! -Dawn

LaDawn Gomez - June 07, 2018 at 10:19 PM