



## Michael "Mikey" Ricketts Jr.

March 5, 2025

Michael (known by many as Mikey) was called back to His Lord and Savior on March 5th after 36 years of service to Him. Mikey was such a devoted son to his mother, Lucy Arias Ricketts, his dad, Michael Ricketts, Sr. and a loving brother to Lucy Ann Ricketts. Mikey and Lucy Ann relished in the fact of knowing they weren't even one year apart and the same age for a month. He loved his sister so much. There wasn't anything he wouldn't do for her. Mikey was engaged to his beloved Mayra Alexandra Salazar and a devoted Father figure to Jayden Ortega (Mayra's son). Mikey also deeply cherished his Golden Retrievers, TJ and Luka. TJ was so instrumental in Mikey's recovery after his 2020 car accident.

Mikey's story is one of achievement, perseverance and grit. He loved sports and played them from age 4 through College achieving endless amount of awards. He always participated in Church related ministries. He attained his Eagle Scout at age 14 (only 6% of all Boy Scouts achieve that level). Mikey attended Prince of Peace Community School in Dallas, Bishop Dunne High School where he achieved 1st Team All District and 1st Team All State in basketball for three consecutive years. He distinguished himself not only academically but athletics as well, was innately intelligent, so much so, attending college on numerous academic scholarships. He attended University of Dallas and graduated from Newman University in Wichita, Kansas with a Business Degree. He earned numerous athletic scholarships

playing college basketball for the University of Dallas and Newman University. The sports world was his, so well versed in Sport statistics. He rubbed elbows with many college and professional athletes which led him to be personal assistant to some aspiring professional athletes allowing him to travel internationally. All the while, Mikey maintained his deeply humble and sensitive heart, donning his usual smile, and that infamous occasional wink of his.

Four years ago, Mikey sustained significant injuries where his life hung literally by a thread. Every surgeon tending to him stated his survival was a miracle. Close to death he felt a powerful presence by the Blessed Mother Mary and his grandmother, Lucy Tinajero Arias, stating that he felt both holding his hands at the sight of the crash. That witness drove his desire to recover realizing that only God could have saved him for such a significant purpose. This pushed him to persevere in the trials he experienced realizing that God always wanted to bring a greater good out of them. He surprised everyone when he got himself out of the wheelchair and began walking as all the doctors told him he should be paralyzed. While others had tears streaming, he had that Mikey smile that inspired all around him. All who remember Mikey will forever remember his compassionate and empathetic spirit, his humility (never complained), his hilarious sense of humor and how he made others feel, just to name a few.

Mikey was preceded in the new life by his two children Angel Ricketts and Michael David Ricketts III "Tre" (his two babies in heaven), grandparents, Victor and Lucy Tinajero Arias, Grandfather Richard (Dick) Ricketts. One surviving grandmother, Margaret Ricketts LeGras. He is survived by his parents, Michael Ricketts, Sr. and Lucy Arias Ricketts, his sister, Lucy Ann Ricketts, his fiancé, Mayra Salazar & her son Jayden Ortega. He was surrounded by many loving primos/as (cousins), Tio's (uncles) and Tia's (aunts) and will be immensely missed and never forgotten. Pray for us Mikey.

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There will be a private Con-Celebrated Mass of Christian Burial, Fr. Marcos Rangel, Fr. Joshua Mavelil, Fr. Joseph Trinh, Deacon Pete Rodriguez officiating.

Pallbearers: Jayden Ortega, Michael Alfors, Roger Eiland, Anthony Lara, Mark Gardner, Jimmy Reyna, Norman Reyna, Mark Salazar.

In lieu of flowers, we ask that you may consider offering Masses and prayers for the repose of his soul.

Eternal rest grant unto Mikey and may your perpetual light shine upon him.

# Tribute Wall

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“ I can't believe my little brother is gone. I remember the great times we shared when he came to stay with the Franciscan friars of the renewal in the south bronx. we would go into Hunts Point to beg for food and he would be absolutely overjoyed at the opportunity to help, especially when we would encounter the homeless or someone in need. he had tremendous compassion and a loving heart for those in need. he is a great person and truly a child of God. we had great times riding the bikes into Manhattan along the Hudson River all the way down from the Bronx and Back. it was a long ride but we had so many great experiences along the way. he Loved working at the shelter, but as time went on, he began to feel as though the Lord was working in his life and he had received the focus he was seeking, and he began to long to return to his beloved Texas. I am blessed to have known you my brother, and to have shared each other's gifts, you have enriched me, and I thank you, and I will be praying for you. Mikey, Pray for Us. and may you find peace and rest in the arms of the Lord. you built your treasure in heaven my brother, now you shall enjoy the fruits of your Labor.

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 Robin Johnston

“ I remember how kind Mikey was to one of our sons when they were both on the same basketball team in middle school. Despite our son's smaller size and younger age, Mikey always encouraged him and treated him as a valued team member. My memories of Mikey in my class are all positive-- he was a happy child, respectful but with a wonderful dash of mischief, too. I am so saddened that he is gone, but ask for his intercessions!

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