



## Russell "Rusty" Allen Avery

September 8, 1959 - January 23, 2026

Russell "Rusty" Allen Avery was born on September 8, 1959, in Dallas, Texas, and passed away on January 23, 2026, leaving behind a love so deep it will echo through generations. "Rusty" was a man whose presence brought warmth, laughter, and comfort. He was outgoing, full of life, and always carried a smile that made others feel instantly at ease. To know "Rusty" was to feel loved.

For 40 beautiful years, "Rusty" shared an unbreakable bond with his beloved wife, Sandra Saldana-Avery. Together, they built a life rooted in devotion, perseverance, and unconditional love. He was a proud and loving father to Sierra Gutierrez and husband Manuel Gutierrez, Danyelle Rodriguez and husband George Rodriguez, and Jordan Avery and wife Ana Avery.

"Rusty" was a proud graduate equivalent degree holder who excelled professionally as an Admissions Representative at Concorde Career College. His dedication and compassion for helping others recently earned him recognition as one of the top five admissions representatives in the company, a distinction that reflected his passion for his work and his commitment to guiding individuals toward brighter futures.

"Rusty" found great fulfillment in helping others develop their careers and believed deeply in encouraging people to reach their full potential.

"Rusty's" greatest pride and joy were his grandchildren, each of whom held a special place in his heart. He leaves behind Xavier Gutierrez, Isaiah Corona, Anahi Avery, Mia Avery, George Rodriguez, Nicolas Rodriguez, Ruby Rodriguez, Mila Avery, Madilyn Gutierrez, Sophia Gutierrez, Manuel Gutierrez III who will forever carry his love, lessons, and laughter with them.

He is also lovingly remembered by his siblings Natalie Vogel and husband Dean Vogel, Tracy Avery and wife Rene Avery, John Avery and wife Kelly Avery, Spencer Avery, Toby Avery and wife Leslie Avery, and Virgil Pacetti and wife Natalie Pacetti; his mother-in-law Mary Saldana; sister-in-law Stephanie Romero; brother-in-law Joseph Michael Romero; nephews and nieces Ariana Romero, Eric Romero, Kalysta Avery, Alexis Avery-Bray, Jake Avery, Cal Avery, Ashton Avery, Caitlin Avery Jaeger, Nolan Avery, Amanda Avery, Mackenzie Avery, Raymond Pacetti, Bo Avery.

"Rusty" was preceded in death by his parents, Bertha Elizabeth Delgado and John Earl Avery, and father-in-law, Heriberto "Eddie" Saldana, and brother-in-law, Leeroy Saldana.

"Rusty" found peace in fishing and purpose in coaching little league football, where he poured his heart into guiding young lives. He was passionate about his work, proud of his efforts, and approached each day with determination and joy. His laughter was contagious, his heart was generous, and his love was unwavering.

Though words cannot fill the space his passing has left, Russell "Rusty" Allen Avery's spirit will live on in every shared memory, every lesson taught, and every moment of love he gave so freely. He will be deeply missed, forever loved, and never forgotten.



# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 5. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Guerrero-Dean Funeral Home  
500 E. Main Street  
Grand Prairie, TX 75050  
(972) 263-5570

## Rosary

FEB 5. 6:45 PM (CT)

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500 E. Main Street  
Grand Prairie, TX 75050  
(972) 263-5570

## Mass of Christian Burial

FEB 6. 11:00 AM (CT)

St Michael the Archangel Church  
2910 Corn Valley Rd  
Grand Prairie, TX 75052-5259  
(972) 262-0552

# Tribute Wall

TW

“ You were most definitely one of a kind, Rusty. Working with you at Lincoln Tech was so fun! You were one of the VERY FEW that knew how to find joy in every day. I remember how much you loved to laugh and pull a good prank. Rest in Heaven, my old friend. I'm fairly certain that Heaven's population will love you just as much up there as everyone down here does. Many hearts are broken from the loss of you.

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**Tammy Ward** - February 08 at 04:00 AM

JL

“ It's been more than 25+ years since I first met good ole Rusty. I had the pleasure these last 4 years to re-connect and work with him again. His spirit never changed - always making people laugh and always loving his family first. May you rest in peace dear friend.

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**Jane Lam** - February 05 at 05:51 PM

KA

“ In 2009 Rusty enrolled me in school, and in 2021 I started working at Concorde also. Rusty was my "work dad" since I lost my dad in 2017. We laughed constantly.....and he was so fun to prank and ALWAYS was the best sport about it....one time I took his senior picture from my moms year book, blew it up and put copies all over the campus for his birthday. Then the time I told him I had a mouse in my office.

He was also always down to prank someone else, every time an unnamed coworker was sleeping in their office, he was like a kid in a candy shop when he got to slap the door and run....we had the best times.

We all miss you Rusty, may you rest in peace. So many prayers for your wife and kids.

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**Kacee** - February 05 at 04:03 PM

BG

“ Bobby and Rachel Garcia purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Russell "Rusty" Allen Avery.



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**Bobby and Rachel Garcia** - February 05 at 12:54 PM

PR

“ Placido and Rhianna Ramirez purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Russell "Rusty" Allen Avery.



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**Placido and Rhianna Ramirez** - February 05 at 12:21 PM



“ I am deeply saddened by the passing of my advisor and mentor, who played a vital role in helping me get into the dental hygiene program. His belief in me and constant encouragement helped shape my journey, and I would not be where I am today without his guidance.

He was more than an advisor, he was like a father figure to me. We often talked about his daughters and grandbabies, and his pride and love for his family always shone through. The last time I saw him in December, I told him how much he meant to me and how he always cheered me on.

I will forever be grateful for his support and kindness. His impact on my life will never be forgotten.

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**Tanzim Chalwell** - February 04 at 02:08 PM

KC

“ Kerrie and Kristie Stepp’s children. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Russell "Rusty" Allen Avery.

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**Kerrie and Kristie Stepp’s children.** - February 04 at 01:22 PM

KC

“ Kerrie and Kristie Stepp’s children. purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Russell "Rusty" Allen Avery.



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**Kerrie and Kristie Stepp’s children.** - February 04 at 01:22 PM

KS

“ You, Randy and me always together back in the day. You and Randy are the only people who always called me Kim Knight to this day. It was a brother sister love we had. So many stories so many memories. I remember all the times I cleaned your dad's kitchen while you cleaned the living room so we could go out. I can remember us laughing at nothing so much fun we had. I can't tell you good bye I will just say until we meet again bro. Love you Rusty. RIP



Kim Solis - February 04 at 11:07 AM

KS

Rest in peace cousin Rusty. See you at the big Avery reunion later Kasey.

Kasey Stepp - February 04 at 01:21 PM

CC

“ Concorde Career College planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Russell "Rusty" Allen Avery.

Concorde Career College - February 03 at 10:44 AM

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“ Concorde Career College purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Russell "Rusty" Allen Avery.



Concorde Career College - February 03 at 10:44 AM

AD

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Antonio D - February 02 at 07:40 PM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Rachael White-Pierce - February 02 at 05:20 PM



*This is how I will always remember my Rusty smiling and having a great time ALWAYS!! Love you Rusty!! ❤️*

Rachael White-Pierce - February 02 at 05:22 PM



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Rachael White-Pierce - February 02 at 05:19 PM

CS

“ Oh, Rusty Nail... how you will be missed. 💔  
I will forever miss hearing your ringtone coming from the office next to mine and you keeping me updated on every single show you were streaming. I'll miss listening to you and your buddy Robin talk sports and me saying, "Wait... am I working at The Ticket?"

You were so good to your students — past and present — and anyone who knew you knew just how deeply you adored your family. Constantly. Loudly. Proudly.

You were larger than life, always doing something funny or a little crazy during our Thanksgiving and holiday meals. You brought laughter wherever you went, whether you meant to or not.

You have left a hole in our hearts, but the memories you gave us — and the lives you touched — will never be forgotten. We were lucky to know you. ❤️ Christine Scally

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christine scally - February 02 at 02:35 PM

PM

“ One, two, three.....nothing bothers me. Boom...then that big smile and laugh. He taught me this. I still say it to this day. I will always remember you and miss you. You were a good friend. He loved his family more than anything. He was a good man. Love ya bro...

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Pat Moretti - February 02 at 12:35 AM

DH

“ Rusty...if I heard it once, i heard it a MILLION times..GO WARRIORS! lol. I walked by his office and it didnt feel real. There is a giant hole where Rusty used to be. We will all miss him so much. He loved his family the most! He was very dedicated to each and every one of them, and so very Proud!

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Danese Harris Ramey Holton - January 30 at 11:19 PM