



## Ricardo Garcia Lopez

August 12, 1966 - March 24, 2021

Ricardo Garcia Lopez, 54, of Coon Rapids was peacefully called home to his heavenly father on March 24, 2021 after his courageous battle with a glioblastoma (brain cancer).

Ricardo was born on August 12, 1966 to R.G. & Rafaela Lopez in Austin, Texas. He graduated from Travis High School and shortly after met the love of his life, Grace Acevedo Lopez. They started a life together raised their two wonderful sons, Ricardo Reymundo Lopez, Jr. and Reynaldo Rene Lopez. They were blessed with over 30 years of marriage.

Ricardo was a family man, a man of strong faith, and a servant of the Lord's work. He regularly attended Adoration hour at The Church of the Epiphany and was an active member of the Knights of Columbus Council #10138. He welcomed anyone into his life and lit up the room when he walked in. It was second nature for him to want everyone to enjoy and live in the moments they were having at the time. He loved spending time with his family, coaching sports activities, or cheering them on from the stands. He enjoyed golfing with his sons, attending Carlos Santana concerts, cooking outdoors, and traveling. In his later years he collected comic books and attending several Comic Cons with his family. One of his proudest labels was being "Papa" to his grandchildren Easton and Aubrey. They were extremely loved (spoiled rotten) by "Papa". He spent every precious moment with his grandchildren creating

lasting memories.

Ricardo specialized in the hospitality industry. Throughout his career he became a Chef, Food and Beverage Manager, General Manager, and Executive Manager. He enjoyed working at restaurants, hotels, and golf resorts. His career allowed him to meet and interact with many people around the world. Some of his best career memories was serving top politicians and celebrities at the St. Paul RiverCentre. He mentored many of his employees and made a number of friends along the way. Through his career, he was able to impact community groups such as the St. Paul Chamber of Commerce and the West Side Boys and Girls Club. He enjoyed every minute of service. His last days of his career were spent at Canterbury Park in Shakopee Minnesota.

Ricardo is survived by the love of his life, Grace; sons, Ricardo and Rey; grandchildren, Easton and Aubrey; mother, Rafaela Lopez; brothers, Roman Lopez III (Camilla), Rodolfo Lopez, Rogelio Lopez, Roland Lopez, and Juan Ramon Lopez; sister in laws, Bonnie and Frances Acevedo; brother in laws, Gilbert Acevedo Jr. and Faustino Acevedo (Christine); and several nieces and nephews whom all carried a special place in his heart.

He was preceded in death by his father Roman G. (R.G.) Lopez, sister Rebecca Nice, father-in-law Gilbert V. Acevedo and mother-in-law Margaret M. Acevedo.

There will be a viewing on April 5, 2021 at Washburn-McReavy Coon Rapids Chapel from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. If you would like to pay your respects, please visit his obituary page on their website and register prior to attending. A funeral service will be held on April 6, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. with a visitation 1 hour before the mass. The mass will take place at The Church of the Epiphany in Coon Rapids where he was actively involved as a member.

Pallbearers will be Rich Branham, Adrian Galindo, Andy Lauck, Roger Lopez, Dan Rovnak, and Michael Turnipseed.

Honorary pallbearers will be Faustino Acevedo, Gilbert Acevedo, Daniel Lopez, Manuel Ramirez, Rudolfo Lopez and Roman Lopez

The family would like to give a special thank you to Abbot North Western Hospital, Allina Home Health and Allina Hospice , especially Consuelo Chillman, Jason Lano, Kathy Krekelberg, Kathleen Burns, and Leo Guzman for taking great care of Ricardo over the last 16 months. In lieu of flowers, please donate to the Brain Cancer Society.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 6. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Church of the Epiphany (Coon Rapids)  
11001 Hanson Boulevard Northwest  
Coon Rapids, MN 55433

## Mass of Christian Burial

APR 6. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

Church of the Epiphany (Coon Rapids)  
11001 Hanson Boulevard Northwest  
Coon Rapids, MN 55433

# Tribute Wall



“ *My condolences to the family. May you rest in peace cousin. Love, Roberta* ”



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**Roberta Garcia (cousin)** - April 05, 2021 at 03:01 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ricardo Garcia Lopez.* ”



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April 03, 2021 at 08:40 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ricardo Garcia Lopez.* ”



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April 02, 2021 at 09:00 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ricardo Garcia Lopez.* ”



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March 29, 2021 at 10:41 PM

RF

“ *Richard N. Gussoni & the Culinaire family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Ricardo Garcia Lopez.*



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**Richard N. Gussoni & the Culinaire family** - March 29, 2021 at 04:00 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ricardo Garcia Lopez.*



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March 28, 2021 at 06:04 PM

KJ

“ *Krzysztof Beata Jankowski purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Ricardo Garcia Lopez.*



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**Krzysztof Beata Jankowski** - March 28, 2021 at 05:56 PM

KJ

“ ...it is very hard to say goodbye to our dear friend... we would like to thank you Ricardo again for your friendship , your heart, your unbelievable passion. All the times we spent with you will stay with us forever!

Ricardo your are safe now with our great Lord ❤️

Ricardo we are missing you now and forever! You gave us so much love !!! We will see each other again... Ricardo...thank you, gracias and dziekuje for spending your time with us !!!!

Ricardo you were a gift from heaven to us , I am believing this 100%.

Good people always know ...

This is my last video and my last photo of you... this photo shows who you were Ricardo! ❤️ Forever grateful! Krzysztof and Beata Jankowski



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Krzysztof Jankowski - March 28, 2021 at 05:37 PM

KJ

“ 11 files added to the album Ricardo and us



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Krzysztof Jankowski - March 28, 2021 at 05:30 PM

MS

“ Speaking for both of us, what embodies Ricardo is that smile...that wonderful , sincere, beautiful smile that lit up his face with pure joy for the 3-Fs he held dear: his Family, his Faith and good Food. God blessed us when He crossed our paths with Ricardo's this side of heaven, and we're thankful. Catching up in the church foyer and seeing him begin to beam as he talked about or saw Grace approach, or hold his grandkids in the pew, or describe the menu for dinner that night or a meal recently enjoyed...all good and memorable things we'll cherish.

God willing we'll catch up again Ricardo, your work is done.

We love you,  
Michelle and Gregg Stoltman

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**Michelle Stoltman** - March 27, 2021 at 05:13 PM

JS

“ Although I didn't know Ricardo really well, I did know he was a good, kind, loving man. I loved seeing him interact with his grandchildren. They loved him dearly, and will miss him so much, as we all will. Rest in peace Ricardo. You are with the Lord now.

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**Judy Spindler** - March 27, 2021 at 11:24 AM