



Robert "Mario" Rodriguez

January 19, 1953 - December 18, 2021

Mario went to be with Our Lord on Saturday December 18, 2021. He was surrounded by his loving wife Rita, children and grandchildren. He was 68 years old at the time of his passing. He was born in Tijuana, raised in East Chicago, IN, raised his family in Hammond and was recently living in Danville.

Mario started his career at La Salle Steel in August 1972, retired in 2006 and continued on to Steel Dynamics until 2018. He was an exceptional and dependable worker. He is still fondly remembered by many of his co-workers.

Being that he loved this country he served in the U.S. Army and was a proud veteran. Mario and his wife became Snowbirds after retirement and enjoyed every second of it. His other hobby was golfing with family and friends. His favorite was his annual golfing trips with his brother Ruben and nephews Jerry and Fernando, where the laughter began the moment they got in the car. He also loved to beat just about anyone at bags. During his bowling phase he bowled a high 299 and has a bowling pin to prove it.

Mario was considered by many not only a friend but a brother, father, best friend and role model.

Mario is survived by his wife of 48 years Rita (Mata), his daughters Veronica (Carlos) Jimenez and Melissa (Cesar) Hernandez, grandchildren Mario (Cerina) Hernandez, Arriana (Angel) Guerrero, Leticia Jimenez, Carlos

Jimenez and CJ, great-grandchildren Leo, Mathias and Gabriel Hernandez and Baby Girl Guerrero, Brothers Ruben (Graciela) Rodriguez, David (Teresa) Santos, Oscar (Mary) Santos, Mike (Oralia) Santos, and Sister Elizabeth (Louie) Quinones, numerous in-laws, nieces and nephews, and his Brookliner family especially the Doyles.

Mario was preceded in death by his great-granddaughter Elena, his parents Antonio and Consuelo Santos and Ruben Rodriguez, and his brother Antonio Santos, Jr.

He was very proud of his beautiful family and bragged any chance he got. We, his family, will deeply miss his presence and infectious laughter. It will be very hard to live our lives without him.

Viewing will be held on Thursday, December 23, 2021 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at Memory Lane Funeral Home 6305 W. Lincoln Hwy, Crown Point, Indiana 46307. Procession will proceed to Our Lady of Consolation 8303 Taft St, Merrillville, IN 46410 for Mass at 12 p.m. Burial will follow immediately at Memory Lane.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **23**. 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

Memory Lane Funeral Home
6305 W. Lincoln Highway
Crown Point, IN 46307
(219) 322-2050
info.memorylanepark@gmail.com
<https://memorylanepark.com/>

Service

DEC **23**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Our Lady of Consolation
8303 Taft St
Merrillville, IN 46410

Burial

DEC **23**. 1:30 PM (CT)

Memory Lane Memorial Park
6305 W. Lincoln Highway (US 30)
Crown Point, IN 46307
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Tribute Wall

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“ Edward D. purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Robert "Mario" Rodriguez.



Edward D. - December 22, 2021 at 11:46 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Robert "Mario" Rodriguez.



December 22, 2021 at 10:56 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Robert "Mario" Rodriguez.



December 22, 2021 at 09:39 AM

JS

“ Mario was one of the best brother in laws and a great friend. We had wonder times together. Too many to mention. I will miss him. RIP brother in -law.

James Schultz - December 22, 2021 at 09:16 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert "Mario" Rodriguez.*



December 22, 2021 at 08:09 AM



“ *I worked with Bob at SDI. I'll always remember him for his sense of humor and his work ethic. His constant pranks and jokes broke up the monotony, while his expertise and knowledge commanded the respect of everyone who worked with him. Bob was a father figure to many here, especially me.*

Christopher Haas - December 22, 2021 at 07:49 AM



“ *Rita and family, Bob will never be forgotten at SDI for his endless teaching and support starting up Bar Finishing. With his help we were successful in so many ways. He will always be fondly remembered. He was my brother, friend and co-worker for forty-five years. Please know we are all so very sorry for your loss.*

Joe Szydowski

Joe Szydowski - December 21, 2021 at 08:47 PM



“ *We have some great bowling & golf memories with a very good friend, and brother Elk.
We'll miss, but remember Mario.*

Jeff Payonk - December 21, 2021 at 07:23 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Robert "Mario" Rodriguez.*



December 21, 2021 at 06:22 PM



“ *A New Sunrise Spray was purchased for the family of Robert "Mario" Rodriguez.*



December 21, 2021 at 01:42 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Robert "Mario" Rodriguez.*



December 21, 2021 at 12:00 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Robert "Mario" Rodriguez.*



December 21, 2021 at 02:18 AM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Robert "Mario" Rodriguez.*



December 21, 2021 at 12:25 AM



“ *2 files added to the tribute wall*



Fernando - December 20, 2021 at 11:33 PM



“ *Blessed Heart was purchased for the family of Robert "Mario" Rodriguez.*



December 20, 2021 at 11:05 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Robert "Mario" Rodriguez.*



December 20, 2021 at 11:04 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Robert "Mario" Rodriguez.



December 20, 2021 at 09:34 PM