



## Julius "SPEEDY" Gonzales

June 10, 1932 - June 17, 2018

Julius M. "SPEEDY" Gonzales, 86, Topeka, Kansas, passed away on Father's Day, June 17, 2018.

Julius was born to Jose and Inez Gonzales June 10, 1932, and grew up in Osage City. Moving to Topeka he attended Topeka High School. Julius proudly served his country in the United States Army and Army National Guard.

Though Julius worked at Goodyear from 1961 until he retired in 1994, he always had second jobs: at St. Francis Hospital, Memorial Hospital, the VA Medical Center and following retirement from Goodyear, at Christ the King Church.

On June 23, 1970, Julius and Patricia J. Williams were married. Julius loved his wife so much and she loved him. They worked side by side, hand in hand to take care of each other and their family. They would always make each other laugh, sometimes about the silliest things.

Julius loved his family and he didn't know a stranger. He was loved by many and will live forever in the hearts of the people who knew him.

Julius is survived by his wife, Patricia; their children, Debbie Shore (Keith),

Rhonda Klamm (Don), Phillip E. Gonzales (Julie); and Julius' children from a previous marriage, Richard James Gonzales, Bruce William Gonzales, Sr., Donna Jean Gonzales, David Duane Gonzales, Julienne Gonzales Torrez and Alan Daryl Gonzales; grandchildren and great-grandchildren; his brother, Vincent Gonzalez, Sr.; nieces and nephews; and many other relatives.

Julius was preceded in death by his parents, and siblings, Sophie Gonzales, Phillip Gonzales, Edward Gonzales, William Carl Gonzales, John Gonzales, Joan Gonzales, Manuel Gonzales, Joe Gonzales and Anthony "Tony" Gonzales.

A memorial service with military honors will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614. A rosary will be prayed prior to the service at 9:30 a.m.

Memorial contributions may be made to the VA Medical Center (to be used for patient needs) or to Helping Hands Humane Society sent in care of the funeral home.

# Previous Events

## Rosary

JUN **22**. 9:30 AM (CT)

Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home  
2801 SW Urish Road  
Topeka, KS 66614  
(785) 272-7888  
info@kevinbrennanfamily.com

## Memorial Service

JUN **22**. 10:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Julius "SPEEDY" Gonzales



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**Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home** - June 19, 2018 at 05:49 PM



“ Julius "SPEEDY" Gonzales

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January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ We were saddened to learn of Julius' passing. We lived across the street from Speedy and his family, for many years. He was a good neighbor and was fun to be around. After they moved, I enjoyed seeing him and Pat in the Walmart where I worked and we would catch up on the news of each other's families. We will keep his family in our thoughts and prayers. In Christian love, Susan Richardson and Pat Ripper

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**Susan Richardson** - June 23, 2018 at 07:02 PM

DL

“ My father Joseph Orozco has known Julius from when they were boys and played sports together many years ago. My father has many fond memories of Julius and all the fun times they had as boys. He will miss his letters, cards and phone calls. Our thoughts, prayers and condolences to all the family at this difficult time! So sorry for your loss!

*Debbie Orozco Lunt on behalf of Joseph Orozco*

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**Debbie Orozco Lunt** - June 21, 2018 at 02:30 PM

WR

“ William And Mary Roach lit a candle in memory of Julius "SPEEDY" Gonzales



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**William and Mary Roach** - June 20, 2018 at 05:56 PM

RT

“ I knew Speedy from way back when he worked part time at Santa Fe Hospital he used to tell people he was a Doctor ! He loved people and people loved him ! So sorry for your loss !

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**Roger Bonjour Fort Worth Tx** - June 20, 2018 at 01:41 PM

RB

*Roger Bonjour*

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**Roger Bonjour** - June 20, 2018 at 01:45 PM

ML

“ One of my favorite people I worked with for years at Goodyear, so glad for him when he finally decided to enjoy life and retire. My wife taught at Christ the King School, and came home one day, thrilled at the great custodian that was hired, Julius! He put his heart and soul into the work he did, and was a amazing man. Our thoughts, prayers, and condolences to all the family.  
*Mike and Roberta LaFontaine*

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**Mike LaFontaine** - June 20, 2018 at 09:53 AM

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“ Pat, Debbie, Rhonda, Phillip, We Are so sorry to hear of Julius's passing. Many fond memories of growing up around the neighborhood. We will be keeping you all in our prayers. Frank and Liz Ortega

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**Liz ortega** - June 20, 2018 at 06:44 AM

RK

“ Julius "Speedy" Gonzales , Great man, great daddy , he was very special to me . When mom and dad got together my very first memories were of dad let me lay down with him when he took a nap . He would have me read him a story even though I couldn't read I loved him so much and he me they even married on my birthday . I love you very much dad you are the best of the best ! Hugs and kisses your baby rhonda

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**Rhonda klamm** - June 19, 2018 at 02:35 PM

RK

As the days go by since you left us it isn't getting much easier. I miss you so much dad just wish you were still here with us . I cut the front yard last night just the way you want it dad . Debbie, Phillip ,and I are taking care of mom . I love you and miss you so much !

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**rhonda klamm** - June 21, 2018 at 12:55 PM

RK

*Dad ,why did you have to leave us .I don't think you know how hard loosing you has been . I can't stand not having you here neither can mom this is not the way it should be ,we all need you and miss and love you so much dad !! All you have to do is come back dad please all my love ,always and forever ,Rhonda*

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**rhonda klamm** - July 05, 2018 at 12:35 AM