



Michael Hernandez

December 12, 1947 - April 17, 2011

Michael Hernandez was a shining star in life. He passed away April 15, 2011. Michael was born in Topeka, Kansas on December 12, 1947 and lived his entire life here. He graduated from Holliday Junior High, Hayden High School, and attended Washburn University. In 1966, Michael began a 45 year career with Hallmark Cards Inc., and a 45 year marriage with the love of his life, Lorie S. Garcia. During that time, he also served his country as a helicopter piston mechanic in the Air Force. His military service ignited his passion for travel to places as far away as Lucerne, Switzerland, Paris, France, and Frankfurt, Germany. Michael had a larger than life personality that he expressed through music and theater. He sang for a number of bands including "Glass Apple," "Anthony and the Royals" and "Celebrate." He also performed in "Jesus Christ Superstar" and "Captain's Paradise" for the Topeka Civic Theater. Michael expressed his faith through his service to Mater Dei (Holy Name) Catholic Church, where he was a member of the Knights of Columbus and a member of the 4th Degree James W. Gibbons Assembly. He was an avid reader, and loved his Sunday morning ritual of reading the paper, watching CBS Sunday Morning, and making breakfast with his family. Michael will be remembered for his persistence, his strength, and his overwhelming love for his family and his outgoing social personality. Those who know him best say he never met a stranger, and bled Kansas State purple, despite living among die-hard Jayhawks, and his one Duke fan (his son). Michael's overwhelmingly positive spirit will continue to shine over his wife Lorie; his daughter, Jade Hernandez

(husband Scott Warren); his son, Michael J. Hernandez II (wife, Michaela); his mother, Christina Hernandez; and father, Paul Hernandez; his sisters, Nina Hernandez, Susanna Hernandez and Debbie Gutierrez Hunter. He was preceded in death by his brother Vincent Gutierrez. A parish rosary will be prayed at 3 p.m. and visitation will follow until 5 pm on this Palm Sunday at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Monday at 10 a.m. at Mater Dei Holy Name Church with burial following at Mt. Calvary Cemetery in Lawrence, Kansas. Memorial contributions may be made to Helping Hands Humane Society Inc. and Cat Association of Topeka in Michael's name, sent in care of the funeral home.

Tribute Wall



“ *Michael Hernandez*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *My deepest sympathies to the family for your loss. Michael was a good man, and lived a good life. He will be missed by many.*

Janice Kivett - April 26, 2011 at 05:24 PM



“ *My deepest sympathies to Lori, Jade, and Michael James. Also to my Tia Christina, Susie, Nina, and my Uncle Paul. So many memories of my cousin Michael. When I was little, he helped remodel the kitchen and restroom of our house. He was always so upbeat and a real talker. Sometimes you would feel a little exhausted after talking to him. He was a frequent target of my dad, George Vega's camera. At picnics, a trip to San Antonio he took with us, playing ball at the lake. I believe he was on a team called the Ponies. Probably not his favorite musical group, but for some reason I remember him liking Blood, Sweat, and Tears, especially their hit, Spinning Wheel. He was in bands. I remember the Glass Apple. Not because it was his best effort, but because he had a little glass apple. He was briefly in the hospital, on the floor just above the floor where I worked. I didn't know he didn't prefer to have visitors, so I was there every night after I got off duty at 11pm. I had to, it was Michael.*

Jimmy Vega - April 21, 2011 at 10:31 PM

MW

“ I remember Michael Hernandez, Lorie, and especially Jade and Michael at Holy Name School where I could be of assistance to them as the Title 1 Reading Teacher. I enjoyed our family conferences. Michael was always so generous in sharing Hallmark "goodies" with the teachers. His personality and smile just brightened the day. My prayers to Lorie, Jade and Michael.
Marianne Wagaman

Marianne Wagaman - April 20, 2011 at 04:32 PM

JG

“ Lorie,
My sincere sympathy to you and your family. I will truly miss seeing Michael in the store. I always enjoyed seeing both of you there. May you find comfort in your memories and know that he was one in a million! I'm sorry I couldn't be at visitation, but I'm sending you a heartfelt hug through the internet. Take care...

Jeannie Gish - April 18, 2011 at 12:15 PM

SR

“ I went to Holiday Junior High with Mike. He was a very good friend. I saw him at a couple of the reunions. Then talked with him last year. I will miss him. Like everyone else has said he would put a smile on your face and make your day.

Your family are in my prayers.

God Bless
Sharon

Sharon Sheppard Robinson - April 18, 2011 at 11:47 AM

CQ

“o Mike's family,I worked with Mike @Hallmark Cards and loved to play trivia games with him,he loved talking about the love he had for his wife and children.May all the wonderful memories you have bring you comfort at this time.

Claire Quiett - April 17, 2011 at 07:34 PM

DA

“Lori, Marilyn and my prayers are with you and the kids.... we'll always remember Herr with a smile and that friendly personality.

Danny Alcala - April 17, 2011 at 05:02 PM

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Claire Quiett - April 17, 2011 at 04:39 PM

JH

“To the family wife, and children of Mike (the Hern) hernandez as my cusin Mike Marquez called him as children on Kline st. I would visit from Davenport, Iowa he and mike M. and slugo and a kid named bobby santefer would all play together my sincere and deepest regrets for your loss he always made us laugh he was so lucky to have that talent all through his life u could not meet him and not smile at him before he ever uttered a word. I was talking to Elizebeth Ramero today and she told me about your loss, again our prayers are with u and yours and God now has someone with him who wil always put a smile on his face...joedy and sue hernandez

Joedy and Sue Hernandez - April 17, 2011 at 02:05 PM