



## Richard Duran

July 2, 1933 - November 20, 2010

Richard J. (Dick) Duran, 77, of Prairie Village KS, died at home on Saturday, November 20, 2010. Richard was born July 2, 1933, in Topeka, the son of the late Florencio and Mabel Duran. He lived in Topeka, graduating from Topeka High School in 1951, where he was a member of the Men's Glee Club and the Acapella Choir. Richard was also chosen from more than one hundred candidates to be a member of the select vocal group, the Madrigals, for his junior and senior years. He also had the lead in the operetta, "New Moon". Richard enrolled at Washburn University in 1952. In 1953 he was drafted into the U.S. Army and was stationed in Salzburg, Austria. While there, Richard studied music at the Mozarteum for 10 months until he was shipped back home in 1955. Richard moved to Kansas City MO where he worked for IMCO Container Co. for 20 years. Upon leaving IMCO, when the company relocated to another city, he went to work for Calmar Plastic in Lee Summit MO where he worked for 10 years. Richard was then employed by the State of Missouri from which he retired after 7 years. Richard was the grandson of Pedro Lopez, founder of the Pedro Lopez Mexican Food Store. While in KC, Richard cantored at Holy Trinity Church and St. Anthony Church for 30 years. Survivors include two sisters-in-law, Julie Duran and Rose Duran; and one brother-in-law, Pasqual Aguilar; many nieces and nephews whom he loved; and his partner of more than ten years. Richard was preceded in death by his sister, Angelita Duran Aguilar and two brothers, Augustine Duran and Charles Duran. Visitation will be from 10 to 11 a.m. Friday at Kevin Brennan Family

Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Rd, Topeka KS 66614, where a rosary will be prayed at 11 a.m. Inurnment will follow at Mount Calvary Cemetery, Topeka. Memorial contributions are suggested to Vitas Hospice, Alzheimer Assoc. and/or the American Cancer Society, sent in care of the funeral home.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Richard Duran*

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January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM

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“ I will always remember my Uncle Richard as a man of style and grace. Before cancer and Alzheimer’s took their toll, he was handsome and physically fit. But his elegance went far beyond his personal appearance. He transcended his humble roots by educating himself about art and culture, most notably music, in which he excelled. He surrounded himself with things of beauty, yet he remained grounded in a deep spirituality and sense of humility.

Uncle Richard made quite the impression on me as a young adult. He opened my eyes to some of life’s finer pleasures--gourmet cooking, home decorating, opera, New Mexico, Shakespearean theater, Wedgwood porcelain, religious art, travel--but his approach was never snobbish or elitist. It was more like he had stumbled onto some of the world’s hidden treasures and wanted to share them with others.

I will also remember Uncle Richard as a devoted family man. He never shirked his duties as a loving son to his parents, and he fostered warm relationships with his siblings, nephews and nieces, cousins, and in-laws.

The death of Richard Joseph Duran marks the end of a generation of Durans, the sons and daughters of Florencio Murillo Duran and Mabel Helen Lopez. However, the blood and memories of Augustine, Richard, Angelita, Charles, and John Franklin live on in their descendants today--the various branches of the Duran, Aguilar, Ramirez, Gerdes, Wahquahboshkuk, Conly, and Wickham families.

I’m sorry I can’t be there Friday, but my heart and prayers will be with all of you.

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Theresa Duran (Fairfax, CA) - November 24, 2010 at 01:58 PM

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“ Uncle Richard, You have been through alot the past 2-3 years. I pray You are at Peace. You are no longer in pain. And You are home with Your family. Love You

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**Mabel Ramirez & Family** - November 23, 2010 at 08:24 AM

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“ Richard I will miss you so. Now you can sing with the angels.

*Rest in peace Cousin.*

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**Connie Guerrero** - November 22, 2010 at 05:25 PM