



Rogelio "Roger" Isaac Ortega, Sr.

November 25, 1955 - February 6, 2016

Rogelio "Roger" Isaac Ortega Sr., 60, Topeka, passed away February 6, 2016, at KU Medical Center.

Roger was born November 25, 1955, in Topeka, the third child of Isaac and Grace Chavez Ortega. He graduated from Topeka High School and was a proud graduate of three Citizens Academies: Topeka Police and Fire Departments and Shawnee County Sheriff's. Roger was a true musician who loved playing bass for the past 40 years with his brothers in the Paradize Band. He treasured the friendships with students and staff at Hayden Catholic High School where he proudly served as custodian the past 20 years. Roger loved sports and spent many years coaching baseball and basketball, was a loyal supporter of all of his children's activities, and was a diehard fan of the KU Jayhawks, KC Chiefs and Royals. His family requests that everyone attend his service wearing their favorite KU, Chiefs or Royals apparel.

Roger is survived by his wife, Shirley Jacobson, of the home; children, Roger Ortega Jr. (Heather), East Rutherford NJ, Michael Ortega (Irina), Topeka, Christopher Ortega (Alicia Gomez), Topeka, Richard "Rico" Ortega (Mari Metzger), Bremerton WA, Andrew Ortega, Charles Ortega (Meredith Eden), Marcus Ortega, Gracie Ortega, and Isaac Ortega, all of Topeka; 14 grandchildren; siblings, Raymond (Deborah), Rosie Duran (Don), Arthur (Debbie Gomez), Steve (Tammy). He was preceded in death by his parents.

Visitation will be 4-7 pm Friday, February 12, 2016, at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, 1008 NE Atchison, Topeka, KS 66616, with parish rosary at 6 pm.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 am Saturday, February 13, 2016, at the Church. Burial to follow at Mount Calvary Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be sent to Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, or Midland Care Hospice, 200 SW Frazier Circle, Topeka, KS 66606.

Roger was a generous, loyal and faithful soul who loved God, his family and friends. He did not know a stranger.

Cemetery Details

Mount Calvary Cemetery

801 SW Westchester Rd
Topeka, KS 66606

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 12. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church
1008 NE Atchison
Topeka, KS 66616

Rosary

FEB 12. 6:00 PM (CT)

Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church
1008 NE Atchison
Topeka, KS 66616

Mass of Christian Burial

FEB 13. 10:00 AM (CT)

Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church
1008 NE Atchison
Topeka, KS 66616

Tribute Wall



“ Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Rogelio "Roger" Isaac Ortega, Sr.



Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home - February 11, 2016 at 02:34 PM



“ Rogelio "Roger" Isaac Ortega, Sr.

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ OUR DEEPEST CONDOLENCES TO ALL THE ORTEGA FAMILY!!

RACHEL SANGALANG & PHIL COBOS

RACHEL SANGALANG - February 12, 2016 at 04:33 PM



“ On behalf of the Ramirez Family in Lawrence, we extend our sincere condolences to the Ortega Family. We will always cherish the memories Paradize Band had in our joyous celebrations. May Roger rest in peace. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. God Bless.

Anita & Mike Ramirez & Family

Anita Ramirez - February 12, 2016 at 12:50 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Rogelio "Roger" Isaac Ortega, Sr..*



February 11, 2016 at 10:12 PM



“ *Much love to the Ortega family. You are all in my prayers. xoxo*



Jen - February 11, 2016 at 09:33 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rogelio "Roger" Isaac Ortega, Sr..*



February 11, 2016 at 07:23 PM



“ *Roger was a good friend and am sad of his passing but am hopeful and joyous that he has everlasting life with our Lord in Heaven. I pray that the Lord comforts the family and friends. I am espsecilly thankful to the members of the Paradize band for their committed friendship and caring for Roger. That is an admirable demonstration of caring for our brother. God bless you.*

Darrell Rangel - February 11, 2016 at 04:54 PM



“ *Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Rogelio "Roger" Isaac Ortega, Sr..*



February 11, 2016 at 12:15 PM



“ *i appreciated Roger and his kindness to my girls when they were at Hayden. Always watching out for them and encouraging them in their studies and sports. You could always count on him watching Andrea when she played basketball and Suzanne when she played soccer--he had a genuine interest in them. He was so proud of his kids too, when they played sports and had the biggest smile when Gracie signed at USM to play softball. Can't forget his parties at school, I think everybody wanted Roger and Shirley as room parents--enchilads, queso, indian tacos--no cookies and punch for those kids!
Forever in our hearts, Roger. prayers for all the Ortega family*

Rita Bennett - February 11, 2016 at 08:51 AM



“ *Roger was truly a very unique individual who loved life and his family. His musical interest ran deep for him and his family. The Lord Our God sure has a tremendous angel in Heaven. My prayers are with the Ortega Family.*

Mary Luna - February 10, 2016 at 01:15 PM

LG

“ *Vale Roger Ortega*



I have only known Roger through my friendship with Shirley, through our letters, emails and Facebook. Over the years, I have been able to get to know Roger and his beautiful wife, Shirley and it has been a privilege. There are many memories I have of this wonderful couple - seeing the lights of their home shining brightly at Christmas, the Halloween decorations that have adorned their home and most recently their magnificent trip that they took together before Roger became so very ill.

Each and every photo that I have seen, there was Roger smiling his magnificent smile.

Shirley, if I could be there to hug and comfort you, I would. Please know that even though we are many many miles apart with an ocean in between us, I want you to know that you and your dear family are in my prayers and thoughts. I am thinking of each and every one of you at this very sad sad time.

*God bless you all.
RIP Roger*

Liana Gray - February 09, 2016 at 09:48 PM

MR

“ Reading this tribute wall, I see so many people who also felt that same positive spirit that Roger seemed to bring to everything he did, and everyone he touched. His passing reminds me of a quote that I love from an old movie: "Strange, isn't it? Each man's life touches so many other lives. When he isn't around, he leaves an awful hole."

Here's to Roger, the richest man in town. He really had a wonderful life!

Mary & Steve Ramirez

Mary Ramirez - February 09, 2016 at 06:02 PM

BD

“ My condolences to the Ortega family. Roger was always respectful while I taught at Hayden, he always called me Mr. Dorst. He always assisted me in any chore I needed.

Bob Dorst

Bob Dorst - February 09, 2016 at 04:08 PM

AN

“ When I went to Hayden, I didn't have alot of friends. I loved Roger!!! We always used to hang out in the halls and talk. They would listen and let me spill my guts somedays and other days, just talk sports. Roger and Tony were always so kind to me. I am SO sorry to hearing of his passing.

Anonymous - February 09, 2016 at 03:38 PM

MM

“ Shirley and family,
Sorry for your loss. May memories of Roger comfort you all.
Love and Prayers
Mickey and Mickey Muñoz

Mickey and Mickey Munoz - February 09, 2016 at 02:28 PM

CT

“ Our deepest condolences to the family. May you find comfort in all
the love being poured out from all your family and friends! Love
Candie and Joe xoxo

Candie Buck and Joe Topor - February 09, 2016 at 12:59 PM

LH

*If ever wanted to know how to live, that was Roger. A great person
loving father an husband. His roots where in oakland, and that smile
his warm smile he will be missed.*

Lou hernandez - February 09, 2016 at 01:15 PM

RG

*Please accept our condolences and deepest sympathies on the loss of
your beloved Rogelio Ortega Sr! My prayers and thoughts are with you
during your time of sorrow. I know it's difficult to see beyond the sorrow,
may all the good memories help comfort you tomorrow. Hold tight to
your incredible memories for comfort, lean to your friends for strength,
and always remember how much you are cared for. RIP hermano! God
bless la familia Ortega!*

Raúl Rubio Guevara - February 09, 2016 at 10:34 PM

NR

“ Shirley and family, Roger represented all that is good in humanity.
Always a smile. The nicest man. I am so sorry. Nancy Redd

Nancy Redd - February 09, 2016 at 10:29 AM

DE

“ A WONDERFUL MAN WAS TAKING TOO SOON FROM ALL OF US.WHEN ROGER WALKED IN TO A ROOM THE ROOM WAS FULL OF LOVE AND JOY .MAY ROG.ER REST IN PEACE. YOU WILL BE MISSED.THIS WORLD WAS A BETTER PLACE BECAUCE OF ROGER.



DEBBIE - February 09, 2016 at 08:23 AM

MO

“ Our deepest condolences to the entire Ortega family. I will long remember how much my husband, Glen, enjoyed playing drums with him and his family. He was always kind and had a smile on his face.
From The Glen Ortiz Family, Topeka

Marie Ortega de Ortiz - February 09, 2016 at 08:11 AM

DG

“ Dana and Gary purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Rogelio "Roger" Isaac Ortega, Sr..



Dana and Gary - February 08, 2016 at 11:19 PM

EB

“ Shirley, as I followed the news about Roger in your Facebook posts, I began to search each day for the latest. I met Roger only a couple of times. He radiated warmth and his love for you. You two created such a wonderful, beautiful family together. I'm so sorry you and your kids lost him so early. I know your children will give you strength. God bless you all.

Ellen Byers - February 08, 2016 at 10:53 PM

W-

“ I'm a woman of many words....but... I'm having a hard time trying to put into words how much Rodger meant to me and my family. He was funny, he was awesome and the wonderful husband of my sister, Shirley. We will always love and cherish his memory. Rest in peace.... Dear Rodger.



Wanda Caesar -Hoy - February 08, 2016 at 10:51 PM

RA

“ Thinking about you, Shirley.



Rebecca Alexander - February 08, 2016 at 10:22 PM

AG

“ My deepest condolences to the Ortega family. I had met Roger a few years back on my trip to Kansas. Even though it was a short visit, I could tell right away he was an amazing person and made us feel very welcome. My thoughts are with his family and friends during this difficult time.

Andrea Godin - February 08, 2016 at 10:15 PM

 Kurtis Goombi

“ My deepest condolences to the family. I never met him but from the stories I hear from his family, I know Heaven has gained a very special person.

Kurtis Goombi - February 08, 2016 at 10:07 PM

KH

“ Sending lots of love to the Ortega Family. Roger was an amazing man. Even though I only had the pleasure of meeting him once he made sure to keep in touch. Its very clear how much love is surrounding you all. Praying for you all to find strength in the coming months. xoxo

Katrina Hirtz - February 08, 2016 at 09:59 PM

AG

“ The Glashaussers all send their condolences. Roger's warmth was felt by many.

Alex Glashausser - February 08, 2016 at 09:22 PM



“ *My deepest condolences to the Ortega family. You are all in my prayers. Mr. Roger was an incredible man. I love you all!*



Shaina Hoy - February 08, 2016 at 09:01 PM



“ *Our deepest condolences go out to the entire Ortega family! You are all in our thoughts and prayers. A special sympathy prayer goes to our wonderful neighbors, Steve and Tammy. You are very blessed to have such a large family and be as close as you all are! Hugs to you both, Steve and Tammy as well as to the rest of the Ortega family. Love, Robin, Sami, Cameron and Lauren Meseke*

Robin Meseke - February 08, 2016 at 08:37 PM



“ Our deepest condolences we send to The Ortega family. I pray God will be your strength through this time of loss. Roger was a great giving person.

He has been involved with so much of our church, fiesta, our school and more importantly our children. He has been a strong staple of what giving is about, kindness, and caring.

You were truly blessed to have him guide your family, which he always held very high. Shirley I must admit, I was always jealous that Roger always referred to you as his bride. What great love, to always let people know that he loved you just as much as that day he look at you as his bride, his wife, his union.

I know that my brothers have always held Roger as a very respected man. My brother Joey has taken this very hard also. Roger always made him feel welcomed and treated him like one of his boys.

He will be missed by so many, buy what a honor for him. To have known so many people that it will impact so many of our lives because he was involved in so much for all of us.

The Lords blessing be with all of you.

Eternal rest grant unto him, Oh Lord.

An may perpetual light shine upon him.

May he rest in peace. Amen

Wally and Mary Trimble

Mary Trimble - February 08, 2016 at 07:57 PM

PC

“ So Sorry for your loss, much too young! Prayers for all of you.

Paul & Linda Crawford - February 08, 2016 at 07:38 PM

RG

“ *Wishing you peace to bring comfort, courage to face the days ahead and loving memories to forever hold in your heart.*

*Darrel and Resa Gross
Baltimore, MD*



Resa Gross - February 08, 2016 at 07:19 PM

GC

“ *Prayers goes out to the Ortega family. He was always happy. God bless.*

Gina Cook - February 08, 2016 at 07:03 PM

SA

To the entire family, I'm so very sorry for your loss. All our thoughts and prayers go out to you.

Shelley Aldrich - February 08, 2016 at 09:29 PM



“ *My deepest condolences to the entire Ortega family. May God Bless your family. Rest In Peace Roger.*

Rudy Perez - February 08, 2016 at 05:36 PM

Jl

“ *JILL sent a virtual gift in memory of Rogelio "Roger" Isaac Ortega, Sr.*



JILL - February 08, 2016 at 03:44 PM

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JILL - February 08, 2016 at 03:42 PM

Jl

“ JILL lit a candle in memory of Rogelio "Roger" Isaac Ortega, Sr.



JILL - February 08, 2016 at 03:41 PM

NR

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the Ortega family. Roger will always be remembered for his smile and love of music. RIP.

Nickie Roberts

N Roberts - February 08, 2016 at 02:45 PM

AA

“ God bless the Ortega Family today and all the days to come.
Godspeed

Adrian & Tish Alcala - February 08, 2016 at 02:38 PM

TN

“ NE Oakland Avenue will never be the same without Roger ~ I will miss you my friend.. thanks for the friendship.. your neighbor ~ Tara Ann

Tara Nicholas - February 08, 2016 at 02:31 PM

BP

“ Sending thoughts and prayers to all the Ortega family. Cherish the memories. Betty Peters

Betty Peters - February 08, 2016 at 02:27 PM

TA

“ Rog, I remember that day in June I took St. Jude to you. You were assuring me everything was going to be okay. I cried for you as I did not want you to go thru the pain. You felt bad because I cried.....then I felt bad because you felt bad....LOL. But in all honesty, I will treasure the 15 minute visit we had that day..Your beloved Shirley left the room so we could visit. I did not want this day to get here, but then I thought St. Jude nor God wanted you to go thru anymore pain than you had already experienced. Your legacy will be 2nd to none. You taught not only your children, but all who knew you, how to be humble, how to find inner peace with yourself and to never stop loving all around you. Your pride was genuine and well deserved. I will remember your smile for the rest of my days and am happy to know you will be watching over all of us. Look for my Grandma and when you find her, give her a kiss. Hugs dear friend...Hugs. Love 214.

Tish Alcala - February 08, 2016 at 02:25 PM

RR

“ You will be dearly missed and fondly remembered by many my friend. My prayers are with all of your family and I will cherish our times forever.

Ron Raines - February 08, 2016 at 01:31 PM

JG

“ My deepest sympathy to the Ortega Family. I will always remember Roger's smile. Joann, Kiara & Alyssa Gomez-Oliver

Joann Gomez-Oliver - February 08, 2016 at 12:17 PM

GG

“ Prayers to the entire Ortega family during this difficult time. Roger had a heart of gold and the biggest smile. He is at peace at last... God Bless You All!

Gary Gomez - February 08, 2016 at 10:38 AM