



## Giliybardo "Gil" B. Carranza

February 5, 1941 - February 16, 2022

Giliybardo "Gil" B. Carranza, 81, of Grand Island, died February 16, 2022 at CHI Health Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney. Memorial Mass will be 10:30 am, April 8, 2022 at St. James Catholic Church in Kearney with Fr. Joseph Hannappel officiating. Memorials are suggested to the family to be designated later.

Gil was born February 5, 1941 in Kearney to Pedro and María (Gonzalez) Carranza. He grew up in Kearney and graduated from Kearney High School in 1960. Gil earned his master's degree in Spanish and Education from Kearney State College.

Gil married Tracy Cox on August 27, 1998 in Cozad, Nebraska. To this union, one son, Ángel was born February 1, 2002.

Gil loved his job as a teacher. He taught in the Nebraska Public School System for over 50 years. He taught Spanish, P.E., English as a Second Language, and coached wrestling. After he retired, he enjoyed substituting in area schools for many years.

Gil loved visiting with family and friends, dancing, music, and singing. One of his favorite things to do was bet the horses at Fonner Park, and most weekends during live racing that is where he could be found.

Gil is survived by his wife, Tracy Carranza of Grand Island, NE; sons, Ángel Carranza of Lincoln, NE, Mael and Sarah Carranza of Phoenix, AZ; daughters, Lupe Carranza of Los Angeles, CA, Ana and Jacob Booth of Phoenix, AZ, Gaby and Seth Holt of Phoenix, AZ; grandson, Calvin Carranza of Phoenix, AZ; sisters, Hilda Rodriguez of Kearney, Josie Rodriguez of Kearney, Dee Antillon of Kearney; brothers John Carranza of Kearney, and Jim and Rosario Carranza of National City, CA., and many nieces and nephews.

Gil was preceded in death by his parents, his sister, Cathy Castaneda; brothers, Atanacio (Nacho) Carranza, Joe Carranza, Emilio Carranza, and Eusebio Carranza.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Mass

APR 8. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. James Catholic Church  
3801 Avenue A  
Kearney, NE 68847

# Tribute Wall



“ *Giliybardo "Gil" B. Carranza*

January 29, 2023 at 11:14 AM



“ *Gil, Gilly and I ran cross country for Kearney High. I didn't know he was Giliybardo until about 20 years ago. We became very good friends and were the rest of his life. I miss him! Doug Camplin*

**Dr Doug Camplin** - March 02, 2022 at 12:37 PM



“ *Rest easy Coach. Thanks for all you did for me. You proved we always had "one more time" in the gas tank.  
Mael, Lupe, and family, I am so very sorry for your loss.  
Love Ya Coach  
God Bless everyone.*

**Scott Ferguson** - March 01, 2022 at 05:43 PM



“ *Gil was a teacher in Cozad when I became High School Principal there. I am so happy I got to know him. A special person. Robin Stevens*

**Robin Stevens** - February 26, 2022 at 03:21 PM



“ *So Sorry for the loss of your Dad- he was my Spanish teacher in High school in Cozad- Thinking of you all during this difficult time ❤️ (especially Mael 💙) Prayers and Peace to you All 🙏*

**Paula Mackenzie** - February 26, 2022 at 01:55 PM

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“ Prayers for the Carranza family. Had Mr. Carranza as my Spanish teacher at Cozad and truly enjoyed his class. May God be with you all.

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**Ginger Craig** - February 23, 2022 at 01:39 PM

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“ Senor Carranza was by far the best Spanish teacher I had. Because of him I learned so much. He was such a great teacher and a wonderful person. I will always remember him for years to come. Thoughts and prayers to your family.

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**Mandie Reinke** - February 21, 2022 at 10:20 AM

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“ Señor was the best Spanish teacher anyone could ask for. And 20 years later he still remembered my name. Will miss seeing him on occasion at Fonner! So many prayers!

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**Nikki Finch(Morrison)** - February 20, 2022 at 07:25 AM

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“ Enjoyed teaching with Gil in Cozad. He was so wise and kind to all. Tracy and Gil were a special team. Condolences to his family.

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**Trudy Martin Else** - February 18, 2022 at 09:47 PM



“ So sorry to hear of your loss.

*Although many of my memories are faded I have fond memories of growing up with Ismeal and his family as part of our church family. I will let my dad Gary Spellman and brother Scott Spellman know of your loss - we will be keeping you all in our thoughts and prayer. Gilly and my mom, Linda can get together to play some cards up in heaven now.*

*Hugs- Kristy (Spellman) Kennedy*

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**Kristy Kennedy** - February 18, 2022 at 01:24 PM