



## Raul O. Vasquez

February 27, 1943 - March 4, 2020

Raul O. Vasquez, age 77, of Kearney, passed away Wednesday, March 4, 2020 at CHI Health – Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney. Mass of Christian Burial will be on Friday, March 13, 2020 at 10:30 a.m. at St. James Catholic Church in Kearney. Father Joe Hannappel will celebrate and burial will be at a later date. Visitation will be on Thursday, March 12, 2020 from 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. followed by a Christian wake service at 6:00 p.m. all at the church. Military honors will be provided following services by the Kearney American Legion Post #52, Kearney V.F.W. Post #759 and the Nebraska National Guard Funeral Honors Team. Memorials are suggested to the Vasquez Family to be designated at a later date. Please visit [www.hlmkfuneral.com](http://www.hlmkfuneral.com) to leave a tribute, memory or condolence. Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral and Cremation Services in Kearney is in charge of arrangements.

Raul was born on February 27, 1943 in Pearsall, TX to Francisco and Isabel (Ortiz) Vasquez. Raúl met the love of his life, Gloria Patlan in high school. It was love at first sight. They married young, on December 13, 1959 in Elmhurst, IL and throughout their 60 years together they raised four children, ten grand-children and, ten great-grandchildren.

If anyone came to visit Raúl, Gloria would say “he is out in the garage”. In the garage he worked on his favorite hobby, cars. Often his brothers, or one of the many nephews, nieces and eventually the grandchildren came to help him

and to learn the trade. His knowledge of cars was amazing, he could take a car apart and put it back together. He spent Sundays at Kearney Dragway with his wife, his brothers, their wives and all the children in the family. Great adventures happened at Kearney Dragway. His love of racing was shared with his brothers and all the children in the family.

He proudly served his country in United States Army. He and Gloria were very loyal to the Army and the military. Their love for the Armed Forces would be passed to his son and grandsons. He served the Kearney community for many years as a Sergeant in the Kearney Police Department. Raul was also a member of St. James Catholic Church in Kearney.

Surviving relatives include his wife, Gloria Vasquez of Kearney; daughters, Nora and Daniel Lenz of Eagle, NE and Annelle and Dale Rowedder of Kearney; son, Roy Vasquez of Kearney; brothers, Frank and Patricia Vasquez of Kearney and Louie Vasquez of Papillion, NE; grandchildren and great grandchildren; Toni and Bart Willnerd of Dardene Prairie, MO and their children Brodi, Chase, Bell and Colin; Lane Hinn of Eagle, NE and his children Aalyiah and Elijah; Whitney Hinn of Omaha, NE; Uriah Lenz of Honolulu, HI; Indra Rowedder; Alaric Rowedder; Aubrey Vasquez; Joe Vasquez; Erica and Pedro Martinez and their children Carlos, Christian, Thalia and Adriana all of Kearney; Jonathon Vasquez and Jillian Komskis of Charlotte, NC; several nieces, nephews, cousins and other extended family and friends.

Raúl was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Gilbert, Robert, David, Gus, and Dean Vasquez; son, Nicholas Vasquez; nephews, Gerald and Gus jr. Vasquez; uncle, Domingo Ortiz

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 12. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

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

## Christian Wake Service

MAR 12. 6:00 PM (CT)

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

## Mass of Christian Burial

MAR 13. 10:30 AM (CT)

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

# Tribute Wall



“ *Raul O. Vasquez*

January 29, 2023 at 11:14 AM



“ *I very much enjoyed working with Raul and good times we had together in the 70's on KPD and later. A super guy and a real law man.. I wish to give my words of comfort to the family and our thoughts a prayers will be with you. Stan McKnight, Banner County Sheriff*

**Stan McKnight** - March 12, 2020 at 02:10 PM



*I drove truck for Gil and Raul for several years. They had 4 trucks then 65 Freightliner, 74 International (my truck) KW, and a REO. Both were good guys*

**Larry Hickman** - March 22, 2024 at 12:48 PM



“ *Lupe and I are sadden by the passing of Raul. Uncle Franks boys were a force to be reckoned with. You could not think about one of his sons without thinking of the group. We have fond memories of Raul spending the night at our house on third street in Livermore when driving truck to California. I also remember my mom and dad driving to California to visit us and breaking down in Nebraska. It wasn't long and Raul (with the help of his brothers) had my mom and dad back on the road. Thank you for being the great guy your father wanted you to be, my love for you and your family have deep roots. Love Steve and Lupe*

**Steve** - March 12, 2020 at 10:45 AM

LU

“ I remember Roy and his brothers during there truck driving days stopping where we lived.  
There was a space where they could leave their semi in a safe place.  
Mom would cook for the Vasquez boys.They would sit outside on our porch.Drink beers with my Mom and Dad and always have many funny stories to tell.  
Roy was a police officer where he lived and I remember Roy telling us a story about the time he had picked up one of his nephews and calling his brother and saying ( I got your son here.What do you want me to do to him? His brother would say do what you do need to do brother.I will miss my cousin.God has taken your pain away.You have a lot of family waiting to greet you with open arms.  
My condolences to his wife Gloria and their family's.  
Steve and Lupe

Lupe - March 12, 2020 at 01:50 AM

FF

“ Frankie and Sue Patlan and Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Raul O. Vasquez.



Frankie and Sue Patlan and Family - March 11, 2020 at 02:16 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Raul O. Vasquez.



March 10, 2020 at 07:52 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Raul O. Vasquez.*



---

March 09, 2020 at 05:02 PM



“ *My thoughts, love and prayers to my Vasquez family. Hugs ~*

---

**Elida (Gordie) Zamarripa** - March 06, 2020 at 10:29 PM



*I enjoyed the years I had the pleasure and honor of working with Raul. My thoughts and prayers are with his family during this difficult time.*

---

**Jeri Roeder Schneider** - March 09, 2020 at 10:52 PM



“ *One of my memories is going to the races at Heartland Raceway in Topeka with Uncle Roy, Aunt Gloria, Dave, Tina, Chris, Jason, Jerad, Joe and Jon. They got me hooked on drag racing and we all had such a great time. I always enjoyed visiting with him. RIP Uncle Raul* ❤️🙏

---

**Mandi Vasquez** - March 06, 2020 at 06:26 PM



*Prayers to the family of Raul Vasquez*

---

**judi clark** - March 07, 2020 at 11:37 AM

JB

“ *My condolences to the entire Vasquez family. My prayers to each and everyone during this difficult time.*

*Judy Bottorf*

---

**Judy Bottorf** - March 06, 2020 at 12:49 PM