



Hector R. Ramirez M.D.

July 18, 1939 - December 4, 2015

Born in Tecpan, Guatemala, to Hector Manual Ramirez and Blanca Colon de Ramirez. Hector had two brothers, Guillermo and Arturo, both deceased. He began to show an interest in medicine at an early age by practicing surgeries and procedures on his stuffed animals. Hector graduated from Liceo Guatemala in 1956, and went on to begin studying medicine at the Universidad de San Carlos de Borromeo, Guatemala, graduating on March 25, 1966. The next day, on March 26, he married Maria Waleska Bianchi. Hector and Waleska and their 18 month old son, Hector, Jr., moved to the United States in 1968. Hector did his internship and first year of residency at the Albert B. Chandler Hospital, University of Kentucky. He then transferred to the Medical College of Ohio, where he finished his residency and fellowship in Vascular Surgery and became the first Vascular Surgeon to graduate from the Medical College of Ohio.

Hector also had an interest in art and painting. In school, he would assist his friends studying architecture with their drawings. He took a couple of courses at Lourdes College where he learned to use watercolors.

While working in his medical practice, he served on the board of the American College of International Physicians for two years. Then he became President of the Foreign Graduate Physicians of Northwest Ohio, a position he held for two years. Hector was also a member of the Rotary Club of Maumee, OH, for several years and served as President of the club from 1987-88. While a member of Rotary, he received two awards for services to the community. At

the same time, he and his wife, Waleska, worked hard for the people in Guatemala and with the support and help of the Maumee Rotary and Rotary International, founded an orphanage for girls in Mazatenango, Guatemala, which is still open and functioning today.

Very early in his practice he found himself getting involved in medical missions. At the very beginning to Haiti and then to the Dominican Republic. After his stroke he worked closely with Dr. Richard Paat, and together they started a medical mission to Guatemala, which Dr. Paat continues today.

Dr. Ramirez and his wife have 5 children; the oldest was born in Guatemala and the other four in Toledo, Ohio. In time they all got married and produced 11 grandchildren, of which Hector and Waleska are very proud of.

Our deepest sympathy goes to his children and grandchildren, Hector Jr. and his daughter Taylor; Pablo and Ann Forbes-Ramirez and their children Logan, Melina and Caleb; Luis and his wife Traci and their children Tucker, Maya and Sonia; Ana Belongea and her husband Chad and their three daughters Caitlyn, Alesandra and Anaka, and Lisa Kemper and her husband Brian and their little boy, Fitzgerald.

Friends and family may visit at the Coyle Funeral Home, 1770 S. Reynolds Rd., on Tuesday from 2- 8 pm. where a Scripture Service will take place at 7 pm. Funeral services will be held on Wednesday at 11:00 am. at St. John XXIII, Perrysburg, where the family will receive visitors beginning at 10:00 am. Interment will be private. Memorials may take the form of contributions to Friends of Guatemala, Maumee Rotary Foundation, or to the church.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 8. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Coyle Funeral and Cremation Services
1770 S. Reynolds Road
Toledo, OH 43614
(419) 865-1295
<https://www.coylefuneralhome.com>

Scripture Service

DEC 8. 7:00 PM - 7:30 PM (ET)

Coyle Funeral and Cremation Services
1770 S. Reynolds Road
Toledo, OH 43614
(419) 865-1295
<https://www.coylefuneralhome.com>

Visitation

DEC 9. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. John XXIII
24250 Dixie Hwy.
Perrysburg, OH 43551
(419) 874-6502
<http://www.stjohn23.org>

Funeral

DEC 9. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St. John XXIII
24250 Dixie Hwy.
Perrysburg, OH 43551
(419) 874-6502
<http://www.stjohn23.org>

Tribute Wall

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“ *My deepest condolences. Dr. Ramirez was my father's physician. I took my father many times for office visits and had the greatest respect for the doctor's professionalism, positivity, and good cheer. And also his artistic soul as I always admired his paintings that were throughout his office. With best regards to his family and friends,
Bob Phillips*

Bob Phillips - December 22, 2015 at 11:23 AM

“ *Dr. Hector Ramirez (1939 - 2015)*
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(News story) Dr. Hector Ramirez, a vascular surgeon who helped found a non-profit agency to offer health care and education in his native Guatemala, died Dec. 4 in Hospice of Northwest Ohio, Perrysburg Township. He was 76.

He'd suffered a brain bleed, his daughters Ana and Lisa said. Health problems led him to close his Maumee practice in 1997.

Through the years, he provided care on missions of mercy to Guatemala, Haiti, and the Dominican Republic.

"Pretty much my dad's entire medical career, medical missions were important to him," his daughter Ana said.

Through the Maumee Rotary, of which he was a former president, and Rotary International, Dr. Ramirez and his wife, Waleska, opened an orphanage for girls in Guatemala. They also were founders and supporters of Friends of Guatemala Inc.

"Both of our parents are very religious, and part of that stemmed from that Christian faith, wanting to help others," daughter Lisa said.

He wanted to make sure the girls of Guatemala had education and opportunities, said Liz Villarreal Rowe, Friends of Guatemala board president.

"It was something he always carried with him, his love for the people of Guatemala," Mrs. Rowe said. "He would find a way to make you smile. He was almost a father figure. For him it was very important -- compassion to other people and involvement in the community."

Dr. Ramirez, of Perrysburg and formerly of South Toledo, found an

artistic outlet in drawing and painting. In watercolors or oils, he depicted scenes of Guatemala. At the former Riverside Hospital, he organized the annual "Physician As Artist" exhibit.

He was born July 18, 1939, in Tecpan, Guatemala, to Blanca Colon and Hector Ramirez. He received his medical education at Universidad de San Carlos de Borromeo in Guatemala. After an internship at the University of Kentucky, he completed a residency in vascular surgery at the former Medical College of Ohio. He later was president of a foreign graduate physicians group in northwest Ohio and was on the board of the American College of International Physicians.

He was a former member of St. Patrick of Heatherdowns Church.

Surviving are his wife, the former Maria Waleska Bianchi, whom he married March 26, 1966; sons Hector, Jr., Pablo, and Luis; daughters Ana Belongea and Lisa Kemper, and 11 grandchildren.

Services will be at 11 a.m. today in St. John XXIII Church, Perrysburg, where the family will receive guests after 10 a.m. Arrangements are by the Coyle Funeral Home.

The family suggests tributes to Friends of Guatemala Inc. in Columbus, the Maumee Rotary Foundation, or the church.

This is a news story written by Mark Zaborney. Contact him by email at mzaborney@theblade.com"

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“ *Dear Waleska and Family
I spend a lot of time with Hector working at Riverside Hospital and St Charles Hospital.
We would have great conversation and jokes with him . The best time was in the Dominican Republic when he would fight with Pablo Pons to do more cases during the medical mission.
We will surely miss him . He was a wonderful guy and a great surgeon .
Sorry we could not make it to the viewing.
Arvind and Bindu Mistry*

Arvind Mistry - December 09, 2015 at 04:55 AM

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“ *To the Ramirez family we offer our sincerest condolences. We regret that we are traveling and cannot be with you at this time. Hector was a dear friend for over 30 years and we will miss him and his wonderfully dry wit. I recall many an afternoon at Rotary when Hector would request permission to speak. He would then rattle off a shaggy dog story. When finished everyone would look around the room with puzzled expressions and ask "what did he say". He always made smile and grateful to know him and know Rotary. Yes Hector will be missed but we'll always cherish his memory.*

Lynn & Joyce Olman - December 08, 2015 at 02:15 PM

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“ *2 files added to the album VIDEO TRIBUTE*



COYLE FUNERAL HOME VIDEOS - December 08, 2015 at 08:59 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of
Hector R. Ramirez M.D..



December 07, 2015 at 10:06 AM