



Santos Rodriguez

May 19, 1946 - June 6, 2023

Santos Rodriguez, age 77, passed away on June 6th, 2023, in Ft. Wayne Indiana, after four years of struggles with the effects of Agent Orange.

A memorial service will be held at St Peter & Paul Catholic Church, Toledo OH on Thurs, June 15th, 2023 @ 2:00 p.m, with military honors provided by the United States Marine Corp Honor Guard. A reception will follow @ the Sofia Quintero Art and Cultural Event Center, 1225 Broadway, Toledo OH 43609.

He is survived by his wife, Rosa Mata Rodriguez and their daughter, Teresa and Rosa's daughter, Diana Ysasaga. Santos also leaves behind his two sons, Steven and Sean Rodriguez, and his siblings, Julia Trumbull (Dan), Maria Rodriguez-Winter (Duane), Odilia Clements, Julian Rodriguez, and Margarita Hernandez (Ernesto). Santos was preceded in death by his parents, Santos and Margarita Rodriguez, and brother-in-law, William Clements.

Santos was born on May 19th, 1946, in Racine, Wisconsin to, while his parents were passing through the state as migrant farm workers from Texas. A graduate of Pettisville High School, Santos was a proud Marine who served in Vietnam; fighting in the height of the war during the Tet offensive of 1968. As a Catholic, his war experience tested his faith. Throughout the 1970's he struggled with the emotional effects of his war experience. However, after experiencing Jesus's love in the early 1980's, he was born again. This event saved his life and led to many years of spreading the Gospel of Christ's saving and redeeming love.

During his 40+ years of work, Santos impacted thousands of lives through his work in computer technology. He worked for IBM in the early 1970's, John Hopkins University's Applied Physics Laboratory, the National Weather Service, and then over two decades he was an IT Specialist @ the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) <<https://facebook.com/NOAA?refid=17>>. He was a co-inventor of the EMWIN, the Emergency Managers Weather Information Network, a service that allows users to obtain weather forecasts, warnings, and other information directly from the National Weather Service (NWS) in almost real time. Santos was a key promoter of this system, traveling to Hawaii, the Caribbean, and other locations to train and demonstrate the power of EMWIN. Through this invention, people around the world were protected from the impacts of severe weather events. Santos also loved to hunt, fish, hunt for fossils, paint, carve, fix any mechanical object and collect guns and, of course, he was a true weather geek. But, above all, Santos was a loyal friend, loving husband, and devoted father.

Previous Events

Mass

JUN **15**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church
738 S. Saint Clair
Toledo, OH 43609

Tribute Wall

RR

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Rosa Rodriguez - July 09, 2023 at 11:51 PM

RR

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Rosa Maria Rodriguez - July 01, 2023 at 04:46 PM

RR

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Rosa Maria Rodriguez - June 29, 2023 at 08:59 PM

RR

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Rosa Maria Rodriguez - June 29, 2023 at 08:48 PM

PE

“ I can't adequately express my sadness with the passing of mi primo Santos. I so wish we could have spent more time together and especially prior to his illness. We had so much in common and finding him so late in life makes me feel cheated out of the memories we could have shared. Santos, I will miss you for the remainder of my life. ❤️

Perry Eaton - June 29, 2023 at 03:14 PM

RR

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Rosa Mata Rodriguez - June 16, 2023 at 07:51 PM

RR

“ Family ❤️ ❤️ ❤️ ❤️ ❤️

Rosa Mata Rodriguez - June 16, 2023 at 07:39 PM

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“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Rosa Mata Rodriguez - June 16, 2023 at 07:37 PM

OF

“ Dear Rosa so very sorry for your loss may God's arms wrap around you and comfort you..never met your husband but from your words I knew he was a good man..and I know he will always be with you and protect you and be your angel..my mom also sends her condolences..

Oralia fernandez - June 14, 2023 at 10:50 PM

RR

Your words of comfort mean SO much to me Oralia & Sra. Gonzales. God Bless you ❤️

Rosa Mata Rodriguez - June 16, 2023 at 06:58 PM

CR

Thank you so very kindly Oralia, for your loving words to my Aunt. Your words are so true, comforting, and beautiful.

Casemira Rawlins - June 28, 2023 at 01:36 AM

MH

“ Margarita Hernandez lit a candle in memory of Santos Rodriguez



Margarita Hernandez - June 14, 2023 at 09:19 PM



“ A grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Santos Rodriguez.

June 14, 2023 at 09:13 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Santos Rodriguez.



June 14, 2023 at 01:45 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Santos Rodriguez.



June 14, 2023 at 12:51 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Santos Rodriguez.

June 14, 2023 at 12:51 PM



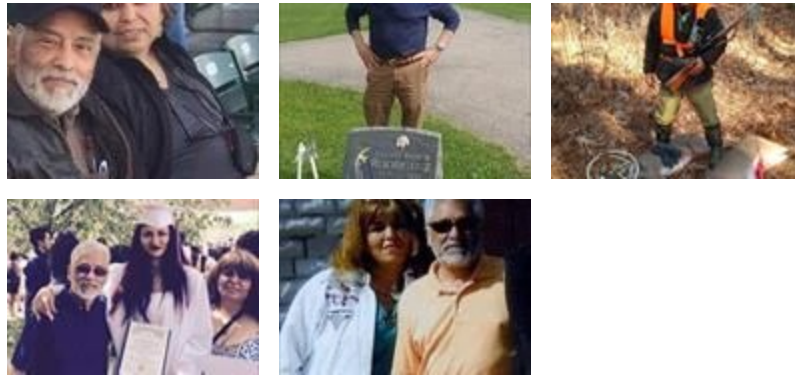
“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Santos Rodriguez.*



June 14, 2023 at 10:58 AM



“ *6 files added to the tribute wall*



Teresa M M Rodriguez - June 14, 2023 at 08:39 AM



“ *Memorials to Honor Santos can go to the Sofia Quintero Art and Cultural Event Center, 1225 Broadway, Toledo OH 43609 - Rosa M Rodriguez, Spouse*

Teresa M M Rodriguez - June 14, 2023 at 08:37 AM

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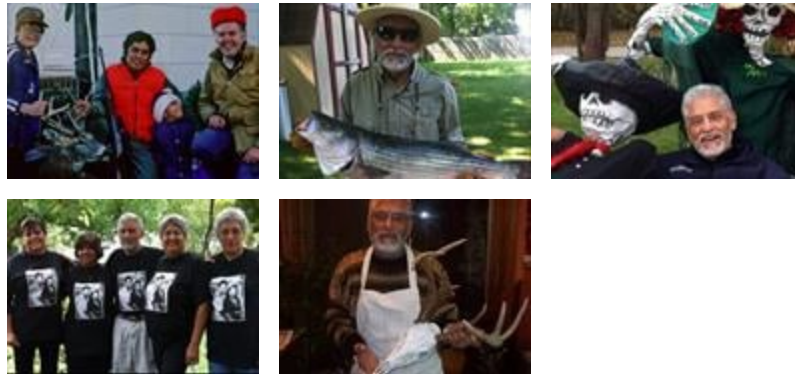
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Teresa M M Rodriguez - June 14, 2023 at 08:32 AM

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“ 7 files added to the tribute wall



Teresa M M Rodriguez - June 14, 2023 at 08:30 AM

AS

“ Anita S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Santos Rodriguez.

Anita S. - June 14, 2023 at 01:26 AM

JR

“ I spent many months working closely with Santos and Jim Dougherty as we built out EMWIN Houston as both a rebroadcast and email/paging proof of concept and they both came to Houston for the first ever national EMWIN broadcasters' conference. Santos, as well as Jim, were true public servants and gained my lasting respect. While the Houston rebroadcast operation ceased with growth of the Internet, the email and paging service continues from the Houston TranStar center and serves local officials and emergency managers in 27 southeast Texas counties--a fitting tribute to Santos' tireless efforts in behalf of the program. Jim Robinson, former Chief Appraiser & Administrator, Harris County Appraisal District, Houston, TX.

Jim Robinson - June 13, 2023 at 10:09 PM

MH

Thank you, Jim for your kind words and respect for my brother. Santos was an inspiration to his siblings. Aside from being an intellectual, he was humble, kind and plenty of fun! We cherished those moments we had with him. He was quite the adventurer. He now begins on a new journey. Blessings-Margarita Hernandez

Margarita Hernandez - June 14, 2023 at 09:17 PM

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“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Teresa M M Rodriguez - June 13, 2023 at 07:23 PM

TZ

“ Terry Z. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Santos Rodriguez.

Terry Z. - June 12, 2023 at 04:27 PM

RF

“ Rob Wagner & Family purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Santos Rodriguez.



Rob Wagner & Family - June 12, 2023 at 02:04 PM

RF

“ Rob Wagner & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Santos Rodriguez.

Rob Wagner & Family - June 12, 2023 at 02:04 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Santos Rodriguez.



June 10, 2023 at 02:17 AM

KS

“ Karen S. purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Santos Rodriguez.



Karen S. - June 09, 2023 at 08:50 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Santos Rodriguez.*



June 09, 2023 at 07:55 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Santos Rodriguez.*



June 08, 2023 at 07:23 PM



“ *Santos was a brother to my brother Louis DeAngelis for many, many years. Even after Louis passed away, Santos and Rosa shared some time with us....fishing..just hanging out. What a remarkable, inspiring couple. We treasure those visits and hope you (Rosa) will stay in touch. God Bless your family always; especially now.*

Charlie & Deb Collins



Debra Collins - June 08, 2023 at 07:23 PM

PC

One of the most outstanding men I've met in my life time. I will always remember and appreciate the time we spent together on fishing trip's. He was a beautiful friend. I was blessed to have had him as a friend. He will be missed. May he rest in God's peace. Patrick 🙏❤️🙏

Patrick Campbell - June 09, 2023 at 12:02 AM

RW

Santos was a truly remarkable and wonderful person. I have lost a brother, compadre and great friend. We had so many adventures together that I will always remember.

Rob Wagner - June 12, 2023 at 02:15 PM

RR

God Bless you Brother Rob 🙏 immeasurable adventures for NWS, NOAA as well as audacious times off the clock with family,, your Compadre. We Value your Friendship. 🙏

Rosa Maria Rodriguez - June 29, 2023 at 08:07 PM