



Mr. Rafael Arturo Lopez

August 3, 1963 - September 15, 2015

Ralph (Fafa's) Lopez tragically and unexpectedly passed away. He was born on August 3, 1963 to Robert and Esperanza Lopez in San Francisco. He was born and raised on Paris Street with his siblings Becky Lopez (Feijoo), Lorraine Lopez (Solis), Robert (Tito) Lopez, Carlos Lopez, Susan Lopez (Canaya) and Sandra Lopez (Rogan). He was a happy kid that was always under the thumb of his two older brothers. He attended Monroe Elementary School, Burbank Middle School and Balboa High School. He became friends with the kids in the neighborhood, Mike Mathews, Johnny Zugar, Dave Calvillo, Eugene (Spider) Stephens just to name a few. Then became the leader of the Excelsior Park group. He was known as one of the Excelsior Park crowd where him and his friends would hang out. His best friend Spider introduced him to a girl named Bernadette Llamas and they were married and had 3 kids, Lorena, Ralphie and Veronica. They moved to Concord to begin their adult life together. Ralph worked for PG&E and then became a Truck Driver. Bernadette and Ralph parted ways (but always remained good friends). Ralph married Mary and continued to live in Concord with her and her daughters Sarah, Autumn and Dreama. They later divorced but stayed good friends. He was grandfather to Gabriela (Gaby), Giselle (Gigi), Jose Jr. (Papa), Jacquelyn (Jackie) and recently born Giovanni (Gio). A Beloved uncle to his nieces and nephews loved by many cousins and a friend to all. He was a master griller and soup maker, a huge Giants and 49ers fan and loved his city. As you would rarely see him without a Niner's or Giant's jersey on or

without this treasured Excelsior District Jacket. He is looking down on us now with his Dad Robert, Brothers Tito and Carlos and his brother-in-law Lito. His love for his children and grandchildren will live on forever.

Friends are invited to the vigil on Thursday, September 24th starting at 5:00, Rosary at 7:00 pm and Funeral services Friday September 25th at 10:00 am.

Contributions in memory of Ralph to be made to <https://www.gofundme.com/m54f7ues>

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **24.** 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM (PT)

Valente Marini Perata & Co.
4840 Mission St.
San Francisco, CA

Vigil Service

SEP **24.** 7:00 PM (PT)

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San Francisco, CA

Funeral Liturgy

SEP **25.** 10:00 AM (PT)

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San Francisco, CA

Committal Service

SEP **25.** 11:30 AM (PT)

Woodlawn Memorial Park
1000 El Camino Real
Colma, CA

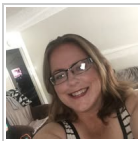
Tribute Wall

 Jennifer Young

“ *R. I. P. My prayers go out to family & friends.*



Jennifer Young - September 29, 2015 at 08:26 PM



“ *Leann Ferreira lit a candle in memory of Mr. Rafael Arturo Lopez*



Leann Ferreira - September 26, 2015 at 03:03 AM

 Diane Ayala

“ *Diane Ayala lit a candle in memory of Mr. Rafael Arturo Lopez*



Diane Ayala - September 25, 2015 at 09:11 PM

 Diane Ayala

Rafa It's been hard to accept that you left us so suddenly. You will be missed by many people, who's lives you touched with your kindness and warm heart. My condolences to my cousin Bernadette Llamas-Lopez ,their children and grandchildren.

Diane Ayala - September 25, 2015 at 09:22 PM

LF

My heart is full of sorrow . I cant believe your gone and with god ..I am not good at keeping up with this facebook stuff for funerals and I am so sad that I missed saying goodbye to you.I loved your honesty your funny facial expressions(usually at me it was r you crazy girl) and didn't a word. I haven't seen you in awhile but I always loved you once I love someone its forever. your big huge smiles and hugs will be missed most ..I love ya see ya on the other side my friend...
Leann Ferreira

Leann Ferreira - September 26, 2015 at 02:55 AM



Navarro
Cruz

“ *Praying for the Lopez family R.I.P*



Navarro Cruz - September 25, 2015 at 02:40 PM



“ *Lala Gonzales-Mccarty lit a candle in memory of Mr. Rafael Arturo Lopez*



Lala Gonzales-Mccarty - September 25, 2015 at 02:25 PM



I will keep a candle burning in your name always. Fafas your legacy will live on thru all the hearts you hold a place in. REST IN PARADISE NOW TILL WE ALL AGAIN AT THE PEARLY GATES.

Lala Gonzales-Mccarty - September 25, 2015 at 02:29 PM

AS

“ we are so sad and sorry to hear of Ralph's passing, he will be missed. He always had a smile for everyone. VGE! Fafas!
April and Chris Smith

April smith - September 24, 2015 at 06:59 PM



“ *Linda Melendez*



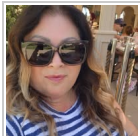
Linda Melendez - September 24, 2015 at 04:25 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Rafael Arturo Lopez.*



September 24, 2015 at 02:04 PM



“ *Renee Narvaiz lit a candle in memory of Mr. Rafael Arturo Lopez*



Renee Narvaiz - September 24, 2015 at 01:09 PM

SV

“ I so remember the crab feeds we used to go to in Concord at the church, with Rafael, Mary, Steve (husband) and myself. Boy, could Rafael & Steve put the crab legs away, the servers kept bringing em' on. lol. Mary and Rafael always had the best Christmas gatherings at their house for family and friends. Those were always fun times and Rafael, was just the nicest person ever.
RIParadise ~ Steve & Sandie Vallergera...



Sandie Vallergera - September 24, 2015 at 12:49 AM

AC

“ Thank you for being my friend. You are one of the good guys for sure. Lots of love to your family and friends



Aileen Cunningham - September 23, 2015 at 11:09 PM

KA

“ Kaiiva lit a candle in memory of Mr. Rafael Arturo Lopez



Kaiiva - September 23, 2015 at 09:43 PM

KA

“ I send my deepest condolences as I remember the kindness Sandra,Rafael and the Lopez family showed me as a kid in the mid 70z to mid 80z @466 Paris St.

Sencerly,

KAIIVA or just Kai

Kaiiva - September 23, 2015 at 09:41 PM

PO

“ Till we meet again at heavens gate. Pops Big "E"

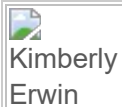
POPS - September 23, 2015 at 06:43 PM



“ Stacey Phillips lit a candle in memory of Mr. Rafael Arturo Lopez



Stacey Phillips - September 23, 2015 at 11:45 AM



“ Kimberly Erwin lit a candle in memory of Mr. Rafael Arturo Lopez



Kimberly Erwin - September 23, 2015 at 11:35 AM

LG

“ *Lawrence Gonzales lit a candle in memory of Mr. Rafael Arturo Lopez*



Lawrence Gonzales - September 23, 2015 at 10:40 AM

LT

“ *Laurie Tolen lit a candle in memory of Mr. Rafael Arturo Lopez*



Laurie Tolen - September 23, 2015 at 10:16 AM



“ *Shawna Hudson-Strock lit a candle in memory of Mr. Rafael Arturo Lopez*



Shawna Hudson-Strock - September 23, 2015 at 09:58 AM

TS

“ *Teddy Freij Sr lit a candle in memory of Mr. Rafael Arturo Lopez*



Teddy Freij Sr - September 23, 2015 at 07:59 AM

MT

“ *Marina Tellez lit a candle in memory of Mr. Rafael Arturo Lopez*



Marina Tellez - September 23, 2015 at 04:37 AM

MT

I'm really going to miss you. Peace and love until we meet again.

Marina Tellez - September 23, 2015 at 04:42 AM

FR

“ *Francine lit a candle in memory of Mr. Rafael Arturo Lopez*



Francine - September 23, 2015 at 12:38 AM



“ *Dana Gonzales lit a candle in memory of Mr. Rafael Arturo Lopez*



Dana Gonzales - September 23, 2015 at 12:33 AM

DG

“Fafas, I remember you from back in the days from our hood. You always had a way with the ladies bro and you were a good vato. We all miss you and have much love and respect for you! We're sad your gone. Say what's up our homies on the other side! VGE forever bro!

Dana Gonzales - September 23, 2015 at 12:31 AM

DF

“You will truly be missed cousin ❤️



Dana Llamas Trost and Family - September 22, 2015 at 04:33 PM



“Sandy Tijero lit a candle in memory of Mr. Rafael Arturo Lopez



Sandy Tijero - September 21, 2015 at 09:28 PM

RA

“ *This is a beautiful heart felt obituary. Sending my deepest condolences to the entire Lopez family. May your cherished memories he left behind help you with your grieving and continue to keep the love and spirit alive in your hearts.*

When we met he was called Ralphie as kids, as we grew older we started calling him Fafas. We were all so blessed to be raised in the Excelsior community where everyone knew everyone. Our parents knew each other, our older siblings grew up together and our younger ones continued with the small community legacy. We were also very close to the Crocker Park community, which really just made us one big happy family.

As kids we played out outside until dark, as teens we hung out at the park, listen to music, party and making many wonderful memories, which I will cherish always. But it wasn't until we all became adults and moved on to have our own families that we realized how bonded we really are. It didn't matter how long its been since we seen each other, how far someone may have moved, whenever we connected there was NO time lapse, we just picked right up and was family.

No one understood this and loved it as much as Fafas. He wore his heart on his sleeve. I will miss him dearly and cherish the memories, Always.

With deepest sympathy,

Robin Arevalo-Melendez

Robin Arevalo-Melendez - September 20, 2015 at 04:12 PM

HR

“ 1 file added to the album Ralph Lopez



Howard Rogan - September 20, 2015 at 01:00 PM

HR

Love you my brother !

Howard Rogan - September 20, 2015 at 01:02 PM

SR

“ I love you and miss you Brother



Sandra Rogan - September 20, 2015 at 01:00 PM

ML

“ Mary Lopez lit a candle in memory of Mr.
Rafael Arturo Lopez



mary lopez - September 19, 2015 at 06:07 PM