



Rafael Gonzalez, Sr.

October 5, 1940 - January 24, 2013

Rafael Gonzalez, Sr., of El Campo, passed away on January 24, 2013 at the age of 72. He was born on October 5, 1940 to Guadalupe and Trinidad Tijerina Gonzalez in Charco, Texas. Rafael's passion was preaching the Good News of Jesus Christ from the young age of 13 and spending time with his family. He was the owner of Ralph Gonzalez Trucking and pastor of El Bethel Pentecostal Church.

He is survived by his wife Teresa S. Gonzalez of El Campo; sons Rafael Gonzalez Jr and wife Martha, Randy Gonzalez, all of El Campo; daughter-in-law Lori Gonzalez of Houston; brother Guadalupe Gonzalez, Jr; and grandchildren Austyn Gonzalez, Meghan Gonzalez, Trini Gonzalez, Nathan Gonzalez, Matthew Gonzalez and Hannah Gonzalez.

Rafael was preceded in death by his parents, sister Lidia Serna and son Attorney Rene S. Gonzalez.

Visitation will begin at 4 pm on Saturday, January 26, 2013 at El Bethel Pentecostal Church with a wake service at 6 pm. Funeral services will be at 10 am on Sunday, January 27, 2013 at El Bethel Pentecostal Church with Reverend Juan Carmona and Pastor Randy Gonzalez officiating. Graveside service will follow at La Colonial Cemetery in El Campo, Texas.

Pallbearers are Austyn Gonzalez, William Rey Acosta, Justo Sanchez, Jerry Ramirez, Wallie Gonzalez and Jerry Gonzalez.

Memorial donations may be made in honor of Rafael to El Bethel Pentecostal Church.

Tribute Wall

CT

“ Randy so sorry for the loss of your father. I lost my mother two years ago and it was very hard for me. I will keep you and Austyn in our prayers. Stay strong my friend GOD is a wonderful GOD and he will always have his arms wrapped around you. Your friends,
Cynthia Aguilar and Cullen Blake Aguilar

Cynthia Aguilar - El Campo, TX - January 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ I am So Sorry for Your Loss, Your Family and Your Loved One will be in our Thoughts and Prayers. God Bless.

Lormand Family - El Campo, TX - January 27, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MN

“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family. Uncle Ralph will be deeply missed. Aunt Theresa, I wish I could give you a big hug. We love you and miss you.

Suzanne Gutierrez Griscom

Matt & Suzanne Griscom - West Harrison, IN - Niece - January 26, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LG

“ Dear Tere and family,

I am so sad to hear of Ralph's passing. I know it is a very difficult time for you but I am sure you are comforted by the fact that Ralph was so faithful in God.

I am very sorry to tell you that my husband Roland and I are unable to attend Ralph's services because we are out of the country until Sunday night. Please know that you are all in our prayers.

*God bless you,
Linda*

Linda Gonzalez - January 26, 2013 at 12:00 AM

FF

“ Dear Martha and Family,

My prayers are with you and your family at this time. May God's grace and comfort be with you.

Sincerely,

Fran Kyle

Fran Kyle - El Campo, TX - friend - January 26, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dear Gonzalez Family,

You're in our prayers. We are deeply saddened by the loss of our dear brother. We know that God will continue to wrap you all in his arms in this difficult time. God bless you.

Pastor Roberto Tonsul & Family - Victoria, TX - fellow minister in the UPLCII - January 26, 2013 at 12:00 AM