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Richard Franco, Jr., 63 of Dallas, Texas left this earth peacefully at home on May 5, 2021 after a 6 year battle with congestive heart failure. Born in Dallas on September 24, 1957 to Richard Franco and Conchita Orona Franco, he was a long time resident and volunteer in the Lakewood community. Known as “Rick” by friends, he attended J. L. Long Jr. High and graduated from Woodrow Wilson High School in 1976 where he played football and made many lifelong friends. After graduation he married the love of his life, Martha Giron, a WWW classmate. His son, Michael Anthony Franco, was born and he devoted himself to being a great Dad after the two year marriage ended. Rick was a kind, steady, patient, hard working man who worked for his father’s company from 1976-2010 when the business closed.

Rick inherited a love of music from his father. He had his favorite bands that he saw in concert; the Doobie Brothers, Chicago, Earth, Wind and Fire, Santana and several more. His interests ranged from collectible coins, baseball cards, stamps, pens, JFK news articles, Dallas history, to cooking and camping. He was an avid fan of all the Dallas Teams, especially the Rangers and Cowboys. His wit and humor and easy going manner were a delight to all and his patience was without end. He was a member of Agape Memorial UMC and was active as a youth, and later served on its administrative board.

Rick started his Boy Scout volunteer work in 1984 when he enrolled Michael, his son, in the Webelo Cub Pack 54. In 1987 he became Scoutmaster of Troop 64, Council 10, sponsored by Northridge Presbyterian Church on Bob-o-Link St. in Lakewood. His dedication to the Scout organization earned him the District Award of Merit in 1992, Scouters Training Award, Scouter’s Key, Woodbadge Beads in 1990, and the White Buffalo District’s Walker Service Award. In 1996 he



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received the prestigious Silver Beaver Award, the highest award given to a scouter for services performed in the Circle Ten Council.

In 1994 he was awarded a Life Membership in the Texas PTA recognizing some eight years of programs benefiting Dallas students and schools. His active leadership in securing Woodrow/Long Youth and Family Health Center, an extension of Parkland Hospital, played a part in his prestigious PTA recognition. In this role he chaired the Health & Safety Committee for 6 years. Rick also served on the Long PTA board and Woodrow Wilson Band Boosters Club, serving as president from 1994-1995. He was also recognized by Carter BloodCare in

2008 for his whole blood donation of 10 lifetime gallons and 9 whole blood donations.

He mentored many young Eagle Scout candidates to their full potential including his son, Michael, and Michael's siblings, Stephen and Robert Ybarra and his nephew, Steven Cordova during his tenure as Scoutmaster of Troop 64. Rick enjoyed his special relationship with Stephen and Robert and beamed when their children called him "grandpa." He also had a special bond with his granddaughter, Alix, who graduated from high school this month.

We will remember Rick's smile, humble spirit, quiet demeanor, commitment and concern for others, his generosity and love of God, family and Lakewood community. He was a good and loving son, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, friend, and mentor to many young men and beloved and respected by all of them.

Rick was predeceased by his father, Richard Franco Sr, who passed away in November of 2018. Rick is survived by his mother, Conchita O. Franco; son, Michael A. Franco and granddaughter, Alix Franco; sisters: Michelle Marie Franco Rolando (Larry), Susan Elizabeth Franco Cordova (Guadalupe), and Cynthia Anne Franco as well as nephews Steven Cordova (Jeanette), James Rolando; niece, Marisa Conchita Cordova Moreno (Alberto); former wife and best friend, Martha G. Ybarra and her sons Stephen and Robert and their children.

A Memorial Service will be held on Sunday, June 6 in the afternoon at 3:30 p.m. in the sanctuary of St. Philip United Methodist Church, 3717 Broadway, Garland, Texas.




Events

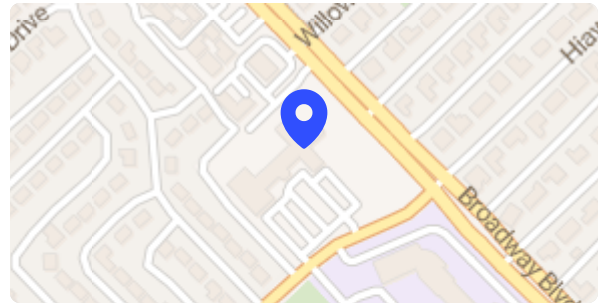
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Memorial Service

 **Sunday**, June 6, 2021

 3:30 PM CT

 **St. Philips United Methodist Church**
3717 Broadway Blvd., Garland TX 75043





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Jeffrey Chase posted:

Mr. Franco was a good man and great Scoutmaster. Always serving the community, his neighbors, his friends and scouts. He led many of us through Philmont ♥:flag-us: He will be remembered and missed.

June 6 at 9:52 AM



Cookie Stokes posted:

Rick was very helpful at Woodrow PTA and Band Boosters. We often volunteered together at concession stands at games and concerts to earn money for the band. He was always helpful. I bought Boy Scout fertilizer from him for years. I'm sorry I will miss his service. Michael, congratulations on your daughter, Alix, graduation. Greetings from the mom of Jonathan and Corrie.
Cookie Stokes

June 6 at 2:32 AM



Martha Ybarra lit a candle in honor of Richard.

Richard, You will forever remain in my heart. You were, and will always be, the best thing that has ever happened to me, in my whole existence on this earth. Thank You for choosing me. We remained the best of friends forevermore, not a day will go by that I won't miss our conversations of good mornings and get well wishes. I will carry you in my heart, always. Rest In Eternal Peace My Dearest One, until we meet again...Martha Giron-Ybarra 🌹🙏



June 5 at 5:27 PM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Franco family.



June 5 at 8:46 AM



Northridge Presbyterian Church sent a Sentiments of Serenity Spray to the Franco family.



June 4 at 8:25 AM



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KS

Kenneth And Elisa Long And Toni Soto sent a Guiding Light Bouquet to the Franco family.



June 4 at 8:02 AM

AT

Allan Tepera posted:

Very sorry for the loss of Rick. He led my sons Brian and Michael to achieve their Eagle rank and led me as I helped the boys at Scouting functions and campouts. Always thoughtful, caring and patient, Rick taught the boys how to work through challenges, persevere and achieve their goals. In the process, he also taught me how to be a better parent and better person. I was honored to be part of the Troop 64 experience and grateful to have known Rick. May God bless him and his family. Allan Tepera7118 WildbriarDallas, TX 75214

June 4 at 6:54 AM

TJ

Tim Jernigan June 12 at 10:48 AM

My son Nathaniel and I have very fond memories of Rick from Nathaniel's short but memorable time in Troop 64. Rick was a sterling gentleman and a great leader. So glad he was in our lives.

CC

Chris Clore June 6 at 6:43 AM

Rick was such a treasure. Words cannot adequately express the respect I had for this humble, generous, and caring man. He impacted the lives of so many young men with his leadership in Boy Scouts of America.

DD

Dianna Drury June 5 at 3:53 PM

May he Rest In Peace. May his memory be a Blessing. Working with Rick in Scouting was always fun Dianna Drury



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Richard by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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