



## Richard Gerard Ruiz, Sr.

March 6, 1954 - August 21, 2019

Ruiz, Richard Sr "Richie"

March 6, 1954-August 21, 2019

Richard was born in Fresno, California March 6, 1954 to Frank and Emily Ruiz. Richard was the youngest of 8 children. Richard was a beloved father, brother, Papa, and friend. He grew up in Kingsburg California and was known for being a talented drummer, a track and field phenomenon in his earlier years, and just an all around amazing person loved by all.

Richard was a very dedicated worker and right out of high school began his career as a phone operator with Pacific Bell. After a short while, he moved up to the position of lineman. Through years of hard work Richard became an expert in his field and earned a promotion to lineman supervisor. Pacific Bell merged with AT&T and during this transition Richard took on a new challenge as the supervisor of the crews implementing the roll out of AT&T U-verse throughout the valley. Richard had a successful career with AT&T for over 39 years and then he happily retired.

Richard lived life to the fullest. He enjoyed playing music, hanging out with friends and family, fishing with his son and brothers, and playing pool, shuffle board, and darts. Everyone in the family knew that they could drop by Richard's house at any time to hang out and have fun. His house was a second home to many.

Richard was a Papa to 9 beautiful grandchildren. He adored all of his grandchildren and always greeted them with a huge hug and kiss and a "Who

loves you? That's right Papa!"

Preceding him in death are his father and mother Frank and Emily Ruiz, and his 2 brothers, David and Harold Ruiz.

He will be forever remembered by his children Jeremiah Jones, Richie Ruiz, Amber Vaquera, and Ashley Rivera; his siblings Jeannette Demay, Diane Jones, Frank Ruiz, DeeDee Kezirian, and Stan Ruiz; his girlfriend Sandy Medley; the mother of his children Pamela Jones. Richard will also be fondly remembered by his grandchildren, Elijah Ruiz, Anastasia (Stasia) Galindo, Jayden Galindo, Nevaeh Jones, Kaytlyn Jones, Sophie Vaquera, David Rivera, Alexander Vaquera, and Victoria Rivera; by his numerous nieces, nephews and extended family and friends.

A visitation for friends and family will be available on Thursday, August 29, 2019 from 5:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. at Holy Family Catholic Church, 1275 Smith St, Kingsburg CA 93631 with a Rosary Service to commence immediately following.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated in memory of Richard on Friday, August 30, at 9:30 A.M., at Holy Family Catholic Church. Interment will follow at the Kingsburg Cemetery located at 12782 E Clarkson Ave, Kingsburg CA 93631. Following the interment, the family would like to invite you back to the Holy Family Catholic Church Hall for food and refreshments.

In lieu of flowers or food the family prefers to have money donated via check to Kingsburg High School and please make notation in the memo field "In Memory of Richie Ruiz". At the direction of the Family, proceeds will be evenly split between the KHS Music Department and the KHS Track Program in order to give back to the programs that Richie and Stan loved so much.

# Cemetery Details

## Kingsburg Cemetery

12782 E. Clarkson Avenue  
Kingsburg, CA 93631

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG **29**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (PT)

Holy Family Catholic Church  
1275 Smith Street  
Kingsburg, CA 93631

## Rosary

AUG **29**. 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM (PT)

Holy Family Catholic Church  
1275 Smith Street  
Kingsburg, CA 93631

## Mass of Christian Burial

AUG **30**. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (PT)

Holy Family Catholic Church  
1275 Smith Street  
Kingsburg, CA 93631



# Tribute Wall



“ *Salser & Dillard Creighton Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Richard Gerard Ruiz, Sr.*



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**Salser & Dillard Creighton Chapel** - August 21, 2019 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ *So many great memories growing up with Richie. I'll never forget him. May he rest in peace. Love from cousin Mark Ponce & family*

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**Mark Ponce** - August 31, 2019 at 03:41 PM

DD

“ *Dina Day lit a candle in memory of Richard Gerard Ruiz, Sr.*



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**Dina Day** - August 29, 2019 at 10:00 PM

GS

*Rest in peace my friend. The Ruiz family is in my thoughts and my prayers are with you always.*

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**Geri Sims** - August 30, 2019 at 11:40 AM

DD

“ *RIP...  
Richie you will never be forgotten.. Everytime I walk by the booth  
where you sat..I smile... Your friend Dina*

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**Dina Day** - August 29, 2019 at 09:59 PM

MB

“ *Melanie and Matt Brumble (Lise's brother)  
purchased the Adoring Heart for the family of  
Richard Gerard Ruiz, Sr..*



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**Melanie and Matt Brumble (Lise's brother)** - August 29, 2019  
at 04:34 PM

MC

“ *Sending love! Margo Darnell Cadoret*



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**margo darnell cadoret** - August 29, 2019 at 02:45 PM

SW

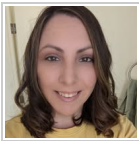
“ Such a beautiful tribute to a well loved man. I only know you as uncle Richie; as your niece Stephanie married my son Jerry Box, and you provided music at their wedding in Kingsburg in March 1989.

*I love and appreciate the whole Ruiz family for the kindness, love, and fun you have shown my son and the kids John, Courtney, and Allison these past 30 years. I've heard your names and stories mentioned many times over the years and feel as if I know you. I know you will be greatly missed.*

*My prayers and condolences are with you. Sincerely, Susan Whittier*

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**Susan Whittier** - August 29, 2019 at 12:49 PM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**Amber Vaquera** - August 28, 2019 at 09:20 PM

PA

“ RIP my friend Richie, words will never express you. I hope for your family some kind of peace and comfort, I'm not sure how. You have left some big ole clown sized shoes to fill. My heart is broken, make some noise my friend. 💔💔💔💔

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**Paulette** - August 28, 2019 at 09:08 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Richard Gerard Ruiz, Sr..*



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August 28, 2019 at 05:47 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Richard Gerard Ruiz, Sr..*



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August 28, 2019 at 04:15 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Richard Gerard Ruiz, Sr..*



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August 28, 2019 at 03:57 PM



“ *Christina Gonzalez lit a candle in memory of Richard Gerard Ruiz, Sr.*



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**Christina Gonzalez** - August 28, 2019 at 03:55 PM

PJ

“ *Papa with his grandchildren.*



Pamela Jones - August 28, 2019 at 01:32 PM

TE

*Rich was such a unique man..loved wholehearted by all! Best Dad , Papa, brother and friend to everyone he met.Christina's Nino..and my FAV. little Brother..*

*Love you Richie*

*Sis Tena* ❤️❤️❤️

Tena.Ruiz.Misitano - August 28, 2019 at 06:02 PM

OH

“ *So sorry for your loss. I had my best track and field memories when we would travel on the bus with his sense of humor. He'll be missed always. A great friend to all. Octavio "tuvito" Herrera*

Octavio "Tuvito" Herrera - August 27, 2019 at 10:36 PM

LG

“ *Love, Dee Dee & Greg purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Richard Gerard Ruiz, Sr..*



Love, Dee Dee & Greg - August 26, 2019 at 05:59 PM