



Mr. Joseph Leon Casarez

June 24, 1950 - January 3, 2013

Joseph Leon Casarez, 62, of Goleta, California, passed away, on January 3rd 2013. He was born in Blythe, California, on June, 24, 1950 to Edward and Lilly Mae Casarez. Joe as known by his friends and family graduated from Lompoc High School in 1968, shortly after he enlisted and honorably served in the US Army from Sept. 8, 1970 and served until March 29, 1972. He became part of the 101st Airborne Division. During his tour in Vietnam he received a National Defense Medal; a Vietnam Service Medal with 2 Bronze Service Stars; Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal; Combat Infantry Badge; Air Medal; Expert (M-60); Expert (Pistol .45 cal); Sharpshooter (Rifle M-16) He was a helicopter tail gunner and he served in Recon.

After serving in the military Joe joined the Santa Barbara City Fire Department. Joe was proud of his occupation as a fire fighter where he worked hard for 25 years and retired as a Fire Captain. Joe was a baseball, soccer and basketball coach for Dos Pueblos Little League and Goleta Boys Club for about 5 years. He is remembered as a hero, an outstanding family man, and an all-around great guy.

Joe was preceded in death by his father Edward Casarez, mother Lilly Mae Casarez and younger brother Manuel Casarez.

Joe is survived by his lovely and strong wife of 35 years Martha, his children Ares, Jesus and Bella Casarez, his grandchildren Benito, Angel, and Selena

Casarez, and his great granddaughter Emiliana Casarez; as well as his two brothers: Edward Casarez (Ramona) and Patrick Casarez (Julie); his three sisters: Rose Casarez Roetman, Angie Estrada (Cornelius) and Ernestine Davis and their families.

Memorial Services will be held 5:00pm – 8:00pm on Friday, January 11, 2013 at Welch-Ryce-Haider; 450 Ward Dr., Goleta, CA (viewing: 5:00pm-7:00pm; rosary at 7:00. A Mass will be held at 10:00am on Saturday, January 12, 2013 at San Raphael's Catholic Church; 5444 Hollister Ave., Santa Barbara, CA.

Previous Events

Viewing

JAN 11. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (PT)

Welch-Ryce-Haider - Goleta
450 Ward Drive
Santa Barbara, CA 93111
(805) 965-5145
info@wrhsb.com
<https://www.wrhsb.com>

Vigil

JAN 11. 7:00 PM (PT)

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450 Ward Drive
Santa Barbara, CA 93111
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Memorial Service

JAN 12. 10:00 AM (PT)

St. Raphael Catholic Church
5444 Hollister Ave.
Santa Barbara, CA 93111
<http://www.straphaelsb.com/>

Tribute Wall

JP

“ we are all very sorry to learn of Joe's passing we severed together in Vietnam (L/Co Rangers) he was one of our brothers he will always be in our heart Rest In Peace my brother

John Perez - April 20, 2025 at 09:15 AM

KC

“ Uncle Joe,
Even though we are overjoyed that you are once again Free and in the presence of family, riends and Our Lord, it's still hard to say goodbye for now...



We are Blessed to have many loving memories of you to hold forever in our hearts?

Kat, Rick and Dominic

kathleen casarez-perkins - January 11, 2013 at 01:03 PM

RA

“ Matha and boys, just wanted to send my condolence and prayers to u and your family
I will be thinking of all of u

Becky

Rebecca Abillie - January 11, 2013 at 10:03 AM

MH

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marvin ray hartsfield - January 10, 2013 at 10:11 AM

MH

Joe, Martha, Ares and Jesus

marvin ray hartsfield - January 10, 2013 at 10:18 AM

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“ *It's very hard to lose a close friend like Joe. For many years, Joe was probably the most loyal, trustworthy, got ur back, best friend I had! We raised a little hell, once or twice in our younger years! Don't really think Martha did cartwheels when we got together!! Sorry, Martha, lol! I know he loved you and the boys more than anything on earth. We will all miss that big smile of his and his laugh!! Our prayers are with you, the boys and their families. Love you all, Ray*



Marvin Ray Hartsfield - January 08, 2013 at 04:03 PM

DN

Uncle Lonie, I miss you so very much I should have been a better niece and visited more often. I wish I could be there to say goodbye :(I LOVE YOU!!! Now you get to see grandma & grandpa and my Uncle Manuel :)

Denise Wright - Niece - January 11, 2013 at 09:27 AM