



Captain Luis Raymundo Lopez

September 22, 1945 - March 16, 2020

Rev. Luis Raymundo Lopez was born on September 22, 1945 in Managua, Nicaragua. Ray passed away on March 16, 2020, at the age of 74 in Midland, Texas where he lived since 1992.

Ray was born in Nicaragua to Enrique Lopez, and at the age of 10 years old came to America with his oldest brother Inocente Trinidad Lariosa. "Larry" raised Ray and was like a father to him and the rest of his family that immigrated together to America. Larry's entire family served in the United States Air Force, and Ray was raised as an American Military child.

Ray Lopez was drafted and later enlisted into the United States Army where he worked his way through the ranks while serving in the Vietnam War to the rank of Captain. Captain Lopez was part of the Special Forces in the Green Berets and became a highly decorated Jump Master / Paratrooper, receiving three Purple Hearts, one Silver Star, four Bronze Stars, Cross of Gallantry, and an Air Medal, among other awards and commendations.

After his Military service, he returned to El Paso, Texas and was stationed at Fort Bliss, where he previously had married Emilia Victoria Soto-Lopez on January 20th, 1970. Together they had three boys, Luis Raymundo Lopez Jr, Richard Paul Lopez, and Robert Michael Lopez. Ray Lopez Jr married Samantha Sowell and had 2 children; Cole Lopez and Amber Lopez. Paul

Lopez married Katie LaBonne and they have 2 children; Ashley Lopez and Kaylee Lopez. Michael Lopez married Elizabeth Bessire.

Captain Lopez is survived by his extended family; Larry Lariosa, Margarita Soto, Jose Soto, Linda Lujan, Mauri Lariosa, Marinita Lariosa, Pio Lariosa, Cecilia Lariosa, Conchita Rodriguez, Chendita Vallecillo, Sukie Soto, Lupe Soto, Noni Soto, Marsha Armstrong, Ignacio Yanez Jr, Cathy Yanez, Dylan Soto, Catalina Ataydo Ignacio Yanez Sr., Nena Yanez, and Karen Yanez.

Throughout his life he poured his heart into continuing to serve other veterans of all eras. It is impossible to count the number of lives Ray Lopez touched over his years dedicated to his service as Chaplain of the Odessa VFW Post 4372 in the Permian Basin. Captain Lopez helped lay to rest countless veterans, leading the Honor Guard at funerals and memorial services. He assisted grieving families by delivering a dignified farewell to those who made the ultimate sacrifice. His respect for others, as well as his personal touch to each service led many to receiving the Lord's message of hope and salvation amidst deep grief. Captain Lopez was a man of purpose, and he will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him.

A visitation will be held on Thursday, March 19, from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm at American Heritage Funeral Home in Midland, Texas. A funeral will be held on Friday, March 20, at 3:00 pm at American Heritage Funeral Home with burial immediately following at American Heritage Cemetery. Because of the current COVID-19 pandemic, services are limited to the public, and will be livestreaming. Please check back here for more information on Captain Lopez's services. Arrangements by American Heritage Cemetery Funeral Home Crematory.

PLEASE RSVP FOR FAMILY VISITATION AND VIEWING: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/cpt-luis-raymundo-lopez-visitation-rsvp-tickets-100311502404>

Cemetery Details

American Heritage Cemetery

4100 North FM 1788
Midland, TX 79707
(432) 563-9767
info@thehealingstartshere.com
<https://thehealingstartshere.com>

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 19. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral

MAR 20. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

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Burial

MAR **20**. 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ American Heritage Cemetery, Funeral Home, & Crematory created a Webcast in memory of Captain Luis Raymundo Lopez



American Heritage Funeral Home - March 19, 2020 at 03:52 PM



Vicki and family, our prayers are with you during this time of sorrow. I pray that you feel the arms of God wrapped around you providing you with strength, protection and comfort. We love you all.

Michelle Rodman - March 19, 2020 at 05:45 PM



Praying for Gods comfort for the Lopez family.

Joseph Lariosa - March 19, 2020 at 06:23 PM



Enjoy heaven brother Ray. I love you.

Richard Lariosa - March 19, 2020 at 08:29 PM



I'm sure you're an Angel now in the Service of the Lord. Love you, DAD

Larry Lariosa - March 20, 2020 at 03:59 PM



May you rest in peace Brother Ray. Our condolences to our beautiful cousin Vickie and family. May God Bless you. Carmen Carrasco Paredes and Manny Carrasco. We love you all.

Carmen Paredes - March 22, 2020 at 04:33 PM

VG

“ I was so very saddened to learn of Chaplain Lopez' death. He was a member of our Permian Basin Welcome Home Committee and, of course, the West Texas Patriot Guard; and, most importantly for him being a member of the VFW Honor Guard that participated in the burial ceremonies of our veterans. He had a heart of Gold and a smile that just lit up the room!

Thank you Capt. Lopez for your service to our Country, to our Communities (Midland/Odessa); and, to our veterans. Once our Lord welcomed you Home, may you have received a joyous military welcome and parade that included your family members and every veteran at whose funeral you participated; AND, all the veterans that were there to welcome you home. Thank you, Dear Friend. You have earned your rest.

Vickie Gomez, PBWHC, Odessa, TX

Vickie Gomez - March 21, 2020 at 09:08 PM

PM

“ To a great hard working man of God. You will be missed Love,Bill,Pat,Lori McPherson.

Pat McPherson - March 21, 2020 at 05:24 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Memorial Slideshow



David Cole - March 21, 2020 at 03:25 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Captain Luis Raymundo Lopez.*



March 20, 2020 at 12:42 PM



“ *Cpt Luis Raymundo Lopez I will miss you greatly I always felt the sense of love you had for us. as for my dear sweet sister and nephews my prayers for you is for God to give you comfort and strength.
love you all
Sukie*



Sukie Soto - March 20, 2020 at 11:52 AM



“ *With love, Marsha, Bud, Leilani & Genevieve Thayer purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Captain Luis Raymundo Lopez.*



With love, Marsha, Bud, Leilani & Genevieve Thayer - March 20, 2020 at 10:33 AM



“ *Jessica Cordell lit a candle in memory of Captain Luis Raymundo Lopez*



Jessica Cordell - March 20, 2020 at 10:12 AM

JC

“ Reverend Lopez and the VFW Honor Guard honored my father at his funeral several years ago. The words Reverend Lopez spoke to me when he presented the flag to me were calming and of great comfort. His lifetime of sacrifice and service to his fellow man is a great example of how we all should live our lives. Rest In Peace Reverend Lopez.

J. Scott Campbell

J. Scott Campbell - March 20, 2020 at 09:45 AM

DH

“ Danny and I will miss you Ray. Your a wonderful godly man and will be missed very much. May you're still in peace. I know you'll take care of all the Veterans up in heaven. I'm sure you have already started. God bless you and your family. Your an angel.

Danny and Linda Henry - March 20, 2020 at 08:26 AM

RL

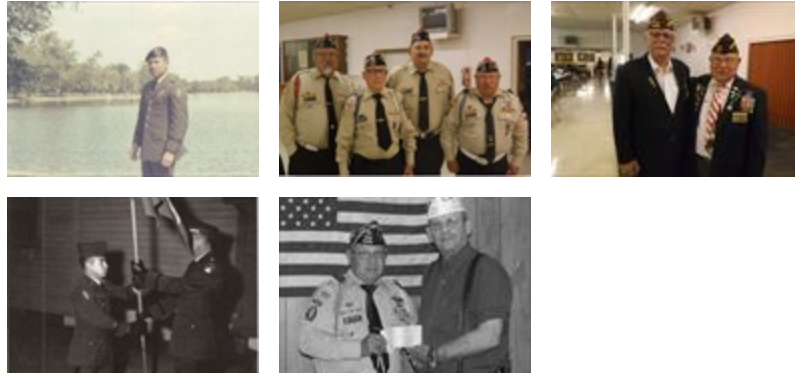
“ Richard Lariosa purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Captain Luis Raymundo Lopez.



Richard Lariosa - March 19, 2020 at 08:39 PM



“ 111 files added to the album Memorial Slideshow



David Cole - March 19, 2020 at 05:07 PM



I am the very first person in the film. Luis ray Lopez little brother, Joseph Lariosa. That is my first grade photo taken in Maine. 1964. Great film , thank you for putting it together

Joseph Lariosa - March 19, 2020 at 06:02 PM



“ Joseph & Brenda Lariosa, Dad (Larry Lariosa), Rick purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Captain Luis Raymundo Lopez.



Joseph & Brenda Lariosa, Dad (Larry Lariosa), Rick - March 18, 2020 at 09:04 PM

JL

“ *My oldest brother Ray!! I have always been proud to have you as my brother! I was especially proud of your military service. You are my hero! May you rest in God's loving arms.*

*Your little brother
Joe Lariosa*



Joseph Lariosa - March 18, 2020 at 08:41 PM

JL

We were 9. now we are 6. Will always love and you miss you Ray!

Joseph Lariosa - March 18, 2020 at 08:46 PM



“ *Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Captain Luis Raymundo Lopez.*



March 18, 2020 at 07:27 PM

MA

“ *I would always visit with him at all the functions..funerals and Vetetan events...we talked about our times in the military...it was indeed my honor and privilege to know such a great man...brave soldier...true hero...*

Major Armendariz - March 18, 2020 at 06:56 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Captain Luis Raymundo Lopez.*



March 18, 2020 at 06:39 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Captain Luis Raymundo Lopez.*



March 18, 2020 at 06:27 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Captain Luis Raymundo Lopez.*



March 18, 2020 at 05:56 PM



“ *Prayers to the Soto family.*



Samuel Faz Jr - March 18, 2020 at 03:57 PM

GS

“ *Guadalupe Soto lit a candle in memory of
Captain Luis Raymundo Lopez*



Guadalupe Soto - March 18, 2020 at 03:33 PM

GS

Fly High Ray, to the Lord for we will all be together someday.

Guadalupe Soto - March 18, 2020 at 03:36 PM