



John Alonzo Rodriguez

May 16, 1925 - March 7, 2019

John Alonzo Rodriguez , 93, of La Jolla Indian Reservation cashed in his chips with the Big House in the Sky on March 7, 2019 at his home.

John was born on May 16, 1925 on the La Jolla Reservation to Damascio Rodriguez and Juana Guassac-Rodriguez. He was preceded in death by his parents and his brothers, Alex and Peter Rodriguez. John attended and graduated High School from the Sherman Indian School in Riverside, Ca. He then enlisted in the US Army. During his time in the military he served in World War II. John has been stationed in the Philippines and Japan. His primary duty was serving as a Military Policeman. He used these skills when he returned home throughout his life as a peacemaker and mediator.

Upon returning home to the reservation John married the love of his life Mary Guacheno from Santa Ysabel Reservation. They had two lovely daughters, Carey Rodriguez-Wolfe and Anita Rodriguez-Sanchez. During their time raising their daughters they were also raising 12 of their cousins; Betty Jean Vernachi, Patricia Rodriguez, Richard Rodriguez, Linda Banegas, Roberta Banegas, Velma Schlater, Carol Rodriguez, Wohlford Guacheno, Gary Guacheno, Michael Guacheno, Alvin Guacheno, and Wesley Ruise. The house was always full of children playing and full of love.

John worked for many years as a Butcher at Melba's Market in Pauma Valley. He was well known in the community and was always cheerful. John then began his own business in Pauma Valley, the "Casa Blanca." His billiards, bar and grill became a well known hot spot in the Valley. John and Mary enjoyed many years running "the Casa."

He retired in 1973 and began enjoying retirement with his grandchildren, Jason Wolfe and Inez Sanchez-Pojas. His beloved wife went to be with the lord in 1991. He spent the remainder of his years with his family. He could always be found watching his great grandchildren's sporting events.

John is survived by his daughters, Carey Rodriguez-Wolfe, Anita Rodriguez-Sanchez, his

grandchildren Jason Wolfe (Tiffany, spouse) and Inez Sanchez-Pojas (George, spouse), and his great grandchildren, Nizhoni Wolfe, Ethan Wolfe, Malaya Pojas, Faith Pojas, and the twins Nu\$un and Mary Pojas; along with his godchildren, Brenda Guachino, Stanyla Guachino, Denette Romero, Annette Guachino, Velma Schlater and Brendine Parcell.

Events

MAR **Rosary** 05:00PM
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La Jolla Indian Reservation Hall
CA, US

MAR **Viewing** 05:00PM
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La Jolla Indian Reservation Hall
CA, US

MAR **Graveside Service** 10:00AM
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La Jolla Indian Reservation Hall
CA, US

Comments



“ Please accept my family's sincere condolences on the loss of your dear loved one Mr. Rodriguez. May you find comfort in fond memories of him, and peace in God's assured promise to awaken those asleep in death to perfect health and conditions under his new Earthly government.

Greene Family - March 31, 2019 at 11:51 AM



“ My deepest sympathy to the Rodriguez Family. Having grown up with Carey & Anita (and many of the family members) I Have very fond memories of Johnny & Mary when we were kids. I will remember them both with love. They welcomed me into there home and treated me as family. Seems like yesterday, I'd walk across the sweet potato field behind my Mom's store to see if the girls could come out & play.

Carey & I Had the pleasure of taking Johnny to lunch awhile back and we had one of his old friends & his daughter, join us. The “Boys” talked about their younger years at Sherman & then their time in the service. They were both very proud of their time in the service & rightfully so.

I never knew Johnny to be anything but kind and cheerful, he was a wonderful man & my life is better for having known him. It's so hard to loose a loved one but if we remember they are really in the safest place they can be...in our hearts & God's Hands .They live through us now & it's our responsibility to share their memories with Love.

With Heartfelt Sadness,
Gracie



Grace Cheney-Parsons - March 16, 2019 at 01:54 AM