



Rafael "Ralph" Villalpando

December 10, 1961 - May 30, 2024

Rafael Raya Villalpando died on May 30th after a determined battle against pancreatic cancer. He was born to Rafael and Angela Villalpando on December 10, 1961 in Mexico City, Mexico.

He is survived by his wife Deana, his daughter Taryn (Alain) and son Andrew. Also are his parents Rafael and Angela, his brother Victor (Shelley) and sister Maria. He was pre-deceased by his former wife and mother of his children, Laura.

Rafael went to aircraft mechanic school after graduating from Aldine High School, which ultimately led him to being hired with Continental Airlines in 1988. He would spend his whole 35-year career with Continental/United Airlines. Rafael's true passion was airplanes, whether it be fixing them, learning about them, or simply watching them go by in the sky.

Rafael loved watching sports, fishing, Miller Lite, and being with his friends and family. He never met a stranger (probably because of those dimples) and would frequently go out of his way to help someone in need. Rafael was a kind, helpful, giving and hardworking man and will be missed by his family and all who knew him.

Memorial services will be held in Northwoods Presbyterian Church at 3320 Cypress Creek Parkway on Saturday, June 8th at 11:00 AM.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may go to MD Anderson Cancer Center or the Pancreatic Cancer Foundation.

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Tribute Wall

LF

“ Love, Brian, Ramiro, Will & the FFL fam purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Rafael "Ralph" Villalpando.



Love, Brian, Ramiro, Will & the FFL fam - June 06, 2024 at 05:04 PM

MF

“ Meza family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Rafael "Ralph" Villalpando.



Meza family - June 06, 2024 at 12:31 PM

MF

“ Meza family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rafael "Ralph" Villalpando.

Meza family - June 06, 2024 at 12:31 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Rafael "Ralph" Villalpando.



June 06, 2024 at 11:10 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Rafael "Ralph" Villalpando.*



June 05, 2024 at 02:45 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Rafael "Ralph" Villalpando.*



June 05, 2024 at 12:24 PM



“ *So sorry to hear this news about Ralphie. My sincere condolences to the family and all his friends. I pray you are sustained by your faith and I wish you peace from the burdens of your minds and hearts. QEPD*

Jeffrey Gibler - June 05, 2024 at 03:00 AM



“ *Our brother Rafael is walking streets of Gold
I remember our long talks even when I was in the TOOLROOM/ you told me never to give up my dream when I became a technician and Lead and now and Aircraft inspector
You told me when I trust God and put God first look what God will do for you. Thank you for not giving up on me we will see you again when God comes again*

Dr. George Raymond Miller Jr. - June 03, 2024 at 04:55 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Rafael "Ralph" Villalpando.*



June 03, 2024 at 10:11 AM



“ *Deepest sympathies from my family to yours. May God comfort you and give you peace always. I worked with Ralphie and loved every minute of it. I look forward to seeing him again in eternity. God bless you,
Michael Koenig and Family*

Michael Koenig - June 02, 2024 at 05:42 PM



“ *Ken and Julie Boulet purchased the Sweet Sincerity for the family of Rafael "Ralph" Villalpando.*



Ken and Julie Boulet - June 01, 2024 at 03:20 AM

AP

“Rafael Raya Villalpando was the hardest working man I’ve ever met, always would give the shirt of his back to a stranger, and taught me so many values and guiding principles that I will make sure are passed along for his legacy. The man was special - and full of love. I couldn’t have asked for a better father-in-law who took me in right away with open arms, allowed me to commit to his daughter, my now best friend of 15 years, am continuing his legacy by being the best employee I can be at United airlines as we shared the same passion for aviation, and am at extreme peace knowing him and I gave each other everything we love in this life. I know he is now reunited with his true love, and the mother of his beautiful children, Laura, and know that I’ll never walk alone with a strong, highly ethical and moral man, and I can give you my word Rafael, Ive told you before how much I love you (probably more times than you would’ve liked), and I will wake up each day making you and my loved ones proud and I will never ever forget you and will honor you with my ofrenda every single year. Words can’t describe how shattered I am, but if you ask me how long I’ll protect the Villalpando’s - my answer will be “Always” every single time as I told you.

Speaking directly to you Rafael, I hope you play jokes on me from the beautiful place that you’re in right now. And I will always be with you in this life or the next. I love you more than you will ever know.

Alain Castellanos Pineda - May 31, 2024 at 09:55 PM

PH

“I had the pleasure of having Ralph as a neighbor and as a friend for, I believe, at least 30 years. He was the perfect neighbor and an amazingly kind, thoughtful and caring person. Knowing him enriched my life and I will miss him terribly.

Phillip - May 31, 2024 at 03:56 PM

GK

“ *Ralph will deeply be missed by all. If ever I needed help with anything at work, he was always there. He was always in a good mood and never met a stranger. Strength to family and friends. Love you bud. I will see you again my friend.* ”

Glen Kieft - May 31, 2024 at 06:40 AM



“ *Love you Ralphie you will be greatly missed. My deepest condolences to the family. Here's a few pictures of Ralphie doing what he loved* ”



Ernie Avarello - May 30, 2024 at 08:47 PM

TS

“ *My sweet, sweet friend Rafa,
I know the Lord was with you welcoming you home. No more pain.
Thank you for all the years of friendship, memories of Mustangs in your driveway, fun times growing up in Fallbrook, and adult conversations about life.
Save us all a seat ... you now have the best one in the house!
I love you, Toni* ”

Toni Filesi Sanchez - May 30, 2024 at 08:04 PM

PP

“ *Our brother Rafael will rest in peace now. I pray his family that stood by his side and friends also be given peace knowing that Rafael has been made whole again. We will see him again.* ”

Paul Phelps - May 30, 2024 at 06:30 PM

CS

“ *Condolences Sis to you and the Family. What a great man, he will be missed.*



Chuck Spinks - May 30, 2024 at 06:12 PM

AO

“ *My heartfelt sympathies go out to Deana and her family during this most difficult time! May God give you HIS comfort and peace at this time.*



Andrea Oakley - May 30, 2024 at 05:35 PM