



Ralph Gardea

January 21, 2013

Ralph Gardea, 54 of Spring, Texas was called to Heaven to become one of God's chosen Angels on Monday, January 21, 2013 surrounded by his loving family.

Ralph was born in Salt Lake City, Utah but the family moved to El Paso, Texas when he was a toddler. After graduating from El Paso High School he entered the retail business and eventually joined the Zale Corporation in July of 1990. While with Zale Corporation, he served as a Store Manager, Regional Manager and Director of Stores for Gordon's with his most recent position as the Zale District Manager for Houston Central.

Ralph was extremely proud to be the father of three wonderful children, Shannon who is a stay at home mother and resides in Meza, Arizona with her children, Nathaniel and Sophia. Christopher who is proudly serving our Country in the United States Navy as a Corpsman in San Diego, California and his son, Christopher Jr. and Ralph's youngest son Ryan Gardea who resides here in Houston and will be graduating from Klein High School this year and a step-son, Frank Telesca, who is currently a student at the University of North Texas, Denton, Texas.

Ralph will be missed by all those that knew him but especially by a loving family that includes not only his children but also his former wives Candace

Telesca and Debra Davis as well as his Mother, Leonor E. Gardea of Bedford, Texas; his sister Rebecca of El Paso, Texas and two brothers Charlie of Manitou Springs, CO. and Ruben Gardea also of Bedford, Texas. Not forgotten are also his many caring cousins in the area including; Yvette Norred, Yvonne Holguin and Nick Carlos all from Houston; Daenna Chamlee of Crosby, Texas and Cynthia Antilley of San Antonio, Texas as well as by many loving Aunts, Uncles, Cousins, Nephews and many friends, working associates and numerous acquaintances.

We Pray to God to provide us all who are left behind the strength we need at this difficult time, we know he is at peace and in a better place. GOD BLESS YOU RALPH.

Honored Pallbearers are :

Christopher Gardea

Frank Telesca

Ryan Gardea

Guillermo Holguin

Charlie Gardea

Nick Carlos

In Lieu of flowers Ralph's wish was that your generous donation be forwarded instead to Autism Speaks.

Cry tears of sadness for we will miss you Ralph, then we will cry tears of joy and laughter for you did bring us much happiness for the brief period of time that we were able to share with you !!

The Addison family and staff extend our heartfelt condolences to the Gardea family in their time of loss.

Tribute Wall



“ *Ralph Gardea*

July 20, 2022 at 05:14 PM



“ *Stephen Krape lit a candle in memory of Ralph Gardea*



Stephen Krape - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ *My family was very fortunate to live across the street from Ralph in Spring. He was an amazing neighbor and would speak so proudly of his kids and his family. He was great to my kids and they always looked forward to visiting with him. My favorite video*

Jeff McCanna - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Gardea family,*

My family offers our sincere condolences. I will always remember Ralph as the fun loving, outgoing, and remarkable individual that he was. I pray that God comforts you in the very difficult time....

GodBless,

Robert Campos

Robert Campos - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ Robert Campos lit a candle in memory of Ralph Gardea



Robert Campos - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

MK

“ I will always remember Ralph for his sense of humor.As DM's for the Gordon's team I remember the meetings and evenings in the hotel lobby and jokes flowing.He will be missed.

Mickey Klein - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

MK

“ Mickey Klein lit a candle in memory of Ralph Gardea



Mickey Klein - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ Ana Falcon lit a candle in memory of Ralph Gardea



ana falcon - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

FL

“ *Frank Loya lit a candle in memory of Ralph Gardea*



Frank Loya - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ *The Tellez Family lit a candle in memory of Ralph Gardea*



The Tellez family - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ *I will always remember the good times we had as kids, especially that 4th of July at Grandma Maria's house. It truly was a blessing to have been able to hang out with you, Ruben, Charlie, my Tia, and Ryan for your birthday. I love you and am going to miss*

Joe Tellez - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

MT

“ *Seems like only yesterday, I was walking with Ralph from Lamar school down Rio Grande street, and to the Gardea home, just to hang out. God bless you and your family. Rest in peace my friend.*

Mike Torres - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

MT

“ Mike Torres lit a candle in memory of Ralph Gardea



Mike Torres - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

EE

“ My sincere condolences to the Gardea Family.

Ernest E. Escobar - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

VP

“ Vonda Powell lit a candle in memory of Ralph Gardea



Vonda Powell - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ Kim T Barber lit a candle in memory of Ralph Gardea



Kim T Barber - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

VE

“ I will always have fond memories of our childhood days at Lamar Elementary and our teenage years at El Paso High School. Rest In Peace.

Victor Octavio Enriquez - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

VE

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MM

“ Mike Manfre lit a candle in memory of Ralph Gardea



Mike Manfre - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

MT

“ My Prayers Are With Your Family. Renee Tellez lit a candle in memory of Ralph Gardea



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MA

“ *Milton Anderson lit a candle in memory of Ralph Gardea*



Milton Anderson - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ *Tia Nononchi, Charlie and Ruben, my heartfelt condolences to you and your family. May the reposed soul of Ralph be welcomed into God's eternal home and may he rest in peace.*

c hernandez - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ *In remembrance of our Dear Friend & Co-Worker, Ralph will be sadly missed. He was a wonderful mentor and friend. You could always depend on him for knowledge and a helping hand, along with a laugh. My prayers go out to his Family and Loved Ones. May God be w*

De'Niese Lucker - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ *De'Niese Lucker lit a candle in memory of Ralph Gardea*



De'Niese Lucker - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ *My sincere condolences to the Gardea family. Ralph's mission here on earth has been fulfilled. Now is the time to raise the Gardea family in the Lord. One day they will all be together in his home.* ”

Sandy Saenz - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ *Sandy Ytuarte Saenz lit a candle in memory of Ralph Gardea* ”



Sandy Ytuarte Saenz - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

WK

“ *My thoughts and prayers go out to Ryan and all Ralph's children.* ”

Wanda Kannarr - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

CJ

“ *I am saddened to hear the news of Ralph's passing. He was very dedicated to the Gordons/Zale Corp family. He was one tough dude. He wouldn't take 'fail' as an option. He taught me to dream BIG and be persistent in achieving goals. For that, I'm thankful.* ”

Christina (Rodriguez) Johnston - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

CJ

“ *Christina (Rodriguez) Johnston lit a candle in memory of Ralph Gardea* ”



Christina (Rodriguez) Johnston - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

NB

“ *What a tough yet wonderful and thoughtful man. I was a part of his Gordon's family, which meant I worked along side and eventually for him (not always easy). However, Ralph was always fair with his praise and if he ever asked you to do something, he was*

Nelson Bowman - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

NB

“ *Nelson Bowman lit a candle in memory of Ralph Gardea*



Nelson Bowman - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

BP

“ *I could always count on Ralph for a smile and a laugh. I will always remember his warmth and his passion in everything he did. They say a person's success can be measured by the lives of those they have touched in this life. In that regard, Ralph was o*

Bryan G. Peek - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

BP

“ *Bryan G. Peek lit a candle in memory of Ralph Gardea*



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DR

“ *Dick Richardson lit a candle in memory of Ralph Gardea*



Dick Richardson - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ *Ralph was a thoughtful and wonderful person. If you were not having the best day, Ralph would make you smile. Ralph cared about the people that were around him. The voice that always had the positive every no matter what the day held. I am proud to say I*

Josi Aguilar - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

WK

“ *Wanda Kannarr lit a candle in memory of Ralph Gardea*



Wanda Kannarr - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ *Ralph was known to all of us in the Zale/ Gordon family as a loving family man, who was always full of life and ready to add a laugh or a smile. We served together as managers, and later as fellow DMs, as well his role as the RD position he cherished. Ra*

Brenda Coates - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ *Brenda Coates lit a candle in memory of
Ralph Gardea*



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GK

“ *Gretchen Kannarr lit a candle in memory of
Ralph Gardea*



Gretchen Kannarr - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

DO

“ *May your hearts find peace and comfort in knowing that Jehovah
God loves us, and that soon we will reap the many blessings of his
son Jesus Christ sacrificial death - John 3:16; Psalms 83:18. One
day soon, all sorrow and death will be no more - Revelation*

Doris - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM