

Narciso Gonzales, Jr.

Narciso Gonzales, Jr. of Dallas, Texas, passed away on his mother's birthday, July 9, 2014, at the age of 56. He was born on May 20, 1958 in Dallas, Texas to Narciso and Corinne (Sauseda) Gonzales.

Narciso worked at KPMG for 12 years as Lead Coordinator of Operation Services. He was a loyal and dedicated employee who enjoyed and appreciated his work and his co-workers. Giving back to the community was a high priority in his life. Narciso volunteered with various organizations supported by his employer. These included KFFL-KPMG's Family for Literacy (helping low-income children to get books in their home); and Living Green Week (clean-up volunteer project at Cole Park). Narciso had an eye for photography and under the direction of Manny Fernandez, KPMG-Dallas Managing Partner, was able to apply his skills in this hobby as KPMG's unofficial/official photographer for company events.

Narciso was equally dedicated to his faith, family and hobbies. He was a member of St. Monica Catholic Church and enjoyed the annual family tradition of a Rosary Prayer Walk through Calvary Hill Cemetery in honor of deceased family/friends. Narciso had many hobbies and pastimes that he enjoyed immensely. He was an avid sports fan, especially of the Dallas Cowboys, and liked playing basketball. In addition to photography, he had a love for music and enjoyed planning events to share time with family and friends, be it barbecuing or casual gatherings. It seemed Narciso had some kind of activity planned for nearly every month of the year. Making memories and capturing them in photos was very special to him as he knew life was a gift and precious.

When Narciso was diagnosed in 2005 with Multiple Myeloma, cancer of the bone marrow, he made a special effort to live every day to the fullest. The most important part of his life was spending quality time with his family. He spent endless days putting together photos, music and prayers for his family. He fought a long and hard battle against his illness, but always with a smile and never a complaint. Narciso fought till the end leaving his family with a legacy of love, faith, sharing, laughter, and the importance of togetherness. He touched many lives and will be dearly missed by all who knew him.

Narciso is survived by the love of his life, Rosemary Villegas; sons, Rodrigo Gonzales, Narciso Gonzales III and Cecil Gonzales and wife, Lena; daughters, Leticia Villegas, Monica Gonzales, Teresa Cutler and husband, Dr. Todd, and Christina Villegas; grandchildren, Adel Gonzales, Isaiah Gonzales, Ahmad Brown, Ashley Brown, Annaya Brown, Robert Campbell, Barron Campbell, Jr., Nicolas Villegas and an angel in heaven, Reniah Campbell; sister Marilyn Jordan and husband, Edward M; niece, Stephanie Meuir, and nephews, Rudy Trevino and John-Paul Jordan, and many aunts and uncles and his canine companion, Champ.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Narciso and Corinne Gonzales; grandparents Josephine M. Sauseda, Paul Sauseda, Sr., Antonia G. Gonzales, and Pablo Gonzales; as well as his beloved pet, Daisy.

The family of Narciso Gonzales wish to thank you for your kind expressions of sympathy and many acts of kindness during this difficult time.

You are invited to visit with the family at a reception that will be served in the St. Monica Family Center after the interment at Calvary Hill.

*Programs provided by
St. Monica Parish community.*

Mass of Christian Burial Narciso Gonzales, Jr.



May 20, 1958 - July 9, 2014

*July 17, 2014
St. Monica Church
Dallas, Texas*

INTRODUCTORY RITES

May the Father of mercies, the God of all consolation, be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

In the waters of Baptism, Narciso died with Christ and rose with him to new life. May he now share with him eternal glory.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Be Not Afraid

Song # 680

OPENING PRAYER

FIRST READING

Wisdom 3:1-9

Josie Guerra

A reading from the Book of Wisdom

The souls of the just are in the hand of God, and no torment shall touch them. They seemed, in the view of the foolish, to be dead; and their passing away was thought an affliction and their going forth from us, utter destruction. But they are in peace. For if in the eyes of men, indeed they be punished, yet is their hope full of immortality; chastised a little, they shall be greatly blessed, because God tried them and found them worthy of himself. As gold in the furnace, he proved them, and as sacrificial offerings he took them to himself. In the time of their visitation they shall shine, and shall dart about as sparks through stubble; they shall judge nations and rule over peoples, and the Lord shall be their King forever. Those who trust in him shall understand truth, and the faithful shall abide with him in love: because grace and mercy are with his holy ones, and his care is with his elect.

The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 23

Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fears, from death into life.

God is my shepherd, so nothing shall I want,
I rest in the meadows of faithfulness and love,
I walk by the quiet waters of peace.

Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fears, from death into life.

Gently you raise me and heal my weary soul,
you lead me by pathways of righteousness and truth,
my spirit shall sing the music of your name.

Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fears, from death into life.

Though I should wander the valley of death,
I fear no evil, for you are at my side, your rod and your staff,
my comfort and my hope.

Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fears, from death into life.

You have set me a banquet of love in the face of hatred,
crowning me with love beyond my power to hold.

Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fears, from death into life.

Surely your kindness and mercy follow me all the days of my life;
I will dwell in the house of my God for evermore.

Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fears, from death into life.



SECOND READING

II Timothy 4:6-8

Isabella Grace Rutherford

A reading from the second Letter of Saint Paul to Timothy

For I am already being poured out like a libation, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have competed well; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith. From now on the crown of righteousness awaits me, which the Lord, the just judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me, but to all who have longed for his appearance.

The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL

John 14:1-6

HOMILY

Fr. Alfonse Nazzaro

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

Mr. & Mrs. Rudy Trevino & sons
Sebastian & Christian

OFFERTORY HYMN

Ave Maria

COMMUNION HYMN

Pescador de Hombres

Song # 760

PRAYERS OF FINAL COMMENDATION

Before we go our separate ways, let us take leave of our brother. May our farewell express our affection for him; may it ease our sadness and strengthen our hope. One day we shall joyfully greet him again when the love of Christ, which conquers all things, destroys even death itself.

Saints of God, come to his aid! Hasten to meet him, angels of the Lord.

Receive his soul and present him to God the Most High.

May Christ, who called you, take you to himself; May angels lead you to the bosom of Abraham.

Receive his soul and present him to God the Most High.

Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.

Receive his soul and present him to God the Most High.

Into your hands, Father of mercies, we commend our brother Narciso, in the sure and certain hope that, together with all who have died in Christ, he will rise with him on the last day. We give you thanks for the blessings which you bestowed upon Narciso in this life; they are a sign to us of your goodness and of our fellowship with the saints in Christ. Merciful Lord, turn toward us and listen to our prayers: open the gates of paradise to your servant and help us who remain to comfort one another with assurances of faith, until we all meet in Christ and are with you and with our brother forever. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Amazing Grace

Song # 650

PALLBEARERS:

Grandson - Isaiah Gonzales

Nephew - Rudy Trevino, Jr.

Cousin - Carlos Guerra, Sr.

Uncle - Paul Sauseda, Jr.

Nephew - John-Paul Jordan

Friend - Pete Frame

HONORARY PALLBEARERS:

Son - Rodrigo Gonzales

Son - Narciso Gonzales III

Son - Cecil Gonzales