



Rafael R. Perez

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On Tuesday, September 7, 2021, Rafael Perez, beloved husband and father of four, passed away peacefully in the loving presence of his wife at the age of 54. Rafael was the second son born to parents Jose and Georgina Perez. He and his siblings grew up in a wonderful, close-knit family in Oxnard, California. His grandparents, aunts and uncles all lived within a three-block radius, giving way to days filled with celebrating family, music, dancing, food, faith and love of life.

His love of music began early. He learned to play trumpet in the fourth grade which led to him becoming drum major of the Hueneme High School Viking Marching Band and his study of music at California State University, Long Beach. He would later enjoy teaching trumpet to students and loved to impress his family with his extensive knowledge and memory of classical pieces of music. After college, he began his impressive 25 year career in manufacturing by taking a job at Technicolor. He credited his father for the incredible example of hard work and dedication that pushed him to advance his career into the defense industry and later as a sales engineer and manufacturing software consultant. He became highly regarded by his colleagues as a genuine and thoughtful leader and a joy to all who knew him.

He married the love of his life, Pamela, in 2005 and settled in Ventura, California. Rafael and his family relocated from Ventura to Vancouver, Washington in 2017 and loved becoming part of the community and enjoying the beautiful Pacific Northwest. Rafael lived his life to the fullest while enjoying long Sunday drives with his family, garage sales, his Mom's cooking, faithfully watching Notre Dame Fighting Irish football and the Tour de France. He served as Cub Scout committee chair in his boys cub scout packs and was known to help them craft the fastest pinewood derby cars.

His children will remember him for his favorite quote "to be early is to be on time" and special memories of woodworking, teaching them to ride a bicycle and family movie nights. He had taken to speaking regularly at school board meetings and was passionate about being part of his community and improving education. His wife will remember him for his warmth, thoughtfulness, humor and wit who wouldn't let a day go by without making her smile or laugh. He most enjoyed ending his work week with a relaxing outdoor happy hour, a good friend and a hard cider. He was a man of great faith, patriotism, honor, respect and decency to all those around him.

Rafael was preceded in death by his father, Jose Perez, and brother, Peter Perez. He is survived by his wife, Pamela, of 16 years and four children, Zachary (Emily) of Grove City, Ohio, Anastacia of Ventura, California, Mateo and Nina. He is also survived by his mother, Georgina, sisters Mary Ellen (David), Soledad and Ana. Services will be held at Evergreen Memorial Gardens on September 21, 2021 and the Proto-Cathedral of St. James the Greater on September 22, 2021. Flowers for the services can be sent to Evergreen Memorial Gardens. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Catholic Community Services of Western Washington at ccsww.org/donate-ccsww/ or the Gary Sinise Foundation at garysinisefoundation.org/donate/

Tribute Wall

JC

“ *Rafael was one in a million and an all around great guy. We worked together at Delco Defense Systems years ago and they were some of the best times. Raffy's sense of humor ran rings around others. He will be missed by many.... Rest In Peace Raffy.... 🙏❤️🙏 Until we meet again.... Love janet conrad*

Janet conrad - September 30, 2021 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ *Memories last forever. You are not forgotten.*

Mary Predmore (& Dave) - September 23, 2021 at 12:00 AM

TH

“ *Remembering you, your family and "Rafael Perez" in our minds and in our hearts. May the Lord bless you and keep you in His care.*



The Vineyards HOA - September 21, 2021 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ *Rafael, I'm thinking of you and your family. I will always remember the great times. Love you, and may you rest in peace. Anthony Falcone*



Tribute Store - September 21, 2021 at 12:00 AM

WF

“ Wishing you and your family love , comfort, and courage to face the days ahead, and happy memories to hold in your hearts.

With love from the Wagner Family - September 19, 2021 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ I loved our double dates with Pam and Rafael in Ventura before we moved out of the area. Rafael was such a character. Always smiling.

Amy Sabbadini - September 18, 2021 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ Wishing you peace to bring comfort, courage to face the days ahead and loving memories to forever hold in your hearts.



PMEC - September 14, 2021 at 12:00 AM

AP

“ We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ Evergreen Memorial Gardens Cemetery, Funeral Chapel and Crematory

A Memorial Tree was planted for Rafael Rivera Perez - September 14, 2021 at 12:00 AM