



Jose Antonio "Tony" Gonzalez

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Jose Antonio "Tony" Gonzalez of Columbus, Kansas passed away early on July 14th, 2022 at the age of 85.

Born in Cali, Colombia, Tony moved to the United States over fifty years ago, arriving in New York City in the early 1970s. After helping build the original World Trade Centers, Tony made his way across the country to Kansas City, Missouri in the mid-70s. It was in Kansas City where Tony met Ana Maria Rejas, whom he would marry on July 17th, 1976. Their marriage would last the rest of his life.

After becoming a US citizen, Tony moved his oldest children, Martha Gonzalez and Jose Gonzalez, to the United States from Colombia in 1980. A few years later they were joined by Rosalia Gonzalez, Martin Gonzalez, and Rodrigo Gonzalez. The family had finally reunited and grown to include three new children: Roxana Arias-Candillo, Bismark Gonzalez, and Anahi Gonzalez.

Tony began his career with Ace Electric in 1973. His dedication to Ace Electric would lead him to Columbus, Kansas in 1983 where he continued to work for Ace until retiring in 2003. Tony would remain a fixture in Columbus for the rest of his life. Whether he was hosting one of many family cookouts or getting involved in Columbus Youth Soccer as a coach, Tony brought joy to countless people in the nearly forty years he lived in Cherokee County.

Tony's singular act of sacrifice fifty years ago has allowed all his children, 19 grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren to accomplish many incredible things. He did not know what he was getting himself into when he left Colombia for the United States, but he took a leap into the unknown because he wanted to make a better life for all who would follow. That alone takes a strong person and one of great faith. Only wishing to see his family achieve great things and be happy, Tony's wish came true again and again. For this and much more, his family is not only thankful but blessed to have known him.



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Survivors include his wife Ana Maria Gonzalez of the home; four daughters: Martha Gonzalez & Rosalia Gonzalez both of Raytown, MO, Roxana (Fred) Candillo of Overland Park, KS, Anahi Gonzalez of Columbus, KS; four sons: Jose Antonio (Jessica) Gonzalez of Indianapolis, IN, Martin (Monica) Gonzalez of Kansas City, MO, Rodrigo (Angie) Gonzalez of Lee's Summit, MO, Bismark (Sarah) Gonzalez of Pittsburg, KS. Tony is also survived by Rosalia Carmona, former spouse, 19 grandchildren, 10 great grandchildren, and a host of nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his mother Ana Maria Gonzalez and brother Jose Reynaldo Gonzalez.

Memorial service will be 2pm Saturday, July 23, 2022 at Bath-Naylor Funeral Home in Columbus with Rev. Jamie Tickel and Father Jerome Spexarth officiating. Family will receive friends at the funeral home from 1pm until service time on Saturday. Burial will follow at Park Cemetery in Columbus. Donations can be made to the Columbus Rec.Commission to benefit the Columbus Youth Soccer League; these may be left at or mailed to the funeral home. Condolences may be left at www.bathnaylor.com. Services and arrangements are under the direction of Bath-Naylor Funeral Home 611 S. East Ave Columbus, KS.




Events


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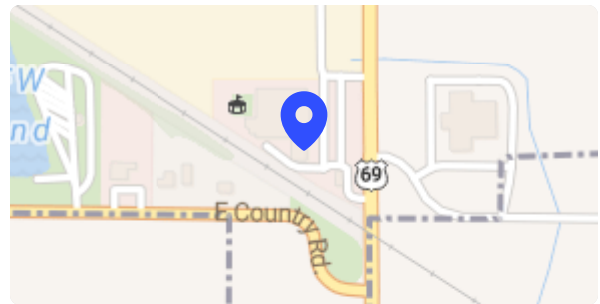
Visitation

 **Saturday**, July 23, 2022

 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM cst

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611 S. East Ave., Columbus KS 66725



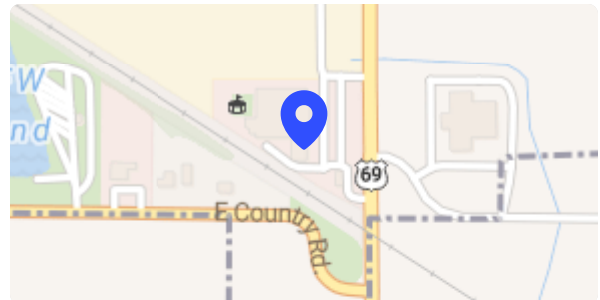
Memorial Service

 **Saturday**, July 23, 2022

 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM cst

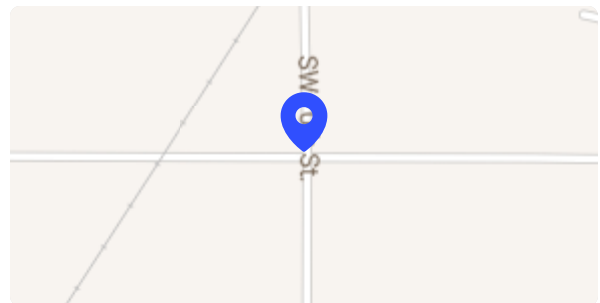
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611 S. East Ave., Columbus KS 66725



Cemetery Details

 **Park Cemetery**
SE Wyandotte Road, Columbus KS 66725





Tribute Wall

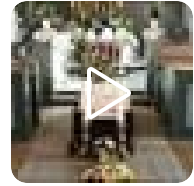
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July 22 at 7:36 AM



Anonymous sent a Serene Retreat to the Gonzalez family.

July 22 at 6:57 AM



Sonya posted:

Martin, what a beautiful and inspiring tribute to your father. He has indeed left a great legacy in his family. Prayers for your family. Sonya Clark

July 22 at 2:16 AM



Ask Cathy Real Estate Family sent a Basket Full of Wishes to the Gonzalez family.

July 21 at 6:15 AM



Anonymous sent a Serene Reflections Bouquet to the Gonzalez family.

July 20 at 3:17 PM



Vizcarra And Cancari Families sent an Arrive in Style to the Gonzalez family.

July 20 at 1:30 PM





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BS

Beau Sarwinski posted:

Bismarck, Anahi I am very sorry for your loss. Your father was a great family man. I always enjoyed our conversations over the years. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. God bless you all. Sincerely, Beau Sarwinski

July 20 at 9:14 AM

BR

Brendanaylor lit a candle in honor of Jose.



July 20 at 9:12 AM

BR

Brendanaylor posted:

I worked with Tony at Ace Electric in Columbus Kansas for many years, he was a wonderful man. Kind, helpful, and compassionate person. I am truly blessed to have known him. Tony will be greatly missed. My prayers for his family.

July 20 at 9:11 AM

JM

Joanie McLaren posted:

Your father story is a great one and family meant so much to him. Keep your memories close and know I am thinking of you and your family during this difficult time. Joanie McLaren

July 19 at 9:51 AM

AP

Agata Pilewicz posted:

Martin, please accept my sincere condolences to you and the whole family. Agata Pilewicz

July 18 at 11:29 PM



Anonymous sent a Blue Caribbean Bouquet to the Gonzalez family.



July 17 at 7:36 AM



Media

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The image is a thumbnail for a webcast video. It shows the interior of a funeral home with a casket in the center, surrounded by flowers and candles. A blue 'WEBCAST' label is in the top left corner. A play button icon is centered over the casket. In the bottom right corner, there is a QR code and a black button with the text 'SCAN TO WATCH'.



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Jose by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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