



Nick B. Santos

May 18, 1923 - February 8, 2020

Rev. Deacon Nick Santos, 96, passed in Fort Collins, CO on February 8, 2020 surrounded by his family. He was born in Tulsa, OK on May 18, 1923. At the age of 22, he married Eleanor (Lila) Mosqueda on May 19, 1945 at Holy Family Church in Fort Collins.

In 1948, Nick headed to the West Coast seeking employment and eventually landed in San Jose CA, where he established his loving family and worked in the steel industry for over 37 years. In addition to his relentless dedication to his family and career, Nick was ordained as a Deacon at St. Mary's Cathedral in the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of San Francisco. After 15 years of service to God, he retired and returned to Fort Collins. He continued to volunteer his service at Holy Family Church for 20 years. During Deacon Nick's service to God and his community, he baptized over 1200 babies, including his grandchildren and counseled and married over 1,000 couples. On March 5, 2016, Nick retired as a Deacon from Holy Family Church.

Simply put, Deacon Nick enjoyed life to the fullest. Faith came before anything and his love for his family was unwavering. Nick's passion for music and dance carried throughout his later years. So much so that he and his crew, the "S.O.A.P. Troupe", performed in 2 annual programs at the Fort Collins Senior Center for several years.

Deacon Nick came from a family of twelve; 4 sisters and 7 brothers. He and his wife Lila raised 8 children; Kathy (husband Robert BZ Zurich) Daniel, Rita (husband Roberto Armendariz), Wally, Joseph (wife Jessica), and Renee (husband Robert Agboyani) and he leaves behind several grandchildren and great grandchildren. Nick was preceded in death by his loving wife, Lila Santos; son, Ronald and daughter, Linda.

The family would like to extend their gratitude to the entire staff at Good Samaritan Society- Fort Collins Village for the exceptional care and love they gave our father.

A Rosary will be held 7 p.m., Thursday, February 13, 2020 at Bohlender Funeral Chapel. The Mass of Christian Burial will be held 10 a.m., Friday, February 14, 2020 at Holy Family Catholic Church. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memory Gardens Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Resthaven Memory Gardens Cemetery

8426 S. College Ave.
Fort Collins, CO 80525

Previous Events

Rosary

FEB 13. 7:00 PM (MT)

Bohlender Funeral Chapel
121 W. Olive Street
Fort Collins, CO 80524

Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Family of Nick. We had the pleasure of meeting him as he sat across the table from our mother at good Sams nursing home. He was the kindest person we’ve ever met. We loved visiting with him and will miss him very much. Our prayers are with your family. Larry and sandy McClure

sandy mcclure - March 05, 2020 at 03:28 PM

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“ Dear Family of Uncle Nick,
While not able to be there my prayers for Uncle Nick and all of you have been daily since hearing of his death. After participating here in San Jose at daily mass for the repose of his soul as you lay him to rest there I stopped by the parish office at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church where Uncle Nick was a Deacon to request a mass for him. The receptionist remembered him and Lila well and commented how often she sees his name when reviewing the baptismal registers to make copies of certificates for the many babies he baptized and who are now preparing for there next sacraments. I trust that God will be merciful and bless Uncle Nick for his faithfulness. Dear cousins may our Lord be with you during this time of loss. I will continue to pray for Uncle Nick and all of you. Love,
Christy Santos Pacheco (daughter of Henry Santos)

Christy Pacheco - February 14, 2020 at 01:49 PM

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Cousin Christy, thank you so very much for the prayers and love. Also, thank you for sharing the conversation you had with the receptionist and especially for the mass for dad. We had a beautiful celebration for dad. I find comfort knowing dad is now resting in peace.

Renee Agboyani - February 19, 2020 at 11:21 PM

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“ Much love to the Santos family as Uncle is laid to rest. I regret not being able to attend, my condolences to Rita, Renee, Cathy, Wally, Joey & Danny and all your families. My remembrance of Uncle Nick walking into the house kicking his heels up and dancing...smile. Much love to all.



Nancy Mosqueda - February 14, 2020 at 12:36 PM

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Thank you very much, Cousin Nancy.

Renee Agboyani - February 19, 2020 at 11:23 PM