



Cruz Rangel

May 3, 1949 - August 21, 2017

With the passing of Cruz Rangel, our community has suffered a great loss. Cruz was a loving husband, devoted father and grandfather, brother, uncle, beloved musician/musical instructor, and a mentor and dear friend of many. Cruz Rangel was born May 3, 1949 in McAllen, Texas to Guadalupe and Consuelo Rangel.

Cruz grew up playing music with his brothers and father, all of whom were self-taught. While his first and favorite instrument was accordion, he became proficient in many instruments, including guitar, bajo sexto, and piano/keyboards, and specializing in the forms of conjunto and Tejano music. Music led him to meet his “lovely wife” (as he referred) Viola Cantu, whom he married on October 27, 1973. The couple then moved to Moses Lake and raised their three children.

A lifelong musician, Cruz was honored with the title of Master Musician via the Washington State Arts Commission and was the recipient of numerous grant awards and honors for his work, and to ensure that his tradition would carry on. His musical legacy lives on in the hearts of his students, audience, and fellow musicians. In the early 90’s he founded the band Grupo Sueno, which became a favorite in the Northwest. The values that his life embodied- hard work and determination, sound faith and undying hope, a deep commitment to

family, and community care always giving to others selflessly - are carried forward by his children and grandchildren.

Cruz enjoyed traveling to Texas, where he would watch bands and find stages to play on. His favorite accordion went with him everywhere. He impacted many with his encouraging pep talks, and endless generosity and compassion. A truly inspiring person, his playing and his positivity will be missed tremendously.

He is survived by his wife, Viola; children Maria Cristina, Joey, and Cynthia (Joe Gonzales); and grandchildren Victoria and Jordan Rangel, Ivy and Luna Gonzales.

Viewing will be held from 9:30-10:30 a.m., Friday, August 25, 2017 at Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church. Holy Rosary will begin at 10:30 followed by Mass of Christian Burial at 11 a.m. Graveside services at Guarding Angels Cemetery, 2595 Road L NE will follow the Mass. Please sign the online guestbook or leave a note for the family at www.kayserschapel.com Arrangements are in care of Kayser's Chapel & Crematory.

The family asks that in lieu of flowers, contributions honoring Cruz Rangel be made to the Washington State Arts Commission. Send checks with a notation "in honor of Cruz Rangel" to:

Washington State Arts Commission, 711 Capitol Way S., Suite 600, Olympia, WA 089504-2675

Cemetery Details

Guarding Angels Cemetery

2595 Road L N.E.
Moses Lake, WA 98837
(509) 765-7848

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 25. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (PT)

Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church
200 N. Dale Road
Moses Lake, WA

Service

AUG 25. 10:30 AM (PT)

Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church (Holy Rosary)
200 North Dale Road
Moses Lake, WA

Service

AUG 25. 11:00 AM (PT)

Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church (Mass of Christian Burial)
200 N. Dale Rd
Moses Lake, WA

Tribute Wall

OC

“ Although I never had the honor of meeting you now that I'm all grown up, my parents Adan and Noelia Cantu always spoke highly of you and your loving family. I'm am honored for you to have been my Padrino.

Your Godson Orlando Noel Cantu

Orlando Noel Cantu - September 26, 2017 at 08:18 PM

VF

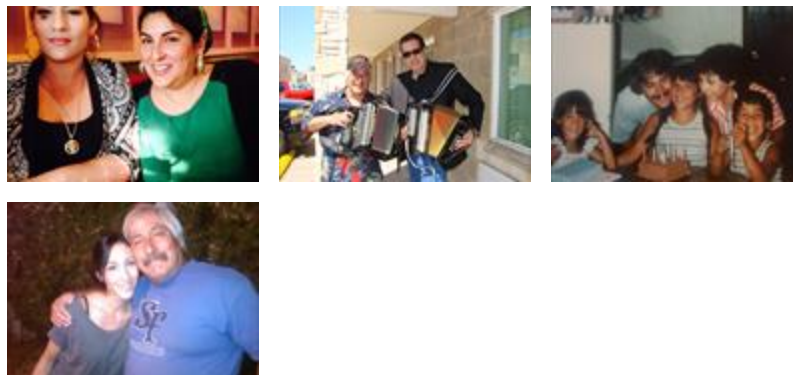
“ Vargas Family lit a candle in memory of Cruz Rangel



vargas family - September 01, 2017 at 07:05 PM

NC

“ 4 files added to the tribute wall



NCRamos - August 26, 2017 at 06:50 PM

AS

“ *Adela Stephens-Jalomo lit a candle in memory of Cruz Rangel*



Adela Stephens-Jalomo - August 26, 2017 at 09:55 AM

SV

“ *Salvador Vizarro lit a candle in memory of Cruz Rangel*



Salvador vizarro - August 25, 2017 at 09:04 PM

SV

“ *May he rest I in peace
Salvador and Maricela vizarro*

Salvador vizarro - August 25, 2017 at 09:00 PM

LB

“ *Lorna Bilodeau lit a candle in memory of Cruz Rangel*



Lorna Bilodeau - August 25, 2017 at 08:06 PM

LB

Viola, I am so sorry for your loss. Cruz was always so kind.

Lorna Bilodeau - August 25, 2017 at 08:07 PM

NL

“ I am so sorry to hear about Cruz's passing, my prayers are with you.

Nadine Leavitt

Nadine Leavitt - August 25, 2017 at 06:07 PM



“ Amber Maria lit a candle in memory of Cruz Rangel



Amber Maria - August 25, 2017 at 05:34 PM

LR

“ R.I.P mr Cruz Rangel.....
My condolences to viola and family 🙏



lydia rocha - August 25, 2017 at 12:34 PM

AR

“ Sending love and hugs - xo

-Angi and Matt



Angi Ramos - August 25, 2017 at 10:26 AM

LC

“ Only met him a few times, but that was enough to know that he was a great individual. RIP,

*Luis G.Castilleja, CPA
McAllen, Texas*

Luis G. Castilleja - August 25, 2017 at 09:42 AM



“ *Linda Vasquez lit a candle in memory of Cruz Rangel*



Linda Vasquez - August 25, 2017 at 09:24 AM

TC

“ *Trudy Patina Carbajal lit a candle in memory of Cruz Rangel*



Trudy Patina Carbajal - August 25, 2017 at 02:45 AM

GK

“ *Graciela (Dano) Kingman lit a candle in memory of Cruz Rangel*



Graciela (Dano) Kingman - August 24, 2017 at 11:56 PM

PM

“ *Pita Morales lit a candle in memory of Cruz Rangel*



Pita Morales - August 24, 2017 at 11:37 PM

LB

“ *Lind & Michele Bingham lit a candle in memory of Cruz Rangel*



Lind & Michele Bingham - August 24, 2017 at 08:52 PM

CH

“ *To Cynthia and all the Family I am so very sorry for your loss. My deepest regards.*

Carlos Hernandez - August 24, 2017 at 07:11 PM

RR

“ *Rose Ramirez-Hernandez lit a candle in memory of Cruz Rangel*



Rose Ramirez-Hernandez - August 24, 2017 at 06:46 PM



Shevawn
AkaShevi

“ *Your whole musician family is behind you for support, Cynni. We love you and are here to lean on , to cry, and to pray for comfort when things like these attack our hearts. May you be blessed with the family around you and the company of your husband and children. May your mother's heart be at peace knowing these things will come to pass and she shall soon be reunited with him again. Love you all.*

Shevawn AkaShevi - August 24, 2017 at 06:31 PM



Jennifer
Calderon

“ *Prayers that you will be comforted with the peace of the Lord as you grieve this loss. I pray for strength as you go through the next steps of remembering and honoring Mr. Rangel. Prayers that you will celebrate his memory and have some joyful moments as you join your loved ones amidst the hurt of the loss that you face. I pray for comfort as you go through the grieving process and that you will remember that you are not alone and there are people who will love to hear what's on your heart when you are struggling and need to talk. I pray that God will meet you in your time of need and that he will just bring his peace above all else. In Jesus' mighty name, amen.*

Jennifer Calderon - August 24, 2017 at 06:05 PM

EF

“ *R.I.P. Cruz*



Eloise Ramos & Family - August 24, 2017 at 05:57 PM

MR

“ *Cous (Cynni).... Just saw this. I'm in shock!
My deepest condolences to you and all the family. Your dad will
always be with you and will always be alive when you tell someone
about him.
I'm very heartbroken ...
He is now in Hohner Heaven jamming away!!! RIP Cruz Rangel*

Mark Rangel - August 24, 2017 at 05:31 PM

SP

“ *It is with sadness to hear of Cruz's passing. I will never forget his
caring demeanor and the love for music. May he be at peace and
jammin with his circle of Tejano musicians (My Father Roy Padron)
that have also gone to their final resting place GOD BLESS and
Rest In Peace. Gone never forgotten
Prayers to the Family - Sonia Padron - Quincy*

sonia padron - August 24, 2017 at 03:11 PM

EN

“ *I met Cruz at my next-door neighbor's house. Sally Riccobono
introduced me to Cruz and his family. I liked him immediately--and
really enjoyed his accordion playing. My heartfelt condolences to his
family. --Eric Nelson*

Eric Nelson - August 24, 2017 at 03:05 PM

JC

“ *Jimmy Cardenas lit a candle in memory of
Cruz Rangel*



Jimmy Cardenas - August 24, 2017 at 02:41 PM

MC

“ *The passing of Cruz Rangel has truly left a sadness in the hearts of many here in Moses Lake, WA and I'm sure in the hearts of many people in other towns and cities all the way to Texas . My brother Santos Gonzalez came over last night and sends his condolences to Rangel family. You're in our thoughts and prayers in Jesus name Almighty God .* ❤️🙏

Mary Lou Cedillo - August 24, 2017 at 01:27 PM

NP

“ *Nat And Elma Perez lit a candle in memory of Cruz Rangel*



Nat and Elma Perez - August 24, 2017 at 12:04 PM

RR

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Ray Ramos - August 23, 2017 at 11:58 PM

LV

I am so sorry for your loss R.I.P Cruz Rangel ,Lala,Chelo,Bobby,Esther,Janie

Lala Vidaurri - August 24, 2017 at 08:51 AM

RR

“ To Viola, Cristina, Joey, and Cynthia ... I'm so sorry for your loss. I'll always remember Cruz as an energetic, fun-loving guy. He had a great smile and laugh. He always looked at the positive side of things and was always full of compliments to others. I'll remember his extraordinary musical and handyman talents as well. Most of all I'll remember how much he loved his family and how proud he was of all his kids. He eyes always lit up when he spoke of you all. Please know that we share your grief at this difficult time.

Ray Ramos - August 23, 2017 at 11:51 PM

TO

“ Tonicavazos lit a candle in memory of Cruz Rangel



tonicavazos - August 23, 2017 at 11:36 PM

VC

“ Lighting a candle for Cruz and praying for our family to find strength in Jesus Christ our Lord.



Victor & Imelda Castilleja - August 23, 2017 at 09:31 PM

GS

“ Greg & Dina Smith lit a candle in memory of Cruz Rangel



Greg & Dina Smith - August 23, 2017 at 08:06 PM

NF

“ Lighting a candle for Cruz and his beautiful family.



Norma Cantu Ramos & Family - August 22, 2017 at 11:46 PM

RH

“ Regina Hovgaard lit a candle in memory of Cruz Rangel



Regina Hovgaard - August 22, 2017 at 11:37 PM

YG

“ Yanin Gaytan lit a candle in memory of Cruz Rangel



Yanin Gaytan - August 22, 2017 at 09:38 PM

GC

“ *Gloria Cantu-Bash lit a candle in memory of Cruz Rangel*



Gloria Cantu-Bash - August 22, 2017 at 08:28 PM

SC

“ *Sally Cantu lit a candle in memory of Cruz Rangel*



Sally Cantu - August 22, 2017 at 08:00 PM

SC

Dear brother-in-law, Cruz, you were a part of our family for so long and we all shared so much. I will be eternally grateful for all the good memories, good times, and all you've done for me personally, as well. Your musical talents will not be forgotten, as you have left your legacy. Rest in peace.

Sally Cantu - August 22, 2017 at 08:06 PM

TO

*You will be truly miss cruz. and I will always keep you family in my heart, and be there for you.
Your friend always Toni Cavazos, and kids*

tonicavazos - August 23, 2017 at 11:25 PM

TO

i love you dearly in my heart as can be you will always be there with me Mallory hill

tonicavazos - August 23, 2017 at 11:34 PM

MC

“ So very sorry that Cruz Rangel has passed away .Sending our heartfelt condolences to Rangel family and friends . ❤️🙏

Mary Lou Cedillo - August 22, 2017 at 04:46 PM