



## Jorge Gabino Suxo-Sanchez

February 19, 1966 - October 1, 2021

Jorge Gabino Suxo-Sanchez, born February 19, 1966 to Domingo Suxo Flores and Justa Sanchez Limachi in La Paz, Bolivia died October 1, 2021 at the age of 55 from acute respiratory distress syndrome due to COVID-19.

Jorge was raised in La Paz, Bolivia by his parents, Domingo and Justa, and later in the United States by his American host families. Upon his first visit to the United States, he lived with Gaylen and Marcia Rogers where he became fluent in the English language. On his second visit, he lived with Cecil and Nina Hansen.

After his first return to Bolivia, his parents sacrificed to put him into the American Cooperative School where he studied alongside sons and daughters of international diplomats and ambassadors.

He had a love for soccer, and a passion for taekwondo that he studied throughout his teenage years. The mental fortitude that he gained during his practice gave him the strength to fight until the end as he did not need to be sedated nor restrained post-intubation. He astounded all medical staff with his fighting spirit gave hope to the despondent. They say a lesser man could not have accomplished all that he did while being in the hospital. He was a shining light in an increasingly dark time.

Even from a young age, Jorge always found ways to earn his own money. He helped the little shop that his parents owned while living in Bolivia, and at one point he checked comic books out from a local library and proceeded to rent them to other children in the neighborhood.

He was called to serve as a missionary for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the Bolivia Cochabamba Mission from 1985 to 1987 where he served in many capacities, including in the office under President F. Melvin Hammond and later as an assistant to President Harold Fallis.

After returning home from his mission, Jorge returned to the United States to attend Ricks College where he studied Computer Information Systems and fell head over heels for Mary Katherine Green. The two were sealed for time and all eternity on August 24, 1990 in the Denver Colorado Temple.

Soon after graduating from Ricks College, the two moved to Utah where Jorge attended Weber State University and earned his bachelor's degree in Computer Information Systems.

The couple later settled in Lehi, Utah where they raised their four children and have stayed for 26 years. During this time, Jorge achieved one of his biggest dreams by becoming a United States citizen.

Jorge continued his education by graduating from the University of Phoenix with his master's degree in Technology Management.

He began his career at First Security Bank as a Technology Specialist and later worked at Wells Fargo as a Regional Technology Manager over Utah, Montana, Idaho, Wyoming, and Nevada.

In 2008, Jorge began a new career journey in real estate. He found that this was his true passion in life as he could help many people buy and sell their homes. He was always in the top 25 producers in a brokerage of over 500 agents.

Jorge served in various church callings, but his favorite was serving on the high council. He was released shortly before he got sick after five-and-half years of dedicated service.

Jorge lived and built this beautiful life for his wife, Mary Kate. She is his eternal companion and had her by his side—everyday—throughout the final weeks of his mortal life. Everything he did, he did for her.

Jorge was preceded in death by his father, Domingo, and three of his siblings. As his family was among some of the first members in Bolivia, there was no temple in the country, so his family traveled to Utah where they were sealed for time and all eternity in the Mount Timpanogos Utah Temple.

Jorge is survived by his wife, Mary Kate; his four children, Packer (Jessica) Suxo-Sanchez, Liliana (Nickolai) Winger, Sofia Suxo-Sanchez, and Eva Suxo-Sanchez; his two grandchildren, Scarlett and Vienna Winger; his mother, Justa; and his seven siblings and

their families, both in the United States and in South America.

His mantra in life was always: "It's a GREAT life!"

Funeral Services will be held on Saturday, October 9, 2021 at 10:00 am, at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Chapel located at 650 East 3200 North, Lehi, Utah. A Viewing will be held on Friday, October 8th from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm as well as on Saturday from 8:30 am to 9:30 am at the same location. Interment will take place in the Lehi City Cemetery. Please click here to view services <https://my.gather.app/remember/jorge-suxo-sanchez>

Funeral Directors: Utah Valley Mortuary.

# Cemetery

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## Lehi City Cemetery

1100 N. 400 E.

Lehi, UT, 84043

# Events

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**OCT 8** **Viewing** 06:00PM - 08:00PM

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The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints  
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**OCT 9** **Viewing** 08:30AM - 09:30AM

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**OCT 9** **Funeral Service** 10:00AM - 11:00AM

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# Comments

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“ A webcast video has been added.



Utah Valley Mortuary - October 05 at 01:48 PM

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“ I served in Bolivia with Jorge and like everyone in my mission - I absolutely loved him. I first met him when he was working in the office. I had just arrived in the mission and was in the mission office. I began to ask him a question (like most people I assumed he did not speak English) and started my stumbling Spanish and he laughed and said in perfect English, "Hermana, I speak English." The relief was beyond imagination :)

Later, at the end of my mission he was my Zone leader. It was my last PDay/Zone Meeting and everyone was filing out. He came up to me and said, "What's that? Do you hear music?" I listened and then music started blaring...it was Neil Diamond, "Coming to America!" I got all excited and was laughing with Hermana Lloyd and I started crying (as I thought about leaving all those people that I loved and seeing my family again). Elder Suxo-Sanchez was all grins. This story has more meaning as I listened to the stories that were shared at his services regarding his patriotism and desires to become a US Citizen.

I also remember the excitement and pride that oozed when Parker and then later his daughter (sorry I don't remember your name but I think you were his favorite?) were able to serve in Bolivia. He shared many of the letters he received with some of us (his mission friends). What joy to be a part of that experience.

The memories and stories were a beautiful tribute to a wonderful man. Thank you for sharing and letting us in as you all shared your love for Elder Jorge Suxo-Sanchez.

Hermana Lori (Bosworth - Boz) McAnelly

Lori McAnelly - October 11 at 12:27 AM

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“ Lo que siempre admire de Jorge era su paciencia y su sonrisa, los años que estuvo en Bolivia fueron maravillosos, compartimos momentos inolvidables como familia, a el le gustaba el Taekwondo y tocaba el piano, el siempre fue un buen hermano mayor, el año 2014 mi hijo Harold tuvo la oportunidad de viajar para Norte América, Jorge y Marykate fueron como unos padres para mi hijo lo recibieron con los brazos abiertos, lo propio ocurrió el año 2019 cuando mi hija Karen también tuvo la oportunidad, ellos estuvieron siempre atentos a ellos, estoy muy agradecida al Padre Celestial por haberme dado la oportunidad de tener un gran hermano, un amoroso hijo, un padre ejemplar, no hay palabras para expresar la gran tristeza que deja en nuestros corazones, se que las familias pueden ser eternas y eso es algo que me consuela, el fue, es y siempre será un hombre ejemplar.

**Rossmery Yolanda Suxo Sanchez** - October 06 at 10:51 PM

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“ A memory i will cherish forever is when I got to visit with Jorge last year when my son took his daughter to Prom. I spent an hour on his doorstep asking him about his life and he explained what he went through starting as a youth in Bolivia to becoming a successful realtor here in Utah. I was in tears more than once listening to Jorge explain his absolute faith and reliance on God to meet and defeat so many challenges and obstacles he faced as an immigrant to the USA that astounded me. I was blown away by his fortitude and positive attitude about what he went through. It was such an amazing example of grit and determination coupled with faith and trust in God that he bolstered my testimony that day and for that I will always be thankful.

**Ryan Newcomer** - October 06 at 12:36 PM

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“ We have so many fun and wonderful memories with Jorge and Marykate. Our friendship started in 2001 when we moved in next door to them as newlyweds. We became fast friends! Jorge was a hard worker and built an amazing patio/deck in their yard. We spent many summer nights on that patio, watching the kids play, playing settlers of catan and chatting. The Suxo's quickly became some of our best friends and mentors. Jorge loved to make people laugh. He was for sure a tease! One thing that I've always loved and admired about Jorge is that he always seemed very interested in people's lives. He asked lots of questions and genuinely wanted to know the answer. He had a way of making you feel like he really cared and valued your friendship. I think he was this way with everyone. Very personable, and a great conversationalist. Jorge was always very patient, gentle and kind. He was the best dad and a mentor to my husband. As my oldest child Maleah (3 at the time) would often raid their pantry without asking, for yummy food, Jorge would laugh and egg her on. Maleah also had a biting problem and would leave bruises all over Eva (they were besties). The Suxo's were SO patient with her and us. We always joked that it's amazing that we are still friends after how many times Maleah bit Eva. They were so patient and forgiving. Another thing I really loved about Jorge is that I felt like my husband Kent could be his true genuine self around him. There are a few select people that bring out the fun and outgoing side of Kent, and Jorge was definitely one of those people. It was so fun to be around them because Kent could truly be himself with Jorge. Although we haven't been neighbors for many years now, we've always stayed in touch, had occasional date nights or family get togethers, celebrated birthdays and anniversaries together, attended farewells, homecomings and weddings etc. and even if it had been a while since we had seen each other, we always picked up where we left off. Friends forever! We love him and Marykate so very much and each one of their children, as we've watched them grow into adults! We feel so blessed and honored to have known and rubbed shoulders with such an amazing guy. Jorge always had a smile on his face. My only regret is that we didn't see him more often!! We love you Jorge and Marykate and kids!

Love - Kent and Shelley Eggett

**Shelley Eggett** - October 05 at 12:17 AM



“ I was able to work with Mary Kate for a while in the library at church. My heart was so melted by the fact that every Sunday as church ended, Jorge would show up and, with genuine eagerness, wait on Mary Kate to finish up and join him. He was sincerely excited to see her every single Sunday, so much so that I remember thinking that it was as if he had been on a long journey and had been separated from her for months and then got to be reunited with her! And yet it was just a few hours on Sunday. I was so touched by his love for her and their whole family as they often gathered in the library after church and excitedly discussed their plans for the day. A true example of genuine love.

**Marisa Zaugg** - October 05 at 01:11 AM



“ Jorge was a great guy. His smile and questions of how you were doing were always genuine. You knew he cared about the answer and you. His example of love and caring shine in his wife and children. Packer was in Scouts when I was the Scout Master. He was just like his dad. Friendly, smart, hard-working... all around great guy. The world is a little less bright with Jorge gone, but his light can continue shining through his family.

**Chuck** - October 05 at 09:19 AM



“ I remember that he had a happy disposition when he came to Utah Central Association of Realtors office. Always asking how I'm doing before getting down to business. He would always joke about how he talked to the boss and got the approval from the boss that admin could closed the office early and leave for the day :). I will miss seeing him around. Such a great person to know.

**Elise Fiso** - October 06 at 12:51 PM



“ What a terrific REALTOR in Utah! His kindness and his passion to always be a professional will be so missed in our community. My condolences to his family at this tender time. Heaven has received another valiant angel home. Sending my love and prayers to his family.

**Colleen Santos** - October 07 at 01:43 PM