



Nelson Gonzalez

July 18, 1935 - April 2, 2015

M. Nelson Gonzalez passed away peacefully on Thursday, April 2, 2015 at his home, after a valiant battle with cancer. He was born on July 18, 1935 in La Serena, Chile to Rosa Piña Gaete and Manuel Gonzalez Muños.

Nelson attended schools in La Serena before working on the family's farm. He moved to Santiago to work as a mechanic. There he met and fell in love with Norma Silvia Rivera. They were married in Santiago on Feb. 3, 1957.

The family moved to his hometown where they raised their two children, Norma Ingrid and Nelson Antonio and operated a successful trucking company. The Gonzalez family became members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on October 12, 1967. They, along with their two children, were sealed together, for time and all eternity in the Mesa, Arizona Temple on January 17, 1969.

In 1968, the family moved to the United States and lived in Delta and in Grand Junction, Colorado. Nelson worked in the trucking industry for many years. After spending a few years in Tucson, Arizona, Nelson and Norma settled in Utah, first in Orem and then in Lindon, where they operated a trucking company.

Nelson enjoyed spending time traveling with his family in his big diesel trucks, he liked to go dancing with his life-long companion, visiting with friends, attending and watching soccer games (especially when his grandchildren were playing) and enjoyed working in his garden. Once he became a grandfather, his greatest joy came from spending time with his grandchildren and great grandchildren. He served in numerous church callings throughout his life, and especially enjoyed serving the members in the Lindon 16th Ward.

Our beloved husband, dad and grandfather, "Tata," is survived by his wife and eternal companion of 58 years, Norma Rivera, their two children Norma Collett and Nelson A. Gonzalez (Julie Hansen), five grandchildren, Sydney Almeida (Gonzalez), Jessica Brown (Collett), Andrew Collett, Anthony Gonzalez and Allie Burr (Gonzalez). He will also be

greatly missed by his five great grandchildren, Charlotte, Kennedy, Stephen, Colton and Graeme. He is also survived by four sisters, one brother and numerous nieces and nephews. His parents and his older brother, Wilson, preceded him in death.

The family would like to thank Envision Home Health and Hospice and their staff, especially Nate Mansanarez, for the kind, gentle and personal care for Nelson, the past two months. We also appreciate the care he received from Dr. Wendy Breyer and her staff and Dr. Brandon Reynolds and his staff.

Funeral services will be held, Friday, April 17, 2015 at 2 p.m., in the Lindon 16th Ward chapel located at 610 West 100 South. A viewing will be held in the same church building prior to the funeral, from 12 p.m. to 1:40 p.m. He will be buried in the Lindon Cemetery.

Cemetery

Lindon City Cemetery

600 North 200 East

Lindon, UT, 84042

Events

APR 17 **Viewing** 12:00PM - 01:40PM

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Lindon 16th Ward

610 West 100 South, Lindon, UT, US

APR 17 **Funeral Service** 02:00PM - 03:00PM

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Lindon 16th Ward

610 West 100 South, Lindon, UT, US

Comments



“ My husband, Steven Paxton and I, Mary Paxton spent many wonderful hours with Nelson, Norma and their two children. I still keep in touch through Noni to check up on the family. When we lived in Colorado Springs, we would take turns driving to visit each other. Sometimes they would bring some of the soccer players with them and we would have fun eating sloppy joes and playing spoons at the kitchen table when i was 8+ months pregnant with our first child. When Steve was in the service and I mentioned that I was lonely in passing, low and behold, who showed up before I got off work to cheer me up? You got it, my wonderful friends from Chili. I'm so incredibly blessed to have them in my life and I loved all of them from the first time I met them and forever will. I miss you Nelson!

Mary Paxton - May 05, 2015 at 12:05 PM



“ Querido Hermano, Cuñado y Tío

Con resignación hemos asumido tu partida, pero recordamos con Cariño los momentos que compartimos, los que fueron cálidos, llenos de conversaciones, reflexiones en las que pudimos comprobar tu sentido Paternal y Familiar.

Querido Cuñado fuimos amigos, la vida nos invito a disfrutar diversos momentos en tu paso por ella, siendo soltero y después con tu hermosa Señora y tus Queridos Hijos, siempre cordial, amigable, con la palabra precisa para con el otro.

Querido Tío, te recordaremos como lo que fuiste un Gran Hombre, Esposo, Padre y Hermano para Nuestra Mamá, Tío Cariñoso, siempre quedará grabado en nuestras retinas el Gran Amor que siempre demostraste por Nuestra Tía Norma, Primos y Nietos.

En la inmensidad del Cielo algún día nos Encontraremos.

Sergio, Ester, Gladys, Cecilia, Gloria, Sergio, Rosita y Familia.

Ester Gonzalez Piña - April 20, 2015 at 06:59 AM



“ A mi querido y amado hermano:

En estos momentos he vuelto mi vista atrás y he recordado tantos momentos de Nuestras Vidas, de Nuestra Infancia, niñez que compartimos siendo aliados en las obligaciones que debíamos realizar en Nuestra Familia teniendo el campo y el azul del cielo como testigos de nuestras travesuras, conversaciones y reflexiones. Querido Hermano fuiste mi amigo, compañero, confidente, compartimos diferentes instancias siempre desde muy niño manifestaste tu gran sentido protector, de muy buen trato, cariñoso, paternal y preocupado; La Vida quiso que te fueras lejos del terruño junto a tu adorada Familia, pero siempre mantuvimos contacto, nos vimos muchas veces recuerdo el ultimo abrazo que nos dimos, pero desde aquí te abrazo en la eternidad y no me cabe duda que el Señor algún día nos reunirá .

A mi Hermano Por Siempre.

Tu Hermana Ester

Ester Gonzalez Piña - April 20, 2015 at 06:44 AM



“ Growing up, I didn't have grandparents that lived close by but I never felt like I was lacking because I had you and Titi, who I felt were my own grandparents and who I loved just as much. You were the best, and my favorite, soccer fan. I can't think of a game of ours that you missed. Hearing you in the crowd yell, above everyone else, "Go B-r-r-ooke!" is still today one of my fondest memories of our soccer playing days :) I will especially miss your hugs! They always cheered me up and made me loved! I love you, Tata! My love and prayers to your family <3

-Brooke (Schaertl)

Brooke - April 17, 2015 at 01:04 PM



“ May the lords peace be with you our friend. It was an honor to receive your smile and handshake over the years. You will be missed by all at Delta Egg Farm - Scott Patton

Scott Patton - April 17, 2015 at 11:38 AM



“ Oh how I wish I was there to honor Nelson. What a great man and example he was to us. I'll never forget the kindness he showed me, the lessons he taught me and the standards he set for all of us kids. I speak often of the time I spent in your house as a kid and the time we all spent on the playing field.

Thank you, Nelson, for the amazing memories I have from my days around you and your family.

Much love,

Darrin (pavo)

Mitch Mahan - April 17, 2015 at 09:41 AM



“ Hermano querido.
Sabemos que hoy entras en la dimensión infinita junto al Padre Dios. La certeza del reencuentro nos da la esperanza y fortaleza para seguir muchos de los valores que nos enseñaste, más que con las palabras, con el ejemplo. Tu serenidad, tu trato cordial, el cariño y dedicación que siempre demostraste por toda tu familia quedarán marcados en nosotros. Le damos gracias al Señor por haber sido parte de esta familia que está bendecida por Dios.
Descansa en paz y nos veremos.

Helia Gonzalez Piña - April 16, 2015 at 04:20 PM



“ Tia, muchas gracias. La quiero mucho y sus llamadas por telefono me han dado mucha fuerza!!!

Norma Collett - April 17, 2015 at 02:51 AM



“ Querido tío

Tus recuerdos permanecerán por siempre entre nosotros, en estos momentos difíciles cargados de nostalgia nos ayuda mucho ver los mensajes de tus amigos contando lo bueno que fuiste y la linda familia que forjaste con personas maravillosas, desde La Serena enviamos un fuerte abrazo a la tía normy y a los primos, algún día, cuando el Señor nos convoque a su reino nos reencontraremos , un gran abrazo para todos

Cariños.. Tio koki, Gigi, Jorge y Roberto

Jorge Gonzalez - April 16, 2015 at 03:06 PM



“ Muchas gracias Tio Koki, Gigi, Jorge y Roberto!!! Los queremos mucho a ustedes. Carinos y besitos!! Noni.

Norma Collett - April 17, 2015 at 02:49 AM



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Norma Collett - April 15, 2015 at 12:53 PM



“ My dear friend "Don Nelson" we will always miss you. Both Norma and you are love by so many people...so much so, that my kids have and will always look at both of you as Grandparents. Nelson, I will never forget the laughs that we enjoyed along with the Family. All the great conversations, stories that we shared. Norma, I am so grateful for your friendship...please don't ever forget that you have the whole Rivas Family here for you. We Love You!!!

Jorge Rivas - April 15, 2015 at 09:13 AM



“ I was so lucky back in 1978 to get the Gonzalez family as my host family coming to the US as an exchange student from Israel. The 6 months that I lived with you guys made you my family for life. Dad was such a great and generous man. We enjoyed teasing each other alot. I loved going on the truck with him. I 'm glad we got to spend time together a few years ago when I came to visit, and I' m so sorry he will not be there in the fall, when I come back. But I hope to see you, mama, back on your feet and going on with your life. I'm sure that the old man, as I used to call him, who loved you so much, would want you to do that. I love you tons!

Efrat Galanti - April 15, 2015 at 02:23 AM



“ El fue mi cuñado, pero mas que eso. fue mi Nene, yo tan solo tenia alrededor de dos años cundo el se caso con mi hermana Norma. Fui muy regaloneada por ellos, tengo lindos recuerdos de mis vacaciones en La Serena en su casa. En 1981, tuve la oportunidad de visitarlos en los Estados Unidos, en Grand Junction Colorado y darme cuenta como era su vida allá. Dios se lo llevo a otra Tierra muy lejana de su tierra de origen, y lo bendijo con sus amados hijos, Nietos y bis- Nietos, Ademas de su esposa Normita para El !! Ejemplo de amor de esposos para todas las generaciones que sigen en la familia !!!
Nelson siempre estarás en nuestros corazones.

Viviana Rivera - April 14, 2015 at 11:13 PM



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VIVIANA RIVERA - April 14, 2015 at 10:20 PM



“ We had the good fortune of meeting Nelson, Norma, Noni and Nelsi in Grand Junction Colorado about 41 years ago. Our friendship grew so strong that our children called Nelson Tío (uncle) and Norma tia (aunt). We celebrated special occasions together, Nelson and Norma have always been two of the most cherished friends and their wonderful children were great examples to our children. Nelson will be greatly missed.

Mike and Adriana Pacheco - April 14, 2015 at 08:41 PM



“ Tata will be missed by so many. He and his wife, Titi are the kindest, most loving and generous people I have ever met. Though not related by blood, he and Titi will always be part of our family. We will miss him and feel privileged to have known him. Rest in peace, my friend!

Bonnie Meyerson

Bonnie Meyerson - April 14, 2015 at 10:26 AM



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Norma Collett - April 13, 2015 at 09:47 PM



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Nicki Biscopovich - April 13, 2015 at 08:32 PM



“ Que buenos recuerdos. Que grandes amigos. Nelson siempre fue ejemplo de humildad y servicio. Siempre preocupado de los demás y de poner una sonrisa donde hacía falta. Te extrañaremos amigo.

Barbara - April 15, 2015 at 11:55 PM



“ Nelson fue un gran amigo de muchos y dejó en cada uno de nosotros ese sentimiento de hermandad, cariño y lealtad. Le vamos a extrañar mucho, sobre todo en las fiestas chilenas cuando celebrábamos las fiestas patrias. Nelson era siempre un voluntario con alegría y con mucho amor por la patria. Le encantaban las fiestas que hacíamos para celebrar la Independencia de Chile, le encantaba sentarse a mirar como los demás disfrutaban de la música y del baile. También él se mandaba unas patitas de cueca para entrar en onda con la fiesta y sentir su patria un poquito más cerca. Nelson te vamos a extrañar mucho, pero sabemos que algún día nos encontraremos y nuevamente nos daremos un fuerte abrazo, con mucho cariño y alegría. Hasta pronto querido amigo.

Nicki Biscopovich - April 13, 2015 at 07:24 PM



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Allie - April 13, 2015 at 07:21 PM



“ Tata, you have treated me like I was a part of your family since the day I met you. I love you like you are my own grandfather. I will miss you and love you always.

Jodi - April 14, 2015 at 09:41 AM