



Diego Edward Esquivel Jr.

October 10, 1963 - August 8, 2019

Diego Edward Esquivel, 55 joined his heavenly father on August 8, 2019 after a valiant battle of kidney disease. His devotion to his family and his firm belief in God supported him in his struggle and ultimately gave him peace.

Diego was born to the late Edward and Noemi Esquivel, at Fort Bliss Military Hospital in El Paso, Texas on October 10, 1963. He was immersed in the Christian community that would be his lifelong support from an early age. Diego move to Huntsville to start his career at TDCJ. After 30 years of service, Diego retired and devoted his time to his family, volunteering and traveling. The joy of Diego's life was his daughter Brisco Lynn Esquivel, 23. Later in life he married his love, Sandra Clifton on June 1, 2002. Diego became "Papi" and that was his world. His family grew to include Cliff and Jenna Luce and our three grandsons.

Diego had many passions, his church, the Houston Astros and Special Olympics. He shared these passions with his family and friends. Diego, Sandra and dear friend Pat Crane attended Astros opening day for 18 amazing years.

Diego cherished and appreciated the YMCA staff and how they served others. The YMCA students put a smile on his face and brought joy to his heart. Diego is survived by his wife, Sandra and daughter Brisco. Cliff and Jenna Luce, and three grandsons, Cameron 6, Clayton 2, and Collin 5 months. Sister, Loida and husband Alberto and their children Erica and Alberto III. Beloved nieces and nephews Adam and Dustin Stelly, Alica and Joshua

Esquivel, Jonathan, Damon, Lauren Rossett.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Diego Edward, Sr, and Noemi Rivera, brothers, Carlos and Jaime Renes Esquivel.

Diego will have a Lie in State at Sam Houston Funeral Home on August 12, 10:00am to 5:00pm. His service will be held at Faith Lutheran Church at 10:00am on August 13. Faith Lutheran Associate Pastor Jennings, University Height Baptist Church Minister to College will officiate the service. To honor Diego, he wished and donations to go to Special Olympics-Kourageous Kat, a Huntsville Special Team that Diego was instrumental in starting. Prayers, condolences and memories are gladly accepted at www.shmfh.com

Previous Events

Lie in State

AUG **12.** 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Huntsville
1700 Normal Park Dr.
Huntsville, TX 77340
(936) 291-7300
belinda@shmfh.com

Memorial Service

AUG **13.** 10:00 AM (CT)

Faith Lutheran Church of Huntsville
111 Sumac Road
Huntsville, TX

Tribute Wall



“ *Diego Edward Esquivel Jr.*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Diego and I worked at the Wynne Unit together. I never worried about who had my back when he was there. Way too young to leave us. I'm sorry for the loss is the least I can say to his family. See you on the other side, my friend.*

Larry Linson - June 20, 2020 at 10:04 PM



“ *George And Linnice Perry lit a candle in memory of Diego Edward Esquivel Jr.*



George and Linnice Perry - August 13, 2019 at 11:07 AM



“ *Mary Tucker lit a candle in memory of Diego Edward Esquivel Jr.*



Mary Tucker - August 13, 2019 at 07:02 AM

JB

“ *Selfishly missing your humble and loving heart my friend but I am filled with joy thinking of you in the presence of Our Lord and the absence of your suffering in the flesh. You had an amazing impact on those who were fortunate enough to know you, and you will live on in those whom you loved here. I will always remember the baseball games and listening to you talk about Brisco. I pray God's blessings and peace over your family.*

Jon Buckholtz - August 12, 2019 at 05:06 PM

ML

“ *He took care of us while he was with us and he will continue that role now. He will be missed but will remain among us in spirit. Take care of the person standing in front of you in Diego's memory. See you again my friend.*

Mickey Liles - August 12, 2019 at 02:28 PM

SR

“ *My goodness. Diego and I were friends/coworkers in the mid-80's. I saw him in town a couple of years ago and briefly caught up. He was an awesome person and I'm saddened to read of his passing. Prayers for peace and strength for his family and friends.*

Sherry Richardson - August 12, 2019 at 01:57 PM

RK

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Rick Kohn - August 12, 2019 at 01:26 PM

RK

“ Sandra and Brisco I am so sorry for your loss. My heart is broken. Diego was such a good friend and a mentor to me. His love for Special Olympics was such an asset to so many. I have so many wonderful memories with him. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. He will be so missed by all.

Rick Kohn - August 12, 2019 at 01:23 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Diego Edward Esquivel Jr..



August 12, 2019 at 10:52 AM

CM

“ Sandra, our condolences for your loss. My brothers and I met Diego as part of the equipment team with Special Olympics. He was one of the best, hard working, funny, smart people on the team. He will always have a cherished place in our memories.

Mike, Chris and Jon Mosel

Chris W Mosel - August 11, 2019 at 03:01 PM

TM

“ It wasn't a summer Special Olympics competition if Diego wasn't there to keep the Equipment Team running smoothly. A great and humble man who will be missed.

Tela Mange - August 11, 2019 at 12:56 AM

Irene
Perez

“ Irene Perez lit a candle in memory of Diego Edward Esquivel Jr.



Irene Perez - August 10, 2019 at 07:08 PM

Irene
Perez

“ I was so sad to hear of your passing. You are no longer suffering and in pain. God bless you and your family. Rest in peace.

Irene Perez - August 10, 2019 at 07:06 PM

MS

“ I am so heart broken over Diego's passing He was very special to me he was a Libra just like me and we had a lot of things in common, he loved Country Western music and most of all he loved the Houston Astros.

I know you're resting now, Diego and your celebrating your new life pain free with no more kidney disease.

I will always treasure are sweet talks together and all the great memories growing up as close cousins.

I can't wait to be reunited one day.

Love you 💙 always....Sister

Mel Saenz - August 10, 2019 at 05:47 PM

WH

“ *Walt Spears, Fred Hudlow and WFD Custom Homes purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of Diego Edward Esquivel Jr..*



Walt Spears, Fred Hudlow and WFD Custom Homes - August 10, 2019 at 02:42 PM

MA

“ *Marjolein sent a virtual gift in memory of Diego Edward Esquivel Jr.*



Marjolein - August 10, 2019 at 09:10 AM

MH

“ *M. Hyvl sent a virtual gift in memory of Diego Edward Esquivel Jr.*



M. Hyvl - August 10, 2019 at 01:16 AM