



## Jose Paz Rodriguez

November 25, 1947 - December 2, 2022

Jose (Joe) Paz Rodriguez, Jr., 75, passed away at his home in Huntsville, Texas on December 2, 2022, after a long battle with pancreatic cancer.

Jose was born in Corpus Christi, Texas in 1947 to Jose Paz Rodriguez and Trinidad Rodriguez (nee Fuentes). His family moved from Corpus to west Texas where he was raised in Monahans, Texas.

In 1966, Jose graduated from Monahans High School as a member of the National Honor's Society. He joined the U.S. Army (1966 to 1969) during the Vietnam conflict. He took a battery of exams during processing for the Army and qualified for Officers' Candidate School (OCS). He became a Field Artillery Second Lieutenant after completing OCS in July 1967. He served in Vietnam from February 1968 to 1969 and was awarded a Bronze Star and an Army Commendation medal for his actions against a hostile force. He was honorably discharged in September 1969 at the rank of First Lieutenant.

After leaving the Army, Jose began a life of service to the public and this country by becoming a Texas Police Officer, where he served 12 years, rising to the rank of Sergeant, having received numerous commendations, including runner-up Officer of the Year in 1980.

While serving as a Dallas Police Officer, Jose graduated with a degree in Criminal Justice from Texas of Abilene Christian University, Garland extension, where he attended night classes. He graduated with High Honor (Magna Cum Laude). Also, while serving as a Dallas Police Officer, Jose met and married Brenda Jo Rodriguez (nee Martinez) in 1970. They had a

daughter, Amy, in 1973. He left the Dallas Police Department in 1982 to pursue his dream of becoming an agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).

Jose spent 21 years with the FBI, serving in the offices of Dallas, San Juan, Puerto Rico, Hartford, Ct., Dallas, Bogota, Colombia and Houston where he retired as a Supervisory Special Agent. Jose and Brenda divorced in 1996 and during his second tour in Dallas, Jose met and married Robin Rodriguez (nee Ballard) in 1998.

After retiring from the FBI in 2003, Jose accepted a job as the Security Manager for the Southeastern Division of Coca-Cola Enterprises, Inc. He worked in this capacity for 7 years completely retiring in 2010 when Robin and he moved to Elkins Lake (a golfing community) in Huntsville, Texas. One of Jose's greatest joys in life was playing golf with good friends.

While living in Huntsville, Jose was asked to become involved in local politics and he was elected to the Huntsville City Council in 2013. He served on the City Council for eight years, the last two as Mayor Pro Tem. He truly enjoyed representing the citizens of Huntsville in his capacity as a city council member.

Jose enjoyed his tenure as a volunteer of the Huntsville Memorial Hospital Auxiliary for six years from 2013 thru 2019, where he served in the ER.

Jose's greatest accomplishment was having found and accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior. He became a believer later in his life, much to the credit of his wife, Robin. His love for Christ was nurtured by his church, University Heights Baptist Church of Huntsville, where he and Robin attended since 2005. He served as a small group leader for five years until he contracted cancer in 2020.

Jose was preceded in death by his parents, a sister Lenora Terrasas, and son-in-law Brian Paradis. He is survived by his wife of 24 years, Robin, daughter Amy Rodriguez of Houston, stepdaughter Brittany Webb and son-in-law Paul Webb of Royce City, Texas, grandson Noah Paradis of Georgetown, Texas, grandson Jackson Stubbs of McKinney, Texas, Mother/Step Father-in-law, Joyce & Earl Patterson of Huntsville, TX, Father/Step Mother-in-law,

James & Sharon Ballard of Harrison, AR, sister Angelina Zepeda of Odessa, Texas, sister Linda Finch of San Angelo, Texas, sister Catalina Pralle of Monahans, Texas, sister Juanita Marengo of Krum, Texas, brother Pat Rodriquez of Monahans, Texas and brother Meliton Rodriquez of Hobbs, New Mexico.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the Good Shepherd Mission of Huntsville, Texas, or the H.E.A.R.T.S. Veterans Museum of Texas, Huntsville, Texas.

A Celebration of Life is scheduled for Saturday, December 17th at 10:00 AM at University Heights Baptist Church in Huntsville, TX. Memorial condolences to the family may be made at [www.shmfh.com](http://www.shmfh.com).

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

DEC 17. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

University Heights Baptist Church  
2400 Sycamore Ave  
Huntsville, TX 77340

# Tribute Wall

LS

“ I will greatly miss Joe. I enjoyed working with Joe while he was on the Huntsville City Council. Always prepared and always thoughtful. So sorry for your loss.

Leonard Schneider - December 19, 2022 at 10:48 AM

RO

Thank you, Leonard.

Robin - June 24, 2024 at 10:43 AM

DB

“ Joe was a great boss and friend. I will always remember his sense of humor as well his professionalism. He will be missed.

Don Borelli - December 15, 2022 at 08:59 PM

RO

Thank you, Don.

Robin - June 24, 2024 at 10:43 AM



“ Joe and I worked together in San Juan, PR, and Hartford, CT. He was such a great Special Agent and had tremendous sense of humor. There was a funny story while we were working in Hartford. One evening as we left work to walk back to the hotel, we decided to stop in a small colmado to get some munchies. It was cold. We were wearing long dark coats. It was Joe, Art Balizan, Cuky Aponte and myself. Four Hispanics walked in and went in different directions. The owners, an adult son and his father, were behind the counter. The son tells the father: "This is it, Dad!" Both son and father were relieved to hear that we were four FBI Agents! We'll miss you very much, "Rocket Man!"

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**Fernando Candelario** - December 14, 2022 at 01:17 PM

RO

*Thank you, Fernando. A story I hadn't heard before! I'm sure just one of many.*

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**Robin** - June 24, 2024 at 10:44 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Jose Paz Rodriquez.



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December 13, 2022 at 03:28 PM

CH

“ I am so sorry for your loss. My Dad knew him well, and because of that he helped us out of a very difficult place - without really knowing us. He had a heart of gold and we will forever be grateful for his kindness.

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**Craig and Susan Henderson** - December 09, 2022 at 02:25 PM

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*Craig & Susan Henderson*

**Craig and Susan Henderson** - December 09, 2022 at 02:26 PM

RO

*Thank you, Susan. I remember the help he provided.*

**Robin** - June 24, 2024 at 10:45 AM

TM

“*Robin/Amy, I was so sorry to hear about Joe. Y'all may or may not remember me. I worked with Joe in Dallas when he was assigned there. I know he will be sorely missed. He was such a joy to work with. May God surround you with the peace & reassurance of Joe's wonderful new home in heaven safe in the arms of Jesus Christ. Amy, would you please pass my condolences on to your mother. God bless you all & may His light shine upon you.*

*Terrye Mount  
Retired Dallas Div.*

**Terrye Mount** - December 08, 2022 at 10:44 PM

RO

*Thank you, Terrye.*

**Robin** - June 24, 2024 at 10:46 AM



“*Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Jose Paz Rodriquez.*



December 08, 2022 at 05:16 PM

NC

“ Robin, My condolences to you and your loved ones on your loss. Joe was such a wonderful human being. I enjoyed working with him while at the Houston office. As one of my Unit's Supervisors, I could always count on him for just about anything. He was a true gentleman. You're in my thoughts and prayers. N. Constante from Houston, TX

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**Norma Constante** - December 08, 2022 at 10:18 AM

RO

Thank you, Norma. You are correct that Joe was a true gentleman.

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**Robin** - June 24, 2024 at 10:46 AM

KP

“ This is Katie (sister) Joe was 2 yrs younger. I remember when we were growing up we would hollar "Dog pile on the rabbit!" and point at Joe. We would get him on the floor and pin him down. He would get so mad at us cause he was always the rabbit. Of course he would go crying to mother and we would get in trouble. He was a cry baby.  
I will miss him forever. My heart is broken.

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**Katie Pralle** - December 08, 2022 at 12:03 AM

RO

Funny story, Katie. I don't think I had heard that one. LY

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**Robin** - June 24, 2024 at 10:47 AM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jose Paz Rodriquez.*



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December 06, 2022 at 03:45 PM



“ *M. Hyvl sent a virtual gift in memory of Jose Paz Rodriquez*



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**M. Hyvl** - December 06, 2022 at 12:06 PM



*Thank you so much!*

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**Robin** - June 24, 2024 at 10:47 AM