



## Roberto Cruz Cortez

November 23, 1954 - November 8, 2020

FORT WORTH--We are deeply saddened by the passing of our beloved husband, father, and grandfather. Judge Robert Cruz Cortez, a retired Tarrant County Magistrate died unexpectedly on November 8, 2020, at the age of 65 after battling an infection for several weeks.

Robert was born in Cameron, Texas, on November 23, 1954, to the late Bernardo and Juanita Cortez. He graduated from Texas Wesleyan University with a Bachelor's degree in Education and went on to achieve his law degree from the University of Oregon in 1981. Robert was a private practice attorney prior to being appointed as a magistrate for 19 years until his retirement.

On March 23, 1981, Robert married the love of his life, Lacey, and their love endured for 42 years. He is survived by his wife, Lacey; his beloved children: Robert Cortez(Andrianna), Erika Ramos(Lupe), Anthony Cortez(Nicole), Mikaela Cortez, and honorary fifth child, Sue Pelton; cherished grandfather of Nicholas, Haiden, Isabella, and Carlos Ramos, Robert Bennett and Greyson Cortez; beloved brother to Bernardo Cortez(Tina), Irene Cortez(Frank Fryer), Amado and Manuel Molina; cherished uncle to Lauren Lindsay(Jared), Jonathan Guadarrama (Cameo), Ben Cortez(fiance, Cierra), and the late Shawn Guadarrama(Shiloh). He is also survived by extended family and dear friends.

Robert was an avid reader and coffee drinker. He was charismatic, charming, loving, helpful, smart and generous. He loved to laugh, even though we could hardly get him to smile in a photo. He loved to hunt, fish, camping, nature and everything outdoors. He loved watching sports; some of his favorites were the Oregon Ducks (his alma mater), TCU, Texas Rangers, and the Dallas Cowboys. He loved his family to no end, especially his children and grandchildren. He was the best father and friend, our hero, our rock, the man we all looked up to, and our lives will never be the same. Sleep well Daddy/Dad/Pop, until we meet again, we love you unconditionally.

Robert Cruz Cortez will be laid to rest at 2 p.m. Monday, November 16, 2020, at Mount Olivet Cemetery. Masks will be required and the service will be held entirely at the gravesite to accommodate social distancing.

The Viewing/Wake will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday, November 15, 2020 at Mount Olivet Chapel, in the Breyley Room. For health and safety concerns, guests will be allowed to enter individually, unless they are in a family group. Masks will be required. Please enter through the door on the North side of the complex, that runs along NE 28th Street (also known as TX 183).

For more information, contact:

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# Events

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**NOV** **Visitation** 06:00PM - 08:00PM

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BREYLEY ROOM, Mount Olivet Chapel - Greenwood Funeral Homes and  
Cremation

2301 N. Sylvania Avenue, Fort Worth, TX, US, 76111

**NOV** **Graveside** 02:00PM - 03:00PM

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Mount Olivet Cemetery

2301 North Sylvania Avenue, Fort Worth, TX, US, 76111

# Comments

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“ 3 files added to the album Memories Album



NS Rec Legends - November 16, 2020 at 12:32 PM

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“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Roberto Cruz Cortez.



November 16, 2020 at 11:14 AM

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“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Roberto Cruz Cortez.



November 16, 2020 at 10:51 AM

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“ We know this must be a very difficult and demanding time for your family. You have our deepest sympathy. Continue to rely on God and know that he hears your prayers, because he cares for you. With caring thoughts.

**Evans family** - November 16, 2020 at 04:12 AM



“ Thank you for your kind words. We take comfort in words of strength from the wonderful friends that Robert had.

**IC Cortez** - November 17, 2020 at 05:32 AM



“ What can a person say at a time like this is: May God and his Son Jesus continue to be in your hearts' and bring you peace at a sad moment like this. Love you guys. Johnny Reyes Molina . Bakersfield. CA,

**John Molina** - November 17, 2020 at 10:48 AM

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**michael gomez** - November 15, 2020 at 05:53 PM



“ Thank you for sharing. He always loved camping with his friends.

**IC** - November 17, 2020 at 05:38 AM

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“ With a sad heart we say goodbye to one of our true Legends. Judge Robert Cortez. A unique individual that we will not soon forget. Judge was quiet and humble. An outdoorsman and an intellectual of dry wit, who got a big kick out of watching us greenhorns try to learn the art of camping. Each year, like clockwork we waited for his arrival at the reunion campouts, each year he arrived with his entourage. You will be missed, sir.

**michael gomez** - November 15, 2020 at 05:48 PM



“ We know that he will missed so much by his loving family . My deepest sympathy and prayers with love to all of you. He was a great man, during our time together as friends, we will miss you Judge Cortez.

Love ,

Pete & Rose Martinez

**Rose Martinez** - November 16, 2020 at 10:30 AM



“ Thank you for your prayers, Rose. The Cortez family still holds a special place in our hearts for you & Pete. May God bless you and your family.

**IC** - November 17, 2020 at 05:44 AM

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**NS Rec Legends** - November 15, 2020 at 01:18 PM



“ We were all very privileged to have known the Judge since our freshmen year at Trimble Tech when he was on the same freshmen football team. A few of us had classes with him during our 4 years and you could tell he was seeking to make a difference in the world even then. We remember his old green Opel car during those days taking us to the Good Luck. As we all played basketball for All Saints CYO, Robert took his talents to St. Mary's, where we always ended up meeting in the Championship game.

As life takes us different pathways, we saw each other less but always aware of each other and willing to help each other out when needed. In fact, I helped him drive to Oregon to go to law school.

Again, we lost some time tracking each other but when we did catch up in passing, it's like we never lost touch.

Robert was considered to be one of the original members of the so call Northside Rec Legends, where we used to close basketball gyms or enter city/church basketball tournaments.

Almost 25 years ago, the Legends decided to start going camping once a year to catch up and we could always count on Robert, Ruben and Art to show up that Saturday for the day to dine, reminisce on old stories and simply catch up. We will still hold a spot at the table for him.

To the family of Robert, we extend our sincerest condolences and wish you peace and our thoughts and prayer. We thank you for sharing the Judge with us these last few years during our annual camping trips, for we are truly richer for knowing him

Looking back over almost 50 years of friendship, he did leave his legacy on making the world a little better

Northside Rec Legends

**NS Rec Legends** - November 15, 2020 at 01:19 PM



“ Thank you so much for your beautiful words and for sharing the group photo. He greatly enjoyed camping and reminiscing with the guys; the Legends. Thank you all for always keeping him in your hearts, memories and stories.

**IC** - November 17, 2020 at 06:06 AM

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“ Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Roberto Cruz Cortez.



November 15, 2020 at 07:15 AM

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“ I would like to extend my deepest condolences to Judge Cortez's family, I had the privilege and honor of knowing him, he will truly be miss by all who were fortunate of spending time with him. I will truly miss him saying: "you know your a little off" at all our campouts. Willie Cedillo

**Willie Cedillo** - November 14, 2020 at 07:45 PM



“ Thank you for your kind words of sympathy. He always loved camping with his friends. Please share stories of him on your next outing, so that he may be with you in spirit.

**IC** - November 17, 2020 at 05:53 AM

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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Roberto Cruz Cortez.



November 14, 2020 at 02:41 PM

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“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Roberto Cruz Cortez.



November 14, 2020 at 12:55 PM

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“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Roberto Cruz Cortez.



November 14, 2020 at 12:11 PM