



## Rodolfo Filemon Arguello

March 13, 1938 - February 20, 2021

Rodolfo Filemon Arguello passed away on February 20, 2021, surrounded by his loving family.

He was born on March 19, 1938, in San Acacio, Colorado to Ophelia Arguello and Pedro Olivas. He was adopted and raised by his maternal grandparents Jose Encarnacion and Eufemia Cordova Arguello, and his loving aunts.

He graduated from Centennial High School in 1956 and immediately enlisted in the United States Air Force on June 12, 1956 from the enlisted rank, he was selected and attended Officer Training School. He retired after 22 years with the rank of Captain. He served in Korea, Germany and Vietnam during his time in service. While he was in the service, in spite of his grueling schedule, he managed to earn three college degrees, a BA in business administration from the University of Nebraska, a master's in public administration from the University of Oklahoma in 1975 and a Doctorate in administration and management from Columbia Pacific University in 1989. He also had many credentials from the Department of Defense's schools and from the FAA where he earned a private pilot's license. After retirement from the Air Force, he served with the Department of Defense throughout the country and the world, in various capacities.

During his long military and civil service career, Rudy was supported by his loving wife, Casilda "Casey" for 64 years. They were married July 18, 1957, in San Pedro, Colorado. They had two sons, Daryl and Arlen, Air Force "brats" who traveled all over with their parents. When Rudy retired from civil service

they moved back to San Pedro, Colorado where he designed and built their retirement home. He continued to serve his fellow veterans by joining and leading the Veteran's of Foreign Wars, and the American Legion Post in San Luis, Colorado for many years. His favorite job was helping fellow veterans apply for benefits they were entitled to, and among the many he helped, most of their applications were approved. In April 2004, Governor Bill Owens appointed him to serve on the Colorado Board of Veterans Affairs. In April of that year the Senate confirmed his appointment, making him the third San Luis Valley resident to sit on the board.

Rudy also believed in helping his fellow man, and when he believed in something he acted. He was an active member of the Fraternal Order of Elks, The American Legion, Disabled American Veterans, Served as Commander of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6101. He also loved children and, if asked, strived to help good men become better. He became a Brother Mason and ascended to the 32nd degree of the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry. He was an active member of the Al Kaly Shriners whose fundraising efforts help children in need worldwide. All of these Orders, Brotherhoods, Fraternities and organizations are guided by pillars of and principals that promoted character traits that helped all, making good men better.

Rudy is survived by his wife Casey, son Arlen, daughter-in-law Loretta, grandsons, Joshua and Tomas Arguello, brother-in-law Edmundo (Sue) Martinez, Gilbert T. (Darlene) Arellano, sisters in law, Glenda (Gilbert) Arellano, Susie (Dave) Brown, Maria C. Martinez, adopted neighbor daughter Eileen (Steve) Maestas, and sister Pressie (Al) Medina, numerous nieces, nephews and friends who loved him dearly. He was preceded in death by his son Daryl, his mother Ophelia, grandparents Encarnacion and Eufemia Arguello, his aunts Elsie, Valentina, Angelica, Delfina, Teodora, and Mabel. Due to COVID 19 restrictions, a private family funeral will be held on Saturday, February 26, 2021, at the Sangre de Cristo Church in San Luis, Colorado, with rosary beginning at 9:30, and mass beginning at 10:00 a. m. Interment will follow at the old cemetery with full military in San Acacio, CO. A

celebration of life is planned for this summer, God willing, in July, also in San Acacio. Mass will be live streamed

The family would like to thank Costilla County EMT's, for their fast response, Father Sergio Robles of Conejos who met us at the hospital, and all the people who have called to offer help and condolences. We appreciate you very much.

Arrangements are in care of Romero Funeral Home of Alamosa, Colorado

# Cemetery Details

**San Acacio Cemetery**

## Previous Events

### **A Vigil Service with Recitation of the Rosary**

FEB 27. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (MT)

Sangre de Cristo Catholic Church  
511 S Church Pl  
San Luis, CO 81152  
(719) 992-0122

### **A Mass of the Resurrection**

FEB 27. 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM (MT)

Sangre de Cristo Catholic Church  
511 S Church Pl  
San Luis, CO 81152  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Rodolfo Filemon Arguello*

January 29, 2023 at 07:44 AM



“ *European Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Rodolfo Filemon Arguello.*



February 26, 2021 at 09:41 AM



“ *Cousin Rudy, thank you for being my friend and helping me with my Viet Nam issues. God bless you.*

**Jerry Sanchez sr.** - February 23, 2021 at 01:10 AM



*A very pleasant , wonderful , helpful , Primo. Sincerest condolences to family and friends for the loss of a GREAT MAN. The world benefited from his life he will be missed.*

**Rick Gallegos** - February 23, 2021 at 01:40 PM



*My dearest Rudy, what an honor it was having such a fun and wonderful cousin in you. I am really going to miss seeing you when I head to San Pedro. God bless your soul. You shared many stories I enjoyed listening to. To Casey, our deepest condolences. We'll stop by to see you when we visit there. I love you and think the world of you too Casey. God comfort your heart and the family. With much love, Denise and son Wesley*

**Denise** - February 23, 2021 at 10:37 PM

RS

*There are no words I can say to ease this pain, only know that I am here and only a phone call away on your time. He leaves a huge void in our hearts which will never be the same. May God comfort you during these times of pain and sorrow. We love you. Jerry Sanchez family*

**Ruby Sanchez** - February 24, 2021 at 01:44 PM

BM

*Dr. Rudy, you were an extraordinary man! I am so grateful to have known you and to have been a part of the family! Thank you for your generosity, thoughtfulness, encouragement, humor, and the neverending happy hour hosting! May you rest in peace...or more likely, take over and reorganize heaven, and may God comfort your beautiful wife and family! Much love, Dr. Becca*

**Becca Manzanares** - February 24, 2021 at 01:46 PM

SM

*Dearest Rudy, you will be so missed by Edmundo & I. Thank you for always being there for us in so many ways. Cant thank you enough for helping Edmundi with addition. We love you. RIP*

**Sue Martinez** - February 24, 2021 at 04:43 PM

MM

*Rudy, what beautiful tributes for such a man as yourself. You will be sorely missed by al of your family. You were truly one of a kind. Rest In Peace or as Becca said go and rearrange in Heaven.  
Marie M*

**marie manzanates** - February 25, 2021 at 08:14 PM

RC

*A dear primo who greeted me every time like we'd not seen each other in eons. Your effervescence will be missed. God bless your journey.*

**Richard de Olivas y Córdoba** - February 26, 2021 at 08:26 AM

BH

*Dear Rudy you will truly be missed by so many. We had some very good times with great memories! Our condolences to your family!  
Harry and Bernadette Herman*

**Bernadette Herman** - February 26, 2021 at 09:20 AM