



Salomon Lopez

July 27, 1934 - February 1, 2024

It is with great sadness in our hearts but with a Spirit of rejoicing that we said goodbye to our beloved, father, uncle, and brother-in-law, Salomon Lopez who peacefully and joyfully entered eternal life on February 1, 2024.

Salomon was born into a solid Catholic Family on July 27, 1934 in San Antonio, CO to Jose Simon Lopez and Rebecca Ruybal Lopez. Not only do we say goodbye to a music legend in the Valley but more importantly to a man of God. Salomon was honored a few years ago with a lifetime achievement award for his contributions to the keeping of the traditions of the folk and Spanish music passed through generations.

Born into a music family he learned to play the guitar at a very early age by watching his sisters take lessons. He used to peep through a door watching, then afterward he would try it himself. Self-taught, he became a master of the instrument, those nimble fingers creating a legacy that would carry him through to the end of his life and beyond. He was also proficient in other instruments like the bajo, harmonica, piano, violin, and mandolin.

He was married on November 14, 1959 to Della Romero Lopez and their union lasted 42 years until her passing in 2001.

The last 20 years of his life, he, with his niece Rose Vialpando (whom he considered a daughter) were known as the Cancioneros del Valle performing throughout the valley and New Mexico. He also directed the “Our Lady of Guadalupe” choir for over 30 years.

Aside from his musical legacy, Salomon was a man of deep faith and devotion to our Lord and Our Blessed Mother. He was a daily communicant and lector at daily mass until illness prevented him from participating in his ministry which saddened him greatly. Totally devoted to prayer he would pray up to seven Rosaries a day making him a real apostle of the Rosary.

His shining pride were his three sons who survive him. Rev. Anthony Lopez of Springfield, TN, Ronnie Lopez and Toby Lopez both of whom lived with him and took care of him during his illness. Also surviving him is Rose (Albert) Vialpando, his niece (daughter) whom he leaves with cherished memories, his granddaughter Eileen, his sisters-in-law, Wilma (Ross) Duran, Dorthy Valdez, La Jara, Gloria (Glen) Brown, California, brother-in-law Donald (Bernadette) Romero, of Antonito as well as many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his wife, Della, his parents and all his siblings.

Through all his life he was the epitome of patience, quiet reticence and humility. He always said, "don't worry. Worrying is a wasted emotion." He loved reading spiritual books and enjoyed going with his son Toby to the Bronco Games in Denver. He will be missed greatly. He looked forward to going home and he was happy.

The Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated by his Son Rev. Anthony on Tuesday, February 6, 2024 at 11:00 AM with Rosary Tuesday, February 6, 2024 at 10:00 AM with viewing at 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM.

To leave online condolences please visit; romerofuneralhomes.com.

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“ My condolences to the entire family! Loved my friend "Chitto". Shared many fun moments with him learning and playing music. The man was 99% laughter, never saw him upset about anything. Everyone in San Antonio loved being around him. He was quick to share his talent, knowledge and musical instruments as well. I was always borrowing his 12-string guitar and banjo. Our Holy GOD will enjoy having him serving His WILL.
William Duran.

William Duran - February 18, 2024 at 01:47 PM

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“ Carl And Bonnie Smith, And Shirley Smith sent a virtual gift in memory of Salomon Lopez



Carl and Bonnie Smith, and Shirley Smith - February 06, 2024 at 09:58 AM

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“ Carl And Bonnie Smith lit a candle in memory of Salomon Lopez



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“ *Cumbres & Toltec Commission & Staff purchased the Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White for the family of Salomon Lopez.*



Cumbres & Toltec Commission & Staff - February 05, 2024 at 02:58 PM