



Gonzalo Cardona

December 18, 1941 - May 3, 2024

Gonzalo Cardona Jr., known fondly as Papa Joe, was born on December 18, 1941, in San Turce Puro Rico to Agustina Reyes and Gonzalo Cardona Sr. He shared his childhood with beloved siblings, including Eddie, Sonia, Manuelita Reyes, and Efrain Cardona.

Papa Joe's life was filled with love and family. With his first wife, Betty Castillo, he had two sons, Robert and David, and a daughter, Tricia Guillen. Later, he married Peggy Cardona and became a loving stepfather to Richard Eshleman and father to Sarah Suggs.

In 2007, Papa Joe underwent a profound spiritual journey, dedicating himself to God and serving his community as a volunteer firefighter in Enigma.

He found true love with Carmen Santiago Pacheko. Surrounded by loved ones, Papa Joe peacefully passed away on May 3, 2024, at Pruitt Health in Moultrie, where he was affectionately known as "Poppi."

Papa Joe leaves behind a cherished legacy of love and devotion to his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

A celebration of Papa Joe's life will be held on June 1, 2024, at Enigma Park from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm, hosted by his daughter Tricia Guillen and daughter-

in-law Lisa Eshleman. All who knew and loved Papa Joe are invited to join in honoring his memory.

In remembering Papa Joe, let us hold dear his unwavering faith, commitment to family, and the love he shared with all who knew him. He will forever live on in our hearts.

Tribute Wall

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“ *My favorite uncle! I still can hear his contagious laugh! Siempre te llevare cerca de mi corazon y me llevo las hermosas memorias que viví tu lado. Me consuela saber que algun dia nos encontraremos en el cielo! Vuela alto querido tio!* ”



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