



## Alfredo Ramirez

April 10, 1943 - March 3, 2020

NORFOLK -- Funeral service for Alfredo Ramirez, 76, of Norfolk will be held at 10:30 a.m., Monday, March 9, 2020 at the St. Mary's Catholic Church in Norfolk with Father Scott Schilmoeller officiating the service. Burial will take place at the St. Joseph's Catholic Cemetery, Wisner, NE. A visitation will be held from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m., Sunday, March 8, 2020, at the Stonacek Funeral Chapel in Norfolk with a rosary service beginning at 7:00 p.m. Alfredo died Tuesday, March 3, 2020 at the Faith Regional Hospital in Norfolk. Stonacek Funeral Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

Alfredo was born on April 10, 1943, in San Antonio, Texas to Luis Ramirez and Lydia Gonzalez. He dropped out of high school in the 8th grade and joined the United States Air Force at the age of 17 before obtaining his GED and graduating from West Texas A&M with a Bachelor of Arts and later his Master's Degree in Social Work from the University of Nebraska-Omaha. Later in life, Alfredo received an honorary high school diploma from Norfolk Public Schools.

He met his wife, Theresa Marksmeier, in Amarillo, Texas. They married in June 1977. In 1978 they moved for a short while to Wisner, Nebraska before starting a family in Harlan, Iowa when Alfredo took a Director position for the Harlan Girls Group Home. There they welcomed two daughters, Bianca and Tashina and welcomed a third daughter, Anneka, after they moved to Norfolk, Nebraska in 1983. Alfredo dedicated the next 34 years of his life to serving children, youth, and families as a therapist, opening a private practice,

Odyssey III Counseling Services, P.C. in 1989.

Throughout his career, Alfredo was part of numerous organizations. He was a founding member of The Zone after school program; a long time board member for Norfolk Public Schools School Board; member of the Nebraska Critical Incident Stress Management (NCISM) Troop B whose first assignment was to serve the first responders of the Flight 232 tragedy in Sioux City, Iowa; served as a Nebraska Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselors Board member; a Norfolk Foster Care Review Board member; long-standing member of the National Association of Social Workers; worked to help bring TeamMates of Nebraska to Norfolk; and member of the Nebraska Coalition for Juvenile Justice as well as Chair for National Coalition for Juvenile Justice Ethnic and Cultural Diversity Committee.

Alfredo had a passion for finding beauty in all things. He enjoyed taking photos and once said he considered it a way to capture moments in time that will never happen again. He enjoyed any opportunity to be outdoors whether camping, hiking, watching wildlife, or driving around with his wife exploring Nebraska. One of his favorite pastimes was watching the geese at Ta-Ha-Zouka Park. He considered himself a student of the universe voraciously reading books on any topic and he enjoyed collecting items such as canes, hats, keepsake boxes, and rings. Alfredo also enjoyed spending time with his wife and daughters creating memories.

Survivors include spouse Theresa Ramirez of Norfolk, daughters; Bianca (Tyson) Koehn of Norfolk, Tashina Ramirez of Sacramento, CA. Aneka (Mike Grove) Ramirez and their son Ezra of Norfolk, siblings Paul (Lydia) de La Garza of San Antonio, TX., sister-in-law Cathy Cervantes of San Antonio, TX., brother-in-law Aaron Villareal of San Antonio, TX.

He was preceded in death by parents Luis and Lydia, siblings; Minnie Cervantes, Susie Villareal, Frank Cervantes, and nephew John Paul de La Garza.

Casket bearers will be Dan Mauk, John Stappert, Ryan Chapman, Joel Dendinger, Greg Priebe, Spencer Alewel, Ross Stoffer and Michael Moreno.

Condolences may be expressed to the family on-line at [www.stonacekfuneralchapel.com](http://www.stonacekfuneralchapel.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 8. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Stonacek Funeral Chapel - Norfolk  
1200 N.13th St.  
Norfolk, NE 68701  
(402) 371-7676  
info@stonacekfuneralchapel.com  
<https://stonacekfuneralchapel.com/>

## Rosary

MAR 8. 7:00 PM (CT)

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## Service

MAR 9. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church - Norfolk  
2300 Madison Ave.  
Norfolk, NE 68701

# Tribute Wall



“ *Stonacek Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Alfredo Ramirez*



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**Stonacek Funeral Chapel** - March 06, 2020 at 04:36 PM

SN

*Beautiful memories* ❤️🕊️🙏🐻😭

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**Sally Nelson** - March 06, 2020 at 07:09 PM



“ *Alfredo Ramirez*

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October 05, 2023 at 03:46 AM

CF

“ *I was a resident at Harlan Girls Group Home when Alfredo was the director.*

*Sorry for your loss.*

*Cheryl Fouts (Haynes)*

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**Cheryl Fouts** - October 22, 2020 at 01:37 PM

KL

“ Dear Theresa and family, we are so sorry to hear about Alfredo's passing. We know that he had a truly loving wife and family. We appreciate all that you both have done for us and your community! We're sending our deepest sympathies, Karl and Lucinda

Karl and Lucinda - March 08, 2020 at 02:04 PM

DK

Dear Theresa and family, My sincere sympathy to you at this sad time. Remembering with appreciation the man you touched so many lives with perfect timing in a much needed way without knowing the impact that was made by the crossing of paths in life. I will always remember with much gratitude.  
Praying for comfort for you all. Sincerely Debra Kruse

Debra Kruse - March 10, 2020 at 10:10 AM

FT

“ From Lupe and Danny Cervantes in New Braunfels, TX purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Alfredo Ramirez.



From Lupe and Danny Cervantes in New Braunfels, TX -  
March 07, 2020 at 08:04 PM

DF

“ DAUGHTER VELMA & GRANDDAUGHTER FELICIA purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Alfredo Ramirez.



DAUGHTER VELMA & GRANDDAUGHTER FELICIA - March  
07, 2020 at 02:49 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Alfredo Ramirez.*



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March 07, 2020 at 01:41 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Alfredo Ramirez.*



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March 07, 2020 at 11:56 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Alfredo Ramirez.*



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March 07, 2020 at 10:09 AM



“ *My sincere condolences to Alfredos entire family. He will always be remembered .We go back Many Moons..now my cousin can rest. BLESSINGS to Pepper and all the girls. With much Respect. Jan Beauvais*

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**Janice Beauvais** - March 06, 2020 at 05:44 PM



“ 151 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



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**Stonacek Funeral Chapel** - March 06, 2020 at 04:35 PM

SD

“ *Theresa and family. So sorry for your loss. Thoughts and prayers for you . May all the good times help you through this difficult time.*  
*Shelley Dahl*

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**shelley Dahl** - March 06, 2020 at 02:55 PM

SM

“ *Theresa and family, I'm so very sorry for your loss. Alfredo was a wonderful person and I'm honored to have known him during my time in Norfolk. Wishing many wonderful memories will sustain you during this difficult time.*  
*Sheila Miller*

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**Sheila Miller** - March 06, 2020 at 12:43 PM

CK

“ Alfredo was truly a savor of lives, I have no doubt in my mind that he helped pull me from my darkest days when I was a troubled youth, and without his loving commitment to helping others, I may not be writing this today. I will never forget what he did for me when I was a teenager, and also the advise and guidance he provided for me as a Adult on any giving day and even not to long ago, He was truly a friend that a friend would like to have, and for that I am and will be forever grateful for the love and peace and help that he gave. Thank you Sir, My friend and Brother In Christ.

Chris K

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**Chris Knull** - March 06, 2020 at 11:50 AM

MF

“ Alfredo was a great human being. I never heard him say a bad thing about anyone. He gave so much of himself to others and to causes he believed in. He will be greatly missed. My thoughts and prayers to the family. God Bless.

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**Mary Furnas** - March 06, 2020 at 07:29 AM

JM

“ A gentle, loving soul gone too soon. Love to the family.

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**Jan Machmuller** - March 04, 2020 at 03:45 PM

JD

Alfredo impacted so many lives. He will be greatly missed. Sorry for your loss.

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**Julie Daniel** - March 05, 2020 at 11:15 AM

CR

I am so sorry for your loss.

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**Clay Reppert** - March 06, 2020 at 01:23 AM

LM

*Alfredo challenged many of us to strive harder, think deeper, and love all of the beautiful moments in life! He helped make this world a better place!*

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**Laurie Millard** - March 06, 2020 at 07:44 AM

LN

*We are so sorry for your loss and remember him through the Golden Girls, he was always a pleasure to be around. Please know that he is with God now and God is always with you, so he is not far away. Leon and Cheryl Northouse.*

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**Leon Northouse** - March 06, 2020 at 11:58 AM

AP

*I learned more from him than he ever did me. It was an honor to have known you, Alfredo!*

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**Ashley Petersen** - March 06, 2020 at 01:44 PM