



Rafael Jose Scarpa

October 11, 2010

Rafael José Scarpa Smith died peacefully at home surrounded by family and friends on Monday, October 11, 2010. A native of Láprida, Santiago del Estero, Argentina and a resident of Kenner for the past 40 years. Beloved husband of Consuelo Pita Scarpa. Loving father of Connie Scarpa Heirsch (husband, Michael Gerard) and Michelle Scarpa Zavala (husband, Oscar Armando). Grandfather of Elizabeth Megan and Victoria Morgan Heirsch and Cristian Alexander and Adriana Nicole Zavala. Also survived by niece, Silvia Scarpa Cox (husband, David) and her family of MS and nieces and nephews and their families in Argentina. He was preceded in death by his parents, 5 brothers, 4 sisters, 4 nephews and a niece.

Mr. Scarpa Smith was a graduate of the Argentinean Academy of Merchant Marines, where he served proudly until obtaining residency in the United States and then served proudly with the U.S. Merchant Marines to include 4 deployments to Vietnam. In 1974 he changed his occupation and was employed by Schwegmann Brothers Giant Supermarket as the Refrigeration Supervisor until retirement.

He spent countless time and resources providing help to victims of disasters in Central America and Mexico. Also involved with the Latin American Community in Orleans and Kenner. Additionally, he had numerous interviews on Spanish radio stations, newspapers, and television. Author of a well liked poem which was published in the Sunday Visitor Newspaper “ Y nos llamamos Cristianos...” (And we call ourselves Cristians). Later Mr. Scarpa

Smith published a book in 1990 called *El Perro y Su Sombre* (The dog and his Shadow). He was the co-coordinator with his wife of the Hispanic Leadership of St. Jerome Catholic Church Parish. Wrote the song "Corazon de Corazones" for the core group Corazon de Corazones of the Hispanic Ministry. Executive Couple with Father Pedro Nuñez for the Worldwide Marriage Encounter in Spanish for Louisiana. They later became the Coordinating couple for the Worldwide Marriage Encounter in Spanish for District 3. Mr. Scarpa Smith composed a song that was used during the Marriage Encounter in Spanish.

He was also Vice President of El Comité Latino Pro-Progreso de Kenner, the founding member of CASA Argentina, board member of Cervantes Fundación Hispanoamericana de Arte, honorary member de la Asociación de Ex Presos Políticos Cubanos de Estado de Luisiana and member of Club de Profesionales Cubanos.

Our heartfelt appreciation is extended to our very dear friends Jesús and Araceli Faraldo, Maria Chong Granizo, Leann Chong Ochoa and Nohemy Chong, Dina Zavala, Cookie Drouilhet, Deacon Uriel Durr and Odyssey Hospice for all the support during this difficult time.

Additionally we would like to thank the following for their thoughts, prayers and kind words: Sr. Camille Ann and the staff of Mount Carmel Academy, Mr. Rando and the staff at Brother Martin High School, Sr. Julie and the entire staff at Our Lady of Perpetual Help-Kenner, Dr. Becker and the staff at St. Edward the Confessor, Mrs. Di and the staff at Our Lady of Divine Providence and Mrs. Fauchaux and the staff at St. Rita School-Harahan.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend the Funeral Mass at the Kenner Funeral Home of L. A. Muhleisen and Son, 2607 Williams Blvd. on Friday, October 15, 2010 at 9:30 a.m. Visitation on Thursday from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and on Friday after 8:00 a.m. Interment in St. Patrick Cemetery No. 1.

Cemetery Details

St. Patrick Cemetery No. 1

143 City Park Avenue
New Orleans, LA

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **14**. 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

L.A. Muhleisen & Son Funeral Home
2607 Williams Blvd
Kenner, LA 70062
(504) 466-8577
info@muhleisen.com

Visitation

OCT **15**. 8:00 AM - 9:30 AM (CT)

L.A. Muhleisen & Son Funeral Home
2607 Williams Blvd
Kenner, LA 70062
(504) 466-8577
info@muhleisen.com

Service

OCT **15**. 9:30 AM (CT)

L.A. Muhleisen & Son Funeral Home
2607 Williams Blvd
Kenner, LA 70062
(504) 466-8577
info@muhleisen.com

Tribute Wall



“ *L.A. Muhleisen & Son Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Rafael Jose Scarpa*



L.A. Muhleisen & Son Funeral Home - October 11, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *Rafael Jose Scarpa*

October 15, 2023 at 09:39 PM



“ *Nury Barrera lit a candle in memory of Rafael Jose Scarpa*



Nury Barrera - April 16, 2011 at 11:01 PM

NB

“ Siento mucha tristeza de haber perdido la comunicacion de mis mas queridos amigos,y sobre todo enterarme tanta tarde de la muerte de una persona tan maravillosa,al cual tengo tantos bellos recuerdos inolvidables,una persona que me ayudo tanto a crecer como persona,y de esos bellos consejos que siempre tuve en cuenta,y que recordaba a cada instante,especialmente cuando pensaba hacer una descision,mi amigo querido venia a mi mente,al igual que mi hermanita Consuelo,me ayudaron a crecer y a superar muchas cosas que afectaban mi vida y la de los demas,aprendi mucho de el,y sobre todo la calidad de persona,como esposo el mejor,y un padre maravilloso,que ha dejado a su familia los mas bellos recuerdos,y que ha hecho que su esposa e hijos lo extranen cada dia que pasa,porque alguien como el,,es irremplazable.

Muchos carinos para mi amiguita querida,y su adorada familia.

Nury

Nury Barrera - April 16, 2011 at 10:58 PM

LP

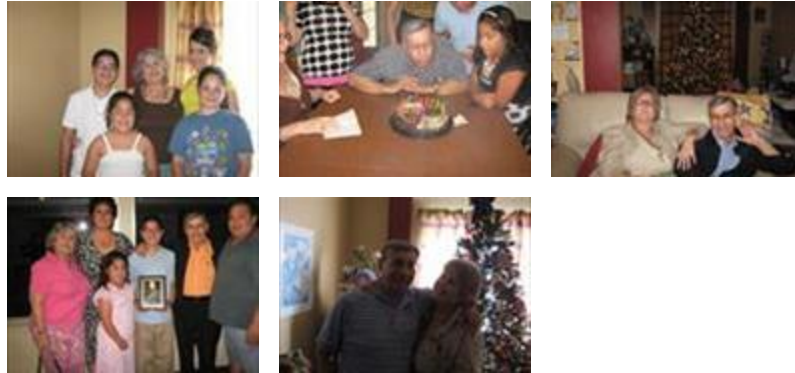
“ Luis Picado lit a candle in memory of Rafael Jose Scarpa



Luis Picado - October 14, 2010 at 12:54 PM



“ 14 files added to the tribute wall



Michelle Zavala - October 13, 2010 at 06:07 AM

LP

Michelle, con ustedes en estos momentos dificiles de aceptar pero con la fe en Dlos siempre, el es el unico que nos da la fortaleza para sobrepasar estos momentos tan duros, pensando en usted y su familia quien los estima mucho.

Luis G Picado

Luis Picado - October 14, 2010 at 12:51 PM



“ Michelle Zavala sent a virtual gift in memory of Rafael Jose Scarpa



Michelle Zavala - October 13, 2010 at 05:54 AM



“ *Michelle Zavala lit a candle in memory of Rafael Jose Scarpa* ”



Michelle Zavala - October 13, 2010 at 05:53 AM