



SGM (Ret) Edgar Ramon Irizarry, Sr.

October 14, 1937 - April 16, 2016

SGM (Ret) Edgar Ramon Irizarry, Sr., son of the late Alfredo Ramon Comas Crespo and Nereida Irizarry, was born October 14, 1937 in Cabo Rojo, Puerto Rico where he grew up and graduated from high school.

Edgar joined the United States National Guard and then enlisted in the United States Army where he served faithfully for 30 years until his retirement and attained the rank of Sergeant Major. Throughout his faithful service, Edgar was an Expert Infantryman and received several awards and commendations; some of which include: Purple Heart, Bronze Star Medal w/Oak Leaf Cluster, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal w/Oak Leaf Cluster, Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross Unit Citation w/Palm, Good Conduct Medal (9th Award), National Defense Service Medal, Presidential Unit Citation, Army Service ribbon, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Meritorious Unit Citation, NCO Professional Development Ribbon (1), Vietnam Service Medal w/1 Silver Star, Vietnam Service Medal w/2 Bronze Service Stars, Overseas Service Ribbon (3), Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, and the Combat Infantry Badge.

Edgar and the family moved to the Fort Leonard Wood in 1973 and raised his family here. While still serving in the Army, Edgar worked as a projectionist in every movie theater on Fort Leonard Wood and was the Manager for Baker Theater for many years. After retiring from the Army, Edgar stayed working in

the theater and continued to serve the soldiers of the Army as a cook for EDP Enterprises.

Edgar was a 33 degree Mason with the Plato Masonic Lodge AF & Am, Scottish Rite - Valley of Joplin, and served as Worshipful Master three times.

In his spare time, Edgar enjoyed spending time fishing, camping, collecting 1st Calvary memorabilia of Vietnam, studying military history especially the Civil War, and playing dominos. Most importantly, he loved spending time with his family and friends, especially the grandchildren.

Edgar passed away Saturday, April 16, 2016, in his home in Waynesville, Missouri having attained the age of 78 years. He will be sadly missed, but fondly remembered by all those that knew and loved him.

Edgar leaves to cherish his memory, his wife, Juanita of Crocker, MO; two daughters, Evelyn Irizarry of Waynesville, MO, and Elizabeth Gaut (Gregory) of Springfield, VA; two sons, Edgar R. Irizarry, Jr of Houston, TX and Edwin D. Irizarry (Shari) of Ketchikan, AK; eight grandchildren: Savanna L. Irizarry, Edgar R. Irizarry, III, Daniel C. Irizarry, Paige E. Gaut, Gabriel M. Irizarry, Alexander X. Irizarry, Isaac E. Irizarry, and Samuel H. Irizarry; three great-grandchildren: Maverick L. Irey, Michelle L. Irey and Myla J. Irizarry; two sisters: Carmen Delia Rivera Irizarry of Cabo Rojo, Puerto Rico and Carmen Norma Ortiz of Sarasota, FL; and a number of nieces and nephews.

Services were held at 12:00 p.m. Friday, April 22, 2016 in the Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville / St. Robert with Father John Groner officiating. The songs "Battle Hymn of the Republic", "On the Other Side" and "I Believe" by Dailey & Vincent were played. Serving as escorts were the United States Army.

Burial with military honors followed in the Missouri Veterans Cemetery of Waynesville. Military honors were provided by the United States Army of Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.

Memorial Contributions can be made to The Diabetes Assoc. or MDS Cancer Society in memory of Mr. Irizarry, and contributions may be left at the funeral home.

Cemetery Details

Missouri Veterans Cemetery - Fort Leonard Wood

25350 Hwy H
Waynesville, MO 65583

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 21. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville/St. Robert
202 Historic 66 W.
Waynesville, MO 65583
(573) 774-6111
memorialchapels@embarqmail.com

Masonic Service

APR 21. 6:30 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Memorial Chapels and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of SGM (Ret) Edgar Ramon Irizarry, Sr.*



Memorial Chapels and Crematory - April 21, 2016 at 02:34 PM



*What a wonderful tribute. Our prayers and condolences go out to Juanita and Edgar's entire family.
Love always,
Mary and Bill Ludlow*

Mary Ludlow - April 21, 2016 at 05:48 PM

CH

Tyvm that was very lovely though I met my uncle Edgar when I was just a lil gurl I just wish that he spend time with us but just know that u are loved and missed very much I didn't really know u and I wish I have.. because all I have is memories of u when I was a child and my mom would take us to New Jersey to see u

Carmen Ortiz Hammond - June 11, 2018 at 03:53 PM



“ *SGM (Ret) Edgar Ramon Irizarry, Sr.*

January 28, 2023 at 06:53 AM

AK

“ Alan Karasek lit a candle in memory of SGM (Ret) Edgar Ramon Irizarry, Sr.



Alan Karasek - May 01, 2022 at 10:25 PM

AK

“ Many thoughts and prayers to the Irizarry Family I came to know SGM Irizarry through his son Edgar While we were stationed together at Mcgregor Range (Ft Bliss Texas) and Kaiserslautern Germany we spent many years together. Peace till we meet again

Al (hook) Karasek

Alan Karasek - May 01, 2022 at 10:24 PM

J(

“ Jackie Cato (Kubisiak) lit a candle in memory of SGM (Ret) Edgar Ramon Irizarry, Sr.



Jackie Cato (Kubisiak) - April 22, 2016 at 01:23 PM

J(

I worked in the AAFES office several years. It was a joy having "I Z" as we called him, on our team. You never had to worry about the theater running smoothly or any complaints. He was an honorable man and I am so glad that I was able to spend a little of my life with him. Prayers going up to all of his family, but especially to his beautiful wife. He adored her so.

Jackie (Kubisiak) Cato

Jackie Cato (Kubisiak) - April 22, 2016 at 01:36 PM

DC

I'm so sorry to hear about I Z passing. I worked with him for 4 years at the Abrams Theater.

Doris Campbell - April 22, 2016 at 09:30 PM

ST

“ Its been a pleasure and an honor to have served such a wonderful veteran. He was known to make others smile in their time of need. God speed to our friend and take care of your fellow LZ Xray comrades. HSTMVH Specialty Clinic



Specialty Care Team - April 21, 2016 at 03:22 PM



“ 58 files added to the album Life Tributes



Memorial Chapels and Crematory - April 21, 2016 at 09:23 AM

ET

My Uncle, my hero, my inspiration. You may be gone but you will never be forgotten. Always and forever, your niece Edith.

Edith Torres - April 22, 2016 at 05:27 PM

PM

“ *Peggy(breuklander) Medlock lit a candle in memory of SGM (Ret) Edgar Ramon Irizarry, Sr.*



peggy(breuklander) medlock - April 20, 2016 at 06:12 PM

S(

“ *Sandra Mcardle (Cook) lit a candle in memory of SGM (Ret) Edgar Ramon Irizarry, Sr.*



Sandra Mcardle (Cook) - April 20, 2016 at 12:01 PM

PF

“ *Paula Forrest lit a candle in memory of SGM (Ret) Edgar Ramon Irizarry, Sr.*



Paula Forrest - April 20, 2016 at 07:42 AM

PF

Edgar my Friend you will be Missed .

Paula Forrest - April 20, 2016 at 07:44 AM

SB

“ I remember Mr. Irizarry working with him at Abrams Theater back in the mid 80's. My condolences to his family. He was a good friend. Rest in Peace



Stella Barkley - April 19, 2016 at 08:34 PM

MD

“ Margie Daniels lit a candle in memory of SGM (Ret) Edgar Ramon Irizarry, Sr.



Margie Daniels - April 19, 2016 at 08:32 PM



“ Rest in peace Mr. "Irresistible" Your memory will always bring a smile to my heart. Thank you for your service and the sacrifices you made.



Gloria McBeth - April 19, 2016 at 12:41 PM

LY

“ Lynn Yoder,LPN lit a candle in memory of SGM (Ret) Edgar Ramon Irizarry, Sr.



Lynn Yoder,LPN - April 19, 2016 at 11:07 AM

PG

“ *The name of the LORD is a strong tower; the righteous man runs into it and is safe. Prov 18:10 (ESV)*



PULASKI COUNTY CAMP GIDEONS - April 19, 2016 at 11:01 AM

LC

“ *LINDA COLE-SCHONBOK lit a candle in memory of SGM (Ret) Edgar Ramon Irizarry, Sr.*



LINDA COLE-SCHONBOK - April 19, 2016 at 10:35 AM

SW

“ *Sandy Watson lit a candle in memory of SGM (Ret) Edgar Ramon Irizarry, Sr.*



Sandy Watson - April 19, 2016 at 09:35 AM

MS

“ *Marge Scott lit a candle in memory of SGM (Ret) Edgar Ramon Irizarry, Sr.*



Marge Scott - April 19, 2016 at 08:38 AM

AL

“ Alice lit a candle in memory of SGM (Ret)
Edgar Ramon Irizarry, Sr.



Alice - April 19, 2016 at 07:50 AM

MS

“ In Honor and Memory of his service to our
country. Prayers go out to his family and loved
ones.
Marlin Stevens



Marlin Stevens - April 19, 2016 at 07:06 AM

SB

“ Thank you my friend for the many early morning chats and after
work visits. I loved going to the firing range with you and putting
some lead down range. And you always made me laugh when you
teased the waitress when you asked for diet water! They never
knew quite how to handle you! You may be gone but you will never
be forgotten.



Sally Bybee - April 18, 2016 at 08:56 PM

MM

“ *Edgar, you are one of a kind. Extra special friend. You are a joy see.*



Michael (Red) & Crystal Mosier - April 18, 2016 at 08:08 PM

CM

“ *Edgar, our Awesome friend. And my super mess hall co-worker. We work hard, but had fun. The good old days. It not the same. Out there. You will be missed. But, never ever forgotten. Always in our thoughts. Love you, our friend. Hugs to you. And family.*



Crystal & Michael (Red) Mosier - April 18, 2016 at 07:54 PM

LH

“ *Edgar was a gentleman and a soldier. Waynesville is a better place because he was a citizen. We will miss him and his smiles. My thoughts to his family.*

Luge Hardman - April 18, 2016 at 07:53 PM

KS

“ *I love you Dad ❤️❤️❤️ You have been such an inspiration to your family and to your friends. The light in this world will be a lot dimmer without you in it. I wish I could be with you to pay my respects, but my heart will always be with. My love to Ed, Edgar and the family during this difficult time. May God bring you strength, comfort and peace; and may you know how much you are loved.*

Kimberly Jones Sanford

Kimberly Jones Sanford - April 18, 2016 at 07:33 PM