



Ernesto Eduardo Ramirez

July 6, 1940 - June 7, 2024

Ernesto Eduardo “Erny” Ramirez, age 83 of Conshohocken, died on Friday evening, June 7, 2024, at home surrounded by his loving family. Erny was born on July 6, 1940, son of the late Bartolo “Lito” and Anita (Ramirez) Ramirez. He was the beloved husband of Marian M. (Laurance) Ramirez for 53 years.

Born and raised in Brownsville, TX, Erny was a lifelong learner with an insatiable thirst for knowledge that he carried throughout his life. He graduated from Brownsville High School in 1958, and went on to study first at St. Edward’s University; earned a Bachelor’s at University of Texas, Austin (“Hook ‘em horns!” was one of his favorite exclamations); and later earned a Masters at Texas A&M Commerce. Erny returned to Brownsville, where he began a 56 year career in teaching - one that brought him tremendous joy in sharing wisdom and following a pursuit of knowledge with his students.

Erny loved no one on this earth more than his dear wife, Marian, originally of Winsted, MN. The couple met and fell in love in Brownsville while Marian was an Extension volunteer, the Catholic equivalent of a Vista volunteer. After they married in 1971, they first lived in San Antonio, TX where Erny was an elementary school principal, then later in Abilene, TX, where Erny was the Director of Bilingual Education. Shortly after their first child was born, they moved to the University of Oklahoma, where Erny earned a PhD in

Educational Administration. Finally, in 1982, the now family of five moved to the Philadelphia suburbs, where Erny taught for 36 years at Villanova University. Here, Erny would joyfully hold 'office hours' in Bartley Hall cafe, spending time with students, staff, and members of the community; and enjoyed serving as Advisor to the Delta Tau Delta fraternity. He loved his students as much as his own family, and created many long-lasting friendships that meant the world to him.

The core legacy that Erny leaves for his family and friends is centered on amplifying the goodness in the world, AMDG - "for the greater glory of God." A man of deep faith, Erny shared this not only in his relentless devotion, but also in his everyday interactions with people - often commenting that he would pray for them. Erny was a kind & gentle soul; larger than life in his storytelling; thoughtful, considerate, insightful; kind in his words; generous with his time and attention; expansive in his praise; funny and incisive in his perspective on the world around him. He will be deeply missed by many, but his spirit lives on in those he influenced during his life here on earth.

Erny was preceded in death by an infant son, Denis (d. 1980). In addition to his beloved wife, Marian, he is survived by: Two sons, Dean (Melissa) of Clarence Center, NY and Neal (Andrea) of Morro Bay, CA; a daughter, Jen Miller (Nathan) of Malvern, PA; a brother, Vidal Ramirez (Magda); a sister, Anna Sharp (Bob); Eight grandchildren: Madeline, Molly, Dean "Duke", and Mark Ramirez; Caroline, Matthew, Luke, and Andrew Miller; and many dear nieces, nephews, cousins, former students, and friends, including newest family member, Georgie the cat.

Relatives and friends are invited to pay respects on Monday evening, June 17th from 6-8pm at the William A. Moore Funeral Home, 708 Fayette St., Conshohocken or on Tuesday morning, June 18th from 9:30-10:15AM in St. Philip Neri Church, 437 Ridge Pike, Lafayette Hill, PA 19444. Mass of

Christian Burial will commence at 10:30AM in the Church.

In lieu of flowers, there are many ways to honor Erny. He would have encouraged memorial donations to any of the following: 1) Catholic Worker Community in your area (perhaps you would consider House of Grace Catholic Worker, 1826 E Lehigh Ave, Philadelphia PA 19125; or Beatitude House, Guadalupe Catholic Worker, 267 Campodonico Ave, Guadalupe CA 93434); 2) Feeding America; or 3) consider donating \$27.72 (Erny loved palindromes, this one referencing Psalm 27) to any non-profit charitable cause of your choice.

Previous Events

Evening Visitation

JUN 17. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

William A. Moore Funeral Home
708 Fayette Street
Conshohocken, PA 19428
(610) 828-4006
<https://www.williamamoore.com/>

Morning Visitation

JUN 18. 9:30 AM - 10:15 AM (ET)

St. Philip Neri RC Church
437 Ridge Pike
Lafayette Hill, PA 19444

Funeral Mass

JUN 18. 10:30 AM (ET)

St. Philip Neri RC Church
437 Ridge Pike
Lafayette Hill, PA 19444

Tribute Wall

SB

“ *What a wonderful man!! He guided me through the graduate school process and thus sent me on a 40 year career in higher education. He once told me the Lord is first ,my friends are second ,and I am third. Blessings!!*

Scott Bogard - October 21, 2025 at 10:46 AM

RH

“ *Dr Ramirez taught me at Villanova in the early 1980's. I was a young Catholic priest then. I would not have survived the rigors of the Secondary Education Administration Masters program if it weren't for the kindness and example he showed to me. Ernie you have been a role model for me in my ministry and life. I am about to retire now and just was looking back at all the people that helped me along the way. Thank you so much Ernie and please ask Our Blessed Lord to bring me one day, like you, to eternal rest! I know I have a great advocate in you. RIP*

Rev. Dr. Kevin P. Hanaway - June 17, 2025 at 02:30 PM

ME

“ *Marian, So sorry to hear of your husband's passing. I met and chatted with him at our 50th class reunion. What a lovely man. I know you will miss him dearly. Take care and God bless.....Marlys*

marlys ernhart - June 25, 2024 at 05:36 PM

EF

“Erny was such a special man. He and I talked frequently about our roots in South Texas as Mexican-Americans who had common experiences in the Edgewood School District, academia, and at Villanova. *Te Portas Bien* (behave) was something that I hear and see a picture of your dad, my mentor and friend. We were also “tocayos” or namesakes. Lalo is a nickname for Edward and he sometimes called me Lalo or tocayo depending on the day.

When he met my parents who were visiting he talked with them about his and their experiences in Brownsville, Cotulla, and the West Side of San Antonio. Almost every time we spoke he would ask about my parents by name, Jose and Mary Helen Fierros. I marveled at how he could remember such minute details. But that was your dad. He not only listened, he remembered important details and would ask sincerely about members of my immediate family and my parents. I listened to so many of his voice mails because I was not always in my office to receive them. And

My wife, Judy Giesberg, who also is a professor at Villanova studies the US Civil War. Erny never let her or me forget that the last battle of the Civil War was fought in Brownsville, Texas!

Erny had an important impact on my life, I'll miss his voice, sense of humor, and unapologetic devotion to G-d and his family.

Te Portas Bien! Ed

Edward Fierros - June 18, 2024 at 09:14 AM

BL

“Bonnie L. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ernesto Eduardo Ramirez.

Bonnie L. - June 17, 2024 at 09:33 AM

AG

“ On Behalf of the Garza Family we extend our most Deepest and Sincere Condolences to the entire family on the Loss of our Beloved Cousin(Primo) Ernesto (Buster). We have very fond memories of Primo Buster that will never be forgotten..We Love you all. May the Perpetual Light Shine Upon Him and May He REST IN PEACE. 🙏
🙏🙏❤️❤️Forever in our Hearts.
Aurora Angela Ramirez Vda. De Garza Cousin n family, Melissa Ann, Hector Domingo III, David Edward, n Daniel Alberto Garza and families.

Aurora Garza - June 16, 2024 at 03:16 PM

AG

305 HagarDr
Brownsville, Texas 78521

Aurora Garza - June 16, 2024 at 03:32 PM

SD

“ Suzanne D. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ernesto Eduardo Ramirez.

Suzanne D. - June 15, 2024 at 02:12 PM

SA

“ I am sad without measure to hear of Ernie's passing. He was a much loved and respected professor to my wife Valerie, and my daughter Kristen. Most of all, more than my colleague at Villanova, he was my dear friend who I will miss greatly. My deepest condolences to Ernie's family. Much love, Salvatore

Salvatore - June 14, 2024 at 07:48 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Ernesto Eduardo Ramirez.



June 14, 2024 at 04:06 PM



“ Patrick and Noreen, Ed and Madeline Curr planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ernesto Eduardo Ramirez.

Patrick and Noreen, Ed and Madeline Curr - June 13, 2024 at 08:03 PM



“ Patrick and Noreen, Ed and Madeline Curr purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Ernesto Eduardo Ramirez.



Patrick and Noreen, Ed and Madeline Curr - June 13, 2024 at 08:03 PM



“ The Mike Waldmann family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Ernesto Eduardo Ramirez.



The Mike Waldmann family - June 13, 2024 at 02:56 PM



“ *It was such a pleasure to have known Erny at Villanova. He was a regular library patron and I loved chatting with him about films and books. Erny was a lovely person and will be missed.*

Luisa Cywinski - June 13, 2024 at 12:45 PM



“ *Ernie and I used to commute together to Villanova and had some interesting conversations. He also called my son Jimmy every year on his birthday. He was a wonderful man.*

Jim Mullen - June 13, 2024 at 12:33 PM



“ *So many memories, so many laughs, so many challenges....
I am honored to be able to call Erny my friend... and what a friend...
He challenged me to be a better person...
He lifted me up when I needed a pep talk...
He reminded me when I needed a dose of hometown humility...
He made me laugh when I sometimes least expected it...
He inspired me to keep searching for love (like the love he had with his beloved Marian)...
He ignored me (or pretended he couldn't hear me) when I was giving him grief or push back...
He was always up for an adventure as long as Marian was at his side...
He was knowledgeable about so many things including lots of Pittsburgh things near to my heart...
He was fiercely independent and could be soooooooo stubborn... but that is what made him ...him.
His legacy lives on in his students, his many friends and his loving family far and wide.
Thank you for sharing him with me. You have my deepest sympathies and love, JudyK*

JudyK - June 13, 2024 at 11:42 AM

AF

“ Anne Laurance and family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Ernesto Eduardo Ramirez.



Anne Laurance and family - June 12, 2024 at 02:11 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Ernesto Eduardo Ramirez.



June 12, 2024 at 12:58 PM

LG

“ Laura de la Garza purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Ernesto Eduardo Ramirez.



Laura de la Garza - June 12, 2024 at 12:21 PM

GP

“ It was an honor to of taken a couple classes with Erny at Villanova. Being in his presence was a true gift. He was a wonderful man who never forgot anything you told him. He truly cared about all of his students and it showed. My condolences to the family. Rest in peace Erny.

Grace Phinney - June 12, 2024 at 11:40 AM

GP

“ Grace P. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ernesto Eduardo Ramirez.

Grace P. - June 12, 2024 at 11:35 AM

GP

“ Gloria P. purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Ernesto Eduardo Ramirez.



Gloria P. - June 12, 2024 at 09:20 AM

GH

“ Ginger Hester and Mike Hicks purchased the Serene Reflections Bouquet for the family of Ernesto Eduardo Ramirez.



Ginger Hester and Mike Hicks - June 11, 2024 at 03:35 PM

BB

“ Thank you Dr. Ramirez “Erny” for all of your dedication to Villanova. You helped me tremendously with your passion and love of teaching. I followed in your footsteps and have been teaching for 26 years. Enjoy your time in Heaven. You will be missed.
Brian Barajas class of 97



Brian Barajas - June 11, 2024 at 01:01 PM

SH

“ Sean Helmer and housemates planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ernesto Eduardo Ramirez.

Sean Helmer and housemates - June 11, 2024 at 11:46 AM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Ernesto Eduardo Ramirez.



June 11, 2024 at 11:46 AM

CW

“ Chuck and Sandy Waters planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ernesto Eduardo Ramirez.

Chuck and Sandy Waters - June 11, 2024 at 10:50 AM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ernesto Eduardo Ramirez.



June 11, 2024 at 10:50 AM

JM

“ James M. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ernesto Eduardo Ramirez.

James M. - June 11, 2024 at 10:06 AM

LV

“ Ernesto and my husband were friends for years. They grew up in the same neighbor. When my husband was ill he called him everyday. After my husband passed he continued to keep in touch with me. He and Mariam attended my husband memorial service in Va. His wife Mariam was also a wonderful friend. RIP Ernesto. I know you and Hank are celebrating in Heaven.

Lucille C Valentino - June 10, 2024 at 09:45 PM

LV

“ I have a deep affection for Eryn. He was a remarkable person and a loyal friend to my dad. During my dad's illness, Eryn called him every day, played music, and read Bible verses to him. Even after my dad passed, Eryn continued to check on my mom regularly. He was such a kind and thoughtful soul. The world will truly miss him.

Leesa Valentino - June 10, 2024 at 09:34 PM

OG

“ Oscar & Noelia Garza planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ernesto Eduardo Ramirez.

Oscar & Noelia Garza - June 10, 2024 at 07:22 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ernesto Eduardo Ramirez.*



June 10, 2024 at 07:22 PM