



Ceferino Guajardo, Jr

October 15, 1932 - March 31, 2012

MSgt. Ceferino R. Guajardo, Jr., US Air Force (Retired)

Ceferino R. "Rudy" Guajardo, Jr., age 79, of Surfside Beach, SC passed away with dignity and peace Saturday, March 31, 2012 at home, surrounded by his loving and devoted family.

Rudy was born October 15, 1932 in Brownsville, TX to the late Ceferino R. Guajardo, Sr. and the former Maria A. Silva and is predeceased by his brother.

MSgt. Guajardo served the United States of America with distinction through 26 years of meritorious service in the United States Air Force. Having served in the Korean Conflict, Southeast Asia and numerous stateside and overseas bases during his career, he retired from active duty after his last assignment in 1978 at Myrtle Beach Air Force Base.

After his retirement from the Air Force, Rudy and his family made their home in Surfside Beach, SC where he established himself as a small business entrepreneur and a passionate advocate for members of the Hispanic community. Known affectionately as "Mr. Rudy", he was loved, admired and respected by all who knew him.

Rudy was a devoted and loving husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather who was deeply loved by his family. He is survived by his loving and devoted wife of 61 years, Marina "Minnie" Guajardo; six children, C. Rudy Guajardo, III and his wife Debbie of Florence, SC, Mario A. "Al" Guajardo and his wife Denise of Surfside Beach, SC, Teresa M. "Terri" Davis and her husband Michael of Murrells Inlets, SC, Mary G. Guajardo of Surfside Beach, SC, Patricia A. "Patti" Shoemaker and her husband Scott of Surfside Beach, SC and Cynthia D. "Cindi" Truelove and her husband John of Surfside Beach, SC; ten grandchildren, Christopher Guajardo, Tiffany Guajardo, Savannah Guajardo, Jillian Davis, Joshua Shoemaker and his wife Mandi, Danielle Blanchard and her husband Chad, James Shoemaker, Julieanne Shoemaker, Whitney Helton and her husband Kelly, Katie Truelove, Chandler Truelove; five great-grandchildren, Amber Clay, Alex Baldwin, Bronson Shoemaker, Eden Blanchard and Fox Blanchard.

Rudy's family is so grateful for the outpouring of love, support and prayers extended to Rudy and his family over the last year and half.

A memorial service with Military Funeral Honors will be held at 3:00 PM Thursday, April 5, 2012, at Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel Chapel with Reverend Shane K. Floyd presiding.

The family will receive friends following the service in the reception center at Goldfinch Funeral Home.

Please sign the guestbook at www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com/obituaries

Memorials may be made to Emmanuel ARP Church, 1402 North College Road, Wilmington, NC 28405.

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

Tribute Wall

VM

“ Sorry for your family's loss. I will always remember Rudi for that smile that never seem to leave his face.He was a good honest fellow and i'll miss his b-52 stories(that he always's told with a grin). Surfside lost one of the best.

Vaughnly Miller

VAUGHNLY MILLER - April 23, 2012 at 04:36 PM

JB

“ We were sorry to hear about the loss of a wonderful man. We know his son because of the loss of ours. We pray for all the family and friends. May you all find peace.

The Brogdon Jr. Family - Michael, Jeannie, David, and Sable.



Jeannie Britt Brogdon - April 10, 2012 at 06:14 PM

BS

“ Brenda&Ed Syrek lit a candle in memory of Ceferino Guajardo, Jr



Brenda&Ed Syrek - April 04, 2012 at 08:06 PM

BS

“ *Mrs. Guajardo&Family,
Our deepest and warmest thoughts are with you during this time. I
enjoyed Rudy as a friend. He loved bowling and he taught me alot.
He will be sadly missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.
Brenda&Ed Syrek*

Brenda&Ed Syrek - April 04, 2012 at 07:54 PM

DR

“ *Darlene,Bobby Jr.,And Hanna Reger lit a
candle in memory of Ceferino Guajardo, Jr*



Darlene,Bobby Jr.,And Hanna Reger - April 04, 2012 at 07:38 PM



“ *I'm sorry to hear about the loss of Rudy - my thoughts and prayers
are with you all during this time. Remember that he will always have
a place in your heart (and in everyone he touched while he was
here on earth) and he will live in your hearts forever.
Much love, Lesta Sue Hardee*

April 04, 2012 at 01:11 PM

JD

“ *In Loving Memory of the Patriarch of the Guajardo Family, Rudy
Guajardo. Our thoughts & prayers are with you, both in the sadness
of his loss and the celebration of his life. All our Love - John & Cathy
Davis*

John B. Davis - April 04, 2012 at 08:19 AM

JM

“ *Deepest condolences... Love lives on... Juli*



Julianna Maynor - April 03, 2012 at 03:46 PM



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Jillian Davis - April 03, 2012 at 10:31 AM

AD

“ *I am so very sorry for your loss. Grandpa Rudy was a wonderful man, and he will be missed by the many people whose life he touched. I love you all and I am praying for you during this sad time. Love, April.*

April Dendy - April 03, 2012 at 08:58 AM

GF

“ Patti, Scott, Mary & Family,

What a legacy of love your father has left with all of us! Although we only met him a few times personally, his love for you and your love for him was so incredibly evident. To have the affection of others, in particular, his children, says a great deal about the man he was. We can only hope our daughter will know and sense such great love from us as you children did from him. Watching you lovingly care for him was a great example to us. I think of Proverbs 17:6 (Children's children are a crown to the aged, and parents are the pride of their children) when I think of your relationship with him. We love you and are praying for the love and peace of your Heavenly Father to hold you close to his heart as you walk through this season.

1 Cor. 1:4 3-4 "Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God."

With our love,

Randy, Meggan & Sophia Goff

Goff Family - April 03, 2012 at 07:21 AM

TC

“ *Patti (and Family),
Although your dad is in a better place, his physical presence will truly be missed. He was a joy to be with... always had a quick, easy smile and a twinkle in his eyes. He loved his family and cherished the time he spent with each one. He loved those whom he and your mom would open their hearts & home to... helping those in need (speaking from experience). The two of you had a very close relationship... two very similar souls, kindred spirits. His kindness and open heart are being carried down through the generations. What a tribute to his character, strength & integrity!
I love how much you happily shine through this world in the same way that your dad did. I love you my friend ~ always.
Love, T*

Tina Cader - April 03, 2012 at 05:37 AM

TT

“ *We are praying for all of you. Mr. Rudy was a dear man- he & my Dad were both at the base together (Dad retired in 1974-MSgt. John Currie, Sr). I know he left footprints on many hearts. He left a great legacy.
Peace be with you,
Mable Currie (widow of MSgt John Currie, Sr) and Tracy Currie Todd*



Tracy Currie Todd - April 02, 2012 at 05:25 PM

JP

“ Jill,
You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. I can tell from this obituary that your granddaddy was an amazing man. I know you will miss him dearly. Sending you a big hug.
Jenn Ray Parker

Jennifer Parker - April 02, 2012 at 12:43 PM

CD

“ Patti and Mary, you girls have a special place in my heart. I am praying for your family. The loss of your Dad is a sad time in your lives. I know that you are strong in God and you will be okay. Love and prayers to your family. Carla

Carla B. Davis - April 02, 2012 at 12:24 PM

GV

“ Although I didn't know Mr. Rudy, I do know Mario and send my condolences to the family. To my brethren of the Air Force, you are now the guardian of your family and those of us who have served. May God Bless your family and loved ones during this time of sorrow and fulfillment.

Gerald A. Verno - April 02, 2012 at 12:07 PM

CS

Our heartfelt sympathy to your family, Al. Your father must have been a wonderful example of what a man should be. He served our country with dignity and courage, loved his family and will certainly be missed over the years to come. Blessings to each of you. Dwain and Cricket
xoxo

Collette Smith - April 02, 2012 at 06:01 PM

DR

My thoughts and prayers go out to Rudy's family. He was a great man and will be missed by many. Rudy was always there for me in my times of need, I know the lord has taken him home but our hearts are empty here on earth. May god bless his family during this tragic time.

Darlene,Bobby Jr.,and Hanna Reger

Darlene,Bobby Jr.,And Hanna Reger - April 04, 2012 at 07:37 PM