



Raymundo R. Luna

June 7, 1933 - June 2, 2015

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Age 81, US Army Vietnam War Veteran, went to be with the Lord June 2, 2015, at Morris Hospital. Raymundo is survived by his beloved wife of 53 years, Joan K. Luna; proud father of Raymundo Luna, Kirk (Holly) Luna, Timothy Luna and Jennifer (Phil) Harvey; loving grandfather of Thomas and Rangel Luna and Erika, Cameron and Ryan Harvey; dear brother of Jesus (the late Margarita) Luna, Severiano (Beatrice) Luna, Soledad (the late Ramon) Rodriguez, and Felipa (the late Aurelio) Garcia. Numerous nieces and nephews also survive.

Preceded in death by his parents, Felix and Francisca Luna of San Antonio, TX; two brothers, Felix, Jr. and Cecilio Luna and two sisters, Isidra Sanchez and Maria Rodriguez.

In May 1957 Raymundo graduated from the ROTC program at St. Mary's University in San Antonio, Texas and was commissioned a second lieutenant of the field artillery in the United States Army. Serving his beloved country proudly for 20 years he retired as a Lieutenant Colonel in 1979. LTC Raymundo R. Luna was awarded two Bronze Stars after completing two tours of duty in Vietnam 1965 - 1966 with the 1st Infantry Division (Big Red One) and 1971-1972 with the 54th General Support Group. Other medals and commendations include Parachutist Badge, Air Medal, Meritorious Service Medal and the Vietnam Cross of Gallantry.

After Colonel Luna retired he spent time as an Equal Opportunity Specialist with a Federal Government Agency in Chicago. Then was hired by the US Army Corps of Engineers as an Equal Opportunity Officer, and in 1985 became a lawyer after passing the Illinois State Bar Exam. Raymundo later joined the Illinois Department of Human Rights as Staff Attorney, climbing to the position of Chief Legal Counsel for a period of eight years and retiring in 2011 at the age of 78.

Having been deeply devoted to his family, his faith and his country Raymundo will be remembered as a loving husband, father, grandfather as well as a loyal friend and neighbor. He will truly be missed by his family and the community in which he lived.

Funeral Service for Raymundo R. Luna will be held on Monday, June 8, 2015 at 12:30 PM at The Maple Funeral Home located at 24300 W. Ford Rd., Channahon.

Father Tuan Van Nguyen officiating. Interment Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, Elwood. Visitation Sunday from 4:00 to 7:00 PM. For information www.themaplefuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall



“ *Raymundo R. Luna*

January 29, 2023 at 09:53 AM



“ *Ray was very fond of our IAACOMA group. He was our Keynote Presenter for many years. On behalf of the IAACOMA Board thank you for the many years of support and thank you for your friendship. Esperanza Gonzalez*

Esperanza Gonzalez - June 09, 2015 at 09:35 AM



“ *I remember Ray from our work in Illinois State Government and from our membership in the American GI Forum. A Strong and Quiet man walking amongst us as an honorable man. Thank you for your friendship Ray. Gerardo Jerry Jimenez*

Gerardo Jerry Jimenez - June 07, 2015 at 09:26 PM



“ *When I was in seventh grade my Dad came to my school to take me home because I was sick. As we left the nurses office and walked down the hall way, the bell rang and all my class mates came out of the rooms to go to the next class. Dad was an LTC at the time and wearing his dress green uniform. I remember the looks on the kids faces and them moving out of our way, like Moses parting the Red Sea. It was one of many times that I was so proud of him. I Love You and miss you Very much Dad.*

Ray

Ray Luna - June 07, 2015 at 02:49 AM

JV

that is a wonderful memory of your dad ray !

Joe Viaene - June 07, 2015 at 06:44 PM

GA

“ *I remember him as Major Luna, part of the St. Mary's ROTC staff during my junior and senior years, 1966-68. He was a role model for those of us from the west side of San Antonio. I wish our paths could have crossed in Vietnam in 1971, since I was there until Sep 71. But then he would have asked why I wasn't in artillery...*

Gilbert Arias

Gilbert Arias - June 06, 2015 at 07:45 PM

TF

“ *The Welder Family purchased the Garden Accent Stone - "Wherever a Beautiful Soul..." for the family of Raymundo R. Luna.*



The Welder Family - June 06, 2015 at 10:00 AM

EP

“ *Hi my name is Elaine. I'm so very sorry for your loss. I thought Ray was a very kind person, and a good leader to the Legal Unit.. I will always remember our joke/saying. Some how it seemed as if I would only see Ray at the exit door, next to the Legal division. The joke/saying went like... "Ray it's me Elaine, I'm following you, hope you leading me down the straight and narrow road". He would say, yes I'm. I will keep your family in my prayers.*

elaine pettis-simpson - June 05, 2015 at 01:10 PM

CI

“ I always addressed him as Mr. Luna and we had a great working relationship. Like my dad, he was a military man who believed in getting things done in an orderly fashion. He also loved education and sharing his knowledge. I'm sure that all who knew him will truly miss him.

coworker at IDHR - June 05, 2015 at 11:37 AM

KN

“ My deepest thoughts and prayers are with the Luna family at this time. I worked under Ray while he was Supervising Attorney and Chief Legal Counsel for the Illinois Department of Human Rights. Ray was a tough boss, but he brought out the best in us. His mantra at work was always, "Duty, Honor, Country." He will be missed.

Keisha Nelson, Esq.

Keisha Nelson - June 05, 2015 at 11:01 AM

YG

“ I send my sincere condolences to your family and loved ones - he was a great man and was well liked and highly respected here at the Illinois Department of Human Rights. I served as his Administrative Assistant during his tenure as Chief Legal Counsel. He was always fair to his staff and willing to listen and give advice to any of your concerns or problems. In the Legal Division we all worked by his creed - Duty, Honor and Country.

Sincerely, Yolanda G. Godwin.

Yolanda G. Godwin - June 05, 2015 at 10:43 AM

JS

“ Thanks for making *EDGEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL (San Antonio, Tx)* shine. We are all very proud to have known you & to know how the *LORD* used you. From the *SANCHEZ* family on San Fernando St.

Joseph Sanchez - June 05, 2015 at 09:55 AM

MR

“ Our deepest condolences to the Luna family from your cousins *Javier and Adalia Rodriguez*

Mr and Mrs Javier Rodriguez - June 05, 2015 at 12:29 AM