



Manuel Guzman

October 23, 1947 - December 25, 2017

On December 25, 2017, we lost a wonderful, caring son, husband, father, father-in-law, and grandfather. Manuel Guzman lost his battle with Posterior Cortical Atrophy (PCA), a rare form of Alzheimer's disease, at the age of 70. He died peacefully in his Bloomington, IN home.

Manuel was born on October 23, 1947 in Merdedes, Texas to Rafael Guzman, Jr. and Victoria Bernal Guzman.

He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Shirley (Scott) Guzman, his high school sweetheart. Shirley has known Manuel since she was 14 years old and doesn't remember a time when she didn't love him.

He is also survived by his mother and loving children and grandchildren: Melissa (Guzman) Groenewold and her husband Matthew Groenewold, Charles (Chuck) Manuel Guzman and his wife Stella Guzman, Levi Rafael Groenewold, and Arizona Hope Guzman.

Manuel was a wonderful father and proud grandfather who loved his family more than anything in the world. Always one for family gatherings, he loved to celebrate holidays and to go on family vacations. He worshipped his grandchildren and left them with a life time of fun memories.

Manuel graduated from Brown. Co. High School, Porter Business College, and attended Ivy Tech and IUPUI of Columbus, Indiana. An avid learner, he took classes for over 25 years so that he was always “prepared for the next opportunity.” He never liked the word can’t and was never satisfied with less than his best effort. He believed in the importance of education and taking advantage of all available opportunities. In the tradition of loving his parents, who worked tirelessly to give him all that they could, including a college education, he worked to ensure that his two children valued education. Among his proudest accomplishments was to have two children and two grandchildren with college educations.

In 2001, he retired as Senior Engineer from Cummins Engine Company after 32 years of service. Always enamored with his job at Cummins, he worked his way up from block line to engineer. He always made it clear to all that knew him that he was grateful for and valued the opportunities that Cummins offered him.

Upon retiring from Cummins, he and his wife fulfilled a lifelong dream and moved to Florida to enjoy the beach life. Manuel and Shirley loved walking on the beach every day. Never one to waste the benefits afforded him, he was always proud to report that today was the last time that he had walked the beach.

In 2012, the Guzman’s returned to their Eagle Pointe Condo in Bloomington, IN to be close to family.

A fanatic for active living, he loved golf, tennis, yoga, and walking. He was a music lover who enjoyed practicing with his guitar. Although he said he wasn’t very good at playing the guitar, his family knew better. Phyllis Scott, always had the best time dancing with him because he was the only one who could dance the 2-step with her.

In February of 2013, Manuel was diagnosed with Posterior Cortical Atrophy. He was adamant that he would live his life to the fullest and do all that he could to contribute to better understanding and ultimate elimination of the disease. He participated in the Indiana Alzheimer's Disease Center's (IADC) clinical core research study from 2013 to present.

His family sincerely thanks the Alzheimer's Association (Indianapolis and Bloomington Chapters) and IU Hospice of Bloomington, Indiana for all their help and support. The family ask that in lieu of sympathy cards or flowers, donations may be given in the name of Manuel Guzman to Walk to End Alzheimer's Bloomington, Indiana (alz.org/walk).

Allen Funeral Home and Crematory, 4155 S. Old State Road 37, Bloomington, have been entrusted with arrangements. You are invited to share a memory or leave an online condolence to Manuel's family at www.allencares.com

Tribute Wall

DT

“ As time flew by in all of our lives we didn't get to visit with each other much, but when we all did get together we always had a blast. Gone but never forgotten. Your cousin Deb

Deb Terry - January 03, 2018 at 11:44 AM

AW

“ Melissa, Chuck and Shirley, so saddened by your loss.

Amy Warner - January 02, 2018 at 01:32 PM

KJ

“ Kathryn And Jimmie James lit a candle in memory of Manuel Guzman



Kathryn and Jimmie James - December 31, 2017 at 12:04 PM

JM

“ Shirley and Family- We are saddened at hearing the news that Manuel has passed. We so enjoyed seeing Shirley and Manuel out on their walks at Eagle Pointe and his big smile will be missed. Our prayers go out to all of you at this time. Jack and Debbie Morrison

Jack and Debbie Morrison - December 30, 2017 at 04:53 PM

MS

“ I did not know Manuel very long but it was a joy to work with and his wife ,as his caregiver he helped me at times. With the smile on his face and just being happy . My prayers are with all of his family !!

Mark Smock - December 29, 2017 at 03:03 PM

BG

“ Sorry for your loss.I have known Manuel since I was little and yes he was very caring and positive towards life and encouragement of bettering yourself.Also I miss you Chuck !

Blake Gill - December 27, 2017 at 09:06 PM

PS

“ to my sister and Melissa, Chuck, We will all miss Manuel and have fond and happy memories of the time we had with Manuel .Love to you

Phyllis Scott - December 27, 2017 at 02:12 PM

FP

“ Fabian Perez lit a candle in memory of Manuel Guzman



Fabian Perez - December 27, 2017 at 09:50 AM

FP

Rest in peace my friend I will always remember you, you were a good friend.

Fabian Perez - December 27, 2017 at 09:57 AM

KM

Manuel fought his disease with grace and courage, always trying to learn even when he couldn't learn any more. We are blessed to have known him. Kathie and Bill Meyer

Kathie and Bill Meyer - December 28, 2017 at 07:21 AM

PK

Shirley and family, I did not know Manuel well, but when we would see him at Jill's House he always had a beautiful smile on his face. God bless you all with peace in your hearts.

Pam Kinser

Pam Kinser - December 28, 2017 at 09:58 AM

AP

Shirley, my condolences to you and family. May fond memories comfort you always.

Abby Pietsch

Abigail Pietsch - December 30, 2017 at 03:48 PM

DW

Shirley, Melissa, Chuck and family- we are so saddened to hear about Manuel, keeping you in our thoughts and prayers and sending our love to you. Dave Whelden and family

Dave Whelden - December 30, 2017 at 04:58 PM

LR

Tad and I have not seen Manuel for some time, but our memories of him are warm and engaging. He always had a smile on his face and a twinkle in his eye. He was a lovely man and will be dearly missed. We send our deepest sympathy to Shirley and his children.

Tad DeLay and Linda Ripperger

Linda Ripperger - December 31, 2017 at 08:28 AM

CH

Shirley, may memories of all your years with Manuel and with your loving care for him give you peace. I am thankful for your insights into caregiving that you so willingly have shared with those of us on this journey.

Cathy Hiatt - January 19, 2018 at 01:39 PM