



Mike Givilancz, Sr.

July 2, 1930 - July 7, 2020

Mike Givilancz went home to be with the Lord on July 7, 2020, in Weslaco, Texas at the age of 90. Born in Mercedes, Texas on July 2, 1930 to Catarina Anciso Givilancz and Charles Givilancz.

Daddy was GREATNESS. He lived his youth in Mercedes, Texas and began working at a very, young age. He was a migrant farm worker and golf caddy during his younger years, and then joined the U.S. Air Force at the age of 18. He married the love of his life, Esmeralda Cantu in February, 1953. He loved and served our great country and retired in 1968 as a Technical Sergeant in the US Air Force. He traveled the world with his wife, Esmeralda Givilancz and had seven children. Upon his retirement, he settled in Weslaco, Texas, where he began work as a contractor and home builder for many years with the Border Lumber Company and then Givilancz, Inc. We see his legacy of homes throughout Weslaco on a daily basis. Homes he built with his own, two hands.

He was a devoted Christian man who loved the Lord more than anything. Everything he did was done with love, pride, and integrity in his heart. God was always the center of his life and he left a legacy of Love with his wife and children and all the people he touched throughout his life. He often raised his hands to God and would scream, "I can't wait to be with my Lord!" This is what gives us peace.

His words of wisdom and love will be with us forever. He taught us to work hard, be kind, show love, serve others, and above all, to LOVE GOD. If

anyone needed him, he was there, no matter who, where or what time. He served God every single day of his life and he gave us everything he had, even if it left him with nothing. No task was too hard, nor could he have loved more. Dad was the epitome of GREATNESS, in every sense of the word. We cannot imagine our lives without him, but we have peace knowing he is with Our Father, God. For those of you who knew him, you know that he is probably playing golf with the Angels as we remember him and celebrate his life. Daddy loved Weslaco, the Weslaco Panthers, the Dallas Cowboys and the Texas Aggies in his later years. If you knew him in the '70's, you know his whole fleet of company trucks were purple, donned with Panthers on the sides. He loved going to football games and celebrating the wins of the Weslaco Panthers while carrying our beloved Panther Mascot in the back of the truck bed through the city and through many parades. Our lives will never be the same, but the legacy of our Dad will live with us until our last days and until we meet again in paradise.

“When I stand before God at the end of my life, I would hope that I would not have a single bit of talent left, and would say, “I used everything you gave me”.

~ Erma Bombec. He is survived by his loving wife, Esmeralda Cantu Givilancz and his seven children, along with one bonus, and his siblings, Estella Givilancz Cantu (Antonio), Charles Givilancz (Ofira), Mike Givilancz, Jr. (Gloria), Oklicia Givilancz, Charlie Givilancz (Cielo †), Leticia Givilancz Long (Craig), Raymond Givilancz (Elisa), Eric Givilancz (Karen) Tricia Givilancz Cisneros (David), and Ellee Givilancz. He is preceded in death by his parents and sister and brother in law, Maria Givilancz Castillo and Juan B. Castillo. He also leaves behind nineteen grandchildren, fourteen great grandchildren one great-great grandchild and numerous nephews and nieces whom he loved very much.

“It is finished!’ And Bowing his head, he gave up his spirit.” We will love you forever, Daddy

Funeral services are under the direction and care of Rudy Garza Funeral Home of Mercedes Texas.

Tribute Wall

AG

“ To the entire Givilancz Family My deepest condolences. Mrs. Givilancz and Raymond i am so sorry for your loss.

Aldo Garza

Aldo Garza - October 20, 2020 at 01:02 PM

AJ

“ Mr. Givilancz was a humble man who kept his word and was well-respected in the community, business and otherwise. My deepest condolences to his family.

Alfredo Martinez, Jr. - July 25, 2020 at 04:48 AM

RR

“ Sending all my love to Lala and your beautiful family. Mike was a wonderful brother and neighbor to us for many years. Rest in Joy. God bless you, Lala.

Ruben J. Rocha - July 13, 2020 at 12:54 PM

LI

“ I was honored to know Mr. Givilancz as a 1st grader & classmate of Raymond's, & admired his love of God, community & family later as an adult co-teaching CCD at St. Pius X Catholic Church. I learned a lot from Mike & Lala at our Life in the Spirit retreats at Olmito. What a gentle, sweet soul he was!
Always ready with great advice & a lesson to learn!
May he Rest in Eternal Peace with God's Angels.
Praying for Sweet Lala & all the family at this sad time.



Luciano "Chano" S. Garza, III. - July 11, 2020 at 01:59 PM



“ *Heavenly Sentiments Spray was purchased for the family of Mike Givilancz, Sr..*



July 09, 2020 at 11:05 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mike Givilancz, Sr..*



July 09, 2020 at 11:04 PM



“ *Our dear Mike Givilancz! When we were at St. Pius Church in Weslaco from 1986- 1989, he would always remind us that he wanted to build our monastery when we got to that stage. WELL, that amazing man of God kept his word and part of his legacy in life is the first building here in Starr County, the Benedictine Monastery of the Good Shepherd. He drove back and forth from Weslaco day in and day out, in the heat of the summer, fulfilling his promise. Mike, you are and gave a tremendous blessing to the RGV as so many people love it here. Without you, we're not sure how God's work would have begun. WE LOVE YOU, DEAR MIKE GIVILANCZ! Your Lala is a gem of a woman and all of your family. May we all meet you soon in eternity!! Our prayers for you are an always!! Your Benedictine Sisters*

Sister Nancy A. Boushey - July 09, 2020 at 07:45 PM

RR



Ruben J. Rocha - July 13, 2020 at 12:56 PM



“ Joyful Memory was purchased for the family of Mike Givilancz, Sr..



July 09, 2020 at 04:38 PM

ZI

“ Raymond, Please accept our deepest condolences. Our heart and prayers go out to you and the entire Givilancz Family.

-Armando and Zindy Morado

Zindy - July 09, 2020 at 03:13 PM



“ Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Mike Givilancz, Sr..



July 09, 2020 at 02:46 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mike Givilancz, Sr..



July 09, 2020 at 12:59 PM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mike Givilancz, Sr..



July 08, 2020 at 09:28 PM



“ Sweet Liberty was purchased for the family of Mike Givilancz, Sr..



July 08, 2020 at 09:03 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mike Givilancz, Sr..



July 08, 2020 at 09:02 PM



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mike Givilancz, Sr..*



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“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mike Givilancz, Sr..*



July 08, 2020 at 01:28 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mike Givilancz, Sr..*



July 08, 2020 at 12:03 PM



“ *TSTC Aviation Bldg. Faculty and Staff purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Mike Givilancz, Sr..*



TSTC Aviation Bldg. Faculty and Staff - July 08, 2020 at 10:36 AM

LV

“ I remember seeing Mr. & Mrs. Givilancz at football games...what a beautiful couple...RIP Mr.Givilancz
Lupita Vasquez

Lupita Vasquez - July 08, 2020 at 09:50 AM

BL

“ will always remember the beautiful tribute Mr. Givilancz gave every Good Friday at St. Pius X. He carried that heavy, wooden cross so beautifully down the aisle of the church and in doing so, forever changed and touched my heart. Not one Good Friday has passed when I haven't remembered him carrying that cross. I'll think of you every Good Friday and pray for your eternal rest. Until we meet again, Mr.Givilancz, May you rest in Jesus' peaceful arms.

Belinda Lopez Maldonado

Belinda Lopez-Maldonado - July 07, 2020 at 11:31 PM

CG

“ Mike will always hold a special place in my heart. He was one of the first people I met when I moved here from Washington. We served together on a youth retreat, and it was there that I saw a great servant of God in him. Mike, I know you're resting in Christ's arms. Hasta el cielo, mi amigo. 🙏

Cindy Garza - July 07, 2020 at 10:07 PM

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Belinda Lopez-Maldonado - July 07, 2020 at 11:27 PM



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“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mike Givilancz, Sr..



July 07, 2020 at 07:03 PM

VC

“ 🙏❤️ We will always remember him in the role he so passionately played as Christ carrying the cross during the St. PiusX Lenten service. He will always have a special place in our hearts ❤️🙏

Velda Correa - July 07, 2020 at 06:26 PM