



Mario Romero

December 24, 1938 - November 3, 2024

Mario Romero, beloved son of Luis María Romero Agudelo and María del Tránsito Romero de Romero, was born on December 24, 1938. He lived a life full of passion, generosity, and unwavering dedication to family and friends. He shared a beautiful life with his first wife, Rosa Elvira Guevara, whom he married on January 14, 1961. Together, they lovingly raised three daughters: Sandra, Ximena, and Erika.

Mario was a devoted brother to Carlos Augusto, Rosa Inés, María Elisa, and Luis Guillermo.

Born and raised in Fómeque, Cundinamarca, he excelled academically and graduated as a teacher in November 1958 from the Superior Normal for Men of Fómeque. A well-rounded student, he stood out for his academic achievements, his skills as a soccer and table tennis player, and his involvement in the school choir. His love for music and instruments, particularly the accordion and guitar, remained a vital part of his life. He was also known for his adventurous

spirit, especially his passion for horseback riding.

Mario's life was intertwined with faith and community, and he maintained close relationships with influential figures like Monsignor Agustín Gutiérrez and Father Alberto Reyes Fonseca. His teaching career began in Uney, Cundinamarca, in 1959 and took him through various schools, where he became a cherished educator. In 1967, he moved to Bogotá and settled in the Castilla neighborhood, where he worked as a teacher on commission at the Tihamer Toth College of Priests in the north of Bogotá.

On February 13, 1970, Mario was transferred to the Seminary College of the Diocese of Facatativá, Cundinamarca, under the direction of Monsignor Zambrano Camader as Bishop and Father Jose Ignacio Guerrero as Rector. Mario served as Secretary and Teacher, and thanks to his influence, his brother Guillermo joined the faculty as a mathematics teacher in February 1972. During this time, Mario and his wife, Rosa Elvira, founded and directed a primary school, Liceo Infantil de Castilla, until their departure to the United States in 1973. His commitment to teaching and his influence on students were a testament to his dedication and passion for education.

In 1973, Mario made the courageous decision to relocate to the United States,

determined to create a better life for his family. Starting from scratch and learning a new language, he worked hard, prospering and building a wonderful life for his loved ones. In Upper Saddle River, Mario worked for the Paleys and at Texwipe, where he thrived professionally and eventually retired before moving to Florida. Through resilience and dedication, Mario not only provided for his family but also nurtured a home filled with warmth and opportunity. Later in life, Mario married Aura Escobar and spent 19 years with her. Their relationship was filled with love, support, and shared memories, adding another chapter of joy to Mario's incredible journey.

He filled his life with music and memories, often organizing serenades for loved ones during holidays and spending unforgettable nights at the family farm in San Lorenzo. Mario's love for music brought his family and friends together, as they played instruments and celebrated life.

Mario also had a deep love for camping, which he shared with his family and friends. His camping adventures created countless fond memories, from trips to the Poconos to vacations in Wildwood. What began as simple camping trips with tents evolved into "glamping" with his 30 ft camper, which brought comfort and style to their outdoor experiences. These

adventures with the camper created joy and connection, strengthening bonds and creating stories that would be told for years to come.

While living in Summerfield, Mario found joy in training and riding his beloved horse, Princesa, even after undergoing two knee replacements. His determination and passion for horseback riding were evident as he continued to ride Princesa until she threw him one too many times.

Despite the challenges, his love for animals never wavered. He also had a loyal donkey named

Estrella, who added to the vibrant and lively atmosphere of his life in Summerfield.

Mario adopted Mamma, and they became inseparable. Mamma was his devoted "service dog," fiercely guarding him and his home. Their bond was unbreakable, and she brought him immense joy and companionship, always by his side through every moment.

Mario was always independent and enjoyed life in his own way. Up until the end, he rode his tractor, cut his own lawn, and took immense pride in his beautifully maintained grounds and his crape myrtles. He loved his pool and spent countless hours swimming and cleaning it, always with Mamma faithfully watching over him.

Mario's greatest joy came from his daughters, Sandra, Ximena, and Erika. He cherished every

moment with them and was always up for a piña colada to celebrate life. He also adored his grandchildren: Brandon, Hannah, Justin, Joshua, Jacob, Kaitlyn, and Sarah. He loved recounting his escapades to them, sharing stories of his adventures and misadventures, and creating lasting memories. His musical and teaching legacy is continued by his grandchildren, who carry forward his love for learning and the arts. He took immense pride in watching them grow and thrive, sharing in their accomplishments and celebrating every moment together.

Mario Romero passed away peacefully on Sunday, November 3rd. He will always be remembered as a loving husband, father, grandfather, brother, friend, teacher, and adventurer. His generous spirit, musical soul, and love for life will live on in the hearts of all who knew him.

Mario, R.I.P.

BIOGRAFIA DE MARIO ROMERO ROMERO .

Mario Romero Romero nació el 24 de diciembre de 1938 a las 8:00 a.m., hijo legítimo de Luis María Romero Agudelo y María del Tránsito Romero de Romero. Sus abuelos paternos fueron Vicente Romero R. y Celia Agudelo, y sus abuelos maternos, Nepomuceno Romero y Mercedes Romero, según consta en la Notaría de Fómeque, Cundinamarca. Sus hermanos: Carlos

Augusto, Rosa Ines, Maria Elisa y Luis Gujillermo.

Educación y Juventud Mario realizó su educación primaria en Fόμεque, Cundinamarca, y continuó sus estudios secundarios en la Normal Superior de Varones de Fόμεque, graduándose como Normalista Superior en noviembre de 1958. Destacó como un excelente estudiante y fue conocido por su talento en deportes como el fútbol y el ping-pong. Participó en el coro de la institución y también tocaba el acordeón y la guitarra, disfrutando además de montar a caballo. Su juventud estuvo marcada por una estrecha relación con los sacerdotes de la parroquia de Fόμεque, en especial con el padre Alberto Reyes Fonseca, quien ofició su matrimonio y se convirtió en un gran amigo de la familia. Durante las vacaciones, Mario y su familia organizaban serenatas para amigos y familiares en su finca en San Lorenzo, Fόμεque, creando recuerdos inolvidables.

Vida Familiar y Docente Mario contrajo matrimonio con Rosa Elvira Guevara el 14 de enero de 1961. Ambos compartían la vocación docente y trabajaron juntos en varios proyectos educativos. Su carrera como docente comenzó el 20 de enero de 1959 en el Colegio Parroquial de Une, Cundinamarca, bajo la dirección del padre Alberto Reyes Fonseca. Luego, en 1962, regresó a Fόμεque con un nombramiento como docente de educación física.

En 1963, Mario fue nombrado docente en el Colegio Inter-Parroquial de Chipaque, Cundinamarca, donde colaboró con el padre Montaña, rector de la institución. Su labor como maestro le permitió ganarse el aprecio y respeto de sus estudiantes y colegas. En 1967, se trasladó a Bogotá, donde fundó y dirigió el Liceo Infantil de Castilla junto a su esposa. **Experiencia en Estados Unidos** En 1973, Mario decidió viajar a los Estados Unidos, obteniendo una licencia sin remuneración de la Secretaría de Educación de Cundinamarca. Durante su estancia en este país, fue una persona generosa y hospitalaria, brindando apoyo y atenciones a sus familiares en Nueva Jersey, y Ocala,

Florida. Amante de los viajes por carretera, disfrutaba especialmente de acampar y pasar tiempo en su carro casa. También retomó su afición por los caballos, montándolos incluso a pesar de los riesgos que implicaba debido a su condición de salud.

Últimos Años y Legado Mario siempre se mantuvo cercano a su familia y amigos, organizando reuniones y momentos de convivencia, tanto en los Estados Unidos como en sus visitas a Colombia. En su último viaje a Colombia, bajo la guía de su hermano Guillermo, logró mejorar su salud al perder 12 libras y encontró en sus raíces y paisajes de Fómeque una fuente de bienestar. Más que un hermano, Mario fue un amigo y un ser querido para todos los que le rodeaban, dejando un legado de bondad, alegría y dedicación. Mario Romero Romero, Q.E.P.D.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

NOV 11. 11:30 AM - 3:30 PM (ET)

Roberts of Ocala East Chapel
2739 SE Maricamp Rd.
Ocala, FL 34471
(352) 732-9944

Service for Mass at 12pm. Lunch immediately following.

Tribute Wall

SK

“ 1 file added to the album Mario Romero



Sandra Koenig - November 10, 2024 at 03:17 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mario Romero.

November 10, 2024 at 03:06 PM

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“ Alba C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mario Romero.

Alba C. - November 09, 2024 at 02:27 PM

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“Grandes e inolvidables recuerdos quedan en nuestros corazones de los momentos vividos con Mario en Fomeque y su estancia en Bogotá-Castilla, a donde nos invitaba de niñas a vacacionar. Aventurero y arriesgado a los 35 emprende una nueva vida con su familia en Estados Unidos apostándole a un mejor futuro. Insistentemente nos invitó a su casa en USA a donde pudimos ir en algunas oportunidades los sobrinos, convirtiéndose en el mejor anfitrión tanto en NY como en FL. Dejaba sus labores para acompañar la visita y ser un orgulloso guía turístico, recorrimos carreteras en donde no le hacía caso el GPS, pero lo colocaba. Su casa en Ocala, lugar de descanso y relax, la disfrutamos con El, en su piscina, montando a Estrella, paseando la Ponny, cortando el césped con el tractor, visitando Las Villas; vacaciones con muchas anécdotas inolvidables. En sus visitas a Colombia compartimos muy buenos momentos en los paseos; Tour por Boyacá, ida a los Llanos (torneo de ping pong y tejo), a Girardot y a Santa Martha (en el paseo 8 de 80 y 1 de 50). Amigo de viajar y conocer lugares, fanático de la comida colombiana, de los amasijos y los dulces, siempre dispuesto a gozarse cualquier momento que la vida le brindara. Un gran ser humano, Un tío y hermano muy querido que nunca olvidaremos y llevaremos siempre en nuestros corazones. Descansa en Paz Mario.



ALBA CONSTANZA ROMERO RICO - November 09, 2024 at 02:17 PM



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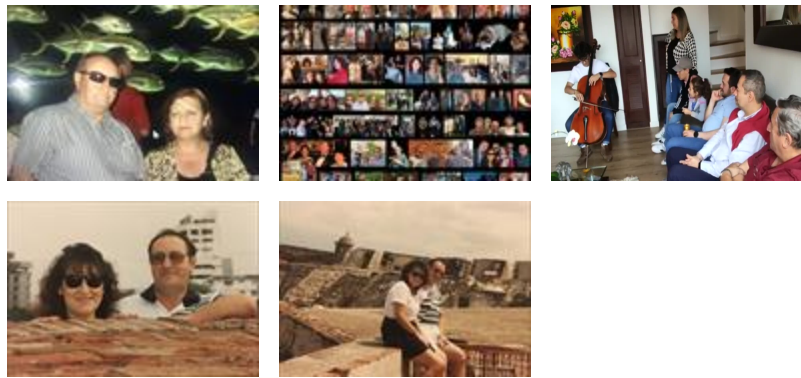
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Sandy Koenig - November 09, 2024 at 11:00 AM



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Sandy Koenig - November 09, 2024 at 10:48 AM

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Guillermo Romero - November 08, 2024 at 11:23 AM

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Recuerdo con sus hermanos en visita a Colombia.

Guillermo Romero - November 08, 2024 at 12:01 PM

HF

“ *Que en Paz descanse Profe Mario .
Familia Hernández*



Hernandez Family - November 07, 2024 at 10:37 PM

“ El 14 de marzo de 1998 conocí realmente a Mario, quien se convertiría en una persona muy especial en mi nueva etapa profesional y personal. Al aceptar la oportunidad de mudarme a Estados Unidos, Mario insistió en que me quedara con él. Fue alguien extraordinario que me recibió en su hogar, me ayudó a comprender los detalles básicos para adaptarme y estuvo siempre pendiente de mí durante los primeros meses tras mi llegada.



En ese momento, conocí a alguien que encarnaba todos esos valores que hacen de los Romero una familia especial: un espíritu aventurero, un enfoque en la familia, un trabajo incansable, el deseo constante de superación y una disposición desinteresada para ayudar a los demás.

Con Mario disfruté de muchas de las cosas que compartíamos y nos apasionaban, como el camping, los espacios abiertos, los viajes, reparar cosas y la aventura en general.

Compartimos innumerables momentos en aquellos primeros años, junto a Simba (su pastor siberiano), en jacuzzis en campings, en viajes, y visitando amigos y familiares los fines de semana, entre muchas otras experiencias. Mario fue mi padrino de matrimonio, me prestó su coche durante los primeros meses y, en general, me brindó un apoyo invaluable.

Comprendí verdaderamente la importancia de Mario cuando decidió retirarse a Florida; en ese momento, sentí que una persona muy especial se alejaba, dejando un sentimiento de tristeza, pero muy contento por el.

Gracias, Mario, por todo. Nos veremos en el “Yucuzy” del cielo.

Germán

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On March 14, 1998, I truly got to know Mario, who would become a very special person in my new professional and personal phase. Upon accepting the opportunity to move to the United States, Mario insisted I stay with him. He was an extraordinary person who welcomed me into his home, helped me understand the basic details of adapting, and was always attentive to me during those first months after my arrival.

At that moment, I met someone who embodied all the values that make the Romeros an extraordinary family: an adventurous spirit, a focus on family, tireless work, a constant desire for improvement, and a selfless willingness to help others.

With Mario, I enjoyed many things we shared and were passionate about, such as camping, open spaces, traveling, fixing things, and adventure in general.

During those early years, we shared countless moments together with Simba (his Siberian shepherd) in hot tubs at campsites, on trips, and visiting friends and family on weekends, among many other experiences. Mario was my godfather of marriage. He lent me his car during the first few months and, in general, gave me invaluable support.

When Mario decided to retire to Florida, I truly understood his importance; at that moment, I felt like a very special person was moving away, leaving me with a feeling of sadness but also great happiness for him.

Thank you, Mario, for everything. We will see each other in the "Yucuzy" of heaven.

Germán

German G. Romero - November 07, 2024 at 10:23 PM

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“ Hernandez Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mario Romero.

Hernandez Family - November 07, 2024 at 10:22 PM

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“ Hernandez Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Mario Romero.



Hernandez Family - November 07, 2024 at 10:22 PM

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“ Una vela por el amor y la unión que nos dejó de enseñanza el tío.



Angelica Romero - November 07, 2024 at 04:25 PM

CR

“ Constanza Romero lit a candle in memory of Mario Romero



Constanza Romero - November 07, 2024 at 04:19 PM

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Una luz de serenidad y tranquilidad para la familia. Siempre en nuestros corazones Mario.

Alba constanza Romero Rico - November 07, 2024 at 04:30 PM

LR

“ *Luz Adalgisa Romero lit a candle in memory of Mario Romero*



Luz adalgisa romero - November 07, 2024 at 04:17 PM

OW

“ *Olga & Washington purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mario Romero.*



Olga & Washington - November 07, 2024 at 03:45 PM

OW

“ *Olga & Washington planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mario Romero.*

Olga & Washington - November 07, 2024 at 03:45 PM

OD

“ *The most sincere condolence.
To Mario Romero's family. I will miss him very much.*

Olga Delgado - November 07, 2024 at 03:27 PM

AF

“ *Ali and Richard La Favre purchased the Bountiful Rose Basket for the family of Mario Romero.*



Ali and Richard La Favre - November 07, 2024 at 09:10 AM