



## Frank Rodriguez Jr.

March 27, 1960 - September 6, 2019

Frank Rodriguez, Jr., 59  
Grand Island resident

Frank Rodriguez, Jr., 59 of Grand Island, passed away Friday, September 6, 2019 at CHI Health St. Francis Hospital in Grand Island. Funeral services will be 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, September 11, 2019 at the Bethel Temple Assembly of God Church in Gibbon. The Rev. Don Rodriguez will officiate. Interment will follow at Shelton Cemetery. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the church.

Memorials are suggested to the family for future designation. Condolences may be shared online at [www.osrfh.com](http://www.osrfh.com). Services are entrusted to O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral and Cremation Services.

Frank Rodriguez, Jr. was born March 27, 1960 in Grand Island, NE to Frank and Barbara (Goodwin) Rodriguez. He was raised in Shelton and was a graduate of Shelton High School. Frank moved to Grand Island where he worked for Delicious Foods for 20 years. He later worked for Mid Plain, before opening Frank's Boxing Gym in 2004. Frank loved training everyone from the serious boxer to the troubled youth. His efforts were felt throughout the community as he changed the lives of many for the better.

Left to cherish his memory are his son, Frank Rodriguez, III and his wife, Julia Diaz De Leon of Grand Island; daughter, Annie Rodriguez and her husband, Victor Garcia of Grand Island; 7 grandchildren; parents, Frank and Barbara Rodriguez of Shelton; stepsister, Brenda Rodriguez of Kearney; several aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Frank was preceded in death by his grandparents.

# Cemetery Details

## Shelton Cemetery

19590 W Burmood Road  
Shelton, NE

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 11. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Bethel Temple Assembly of God  
Gibbon, NE 68840

## Funeral Service

SEP 11. 2:00 PM (CT)

Bethel Temple Assembly of God  
Gibbon, NE 68840

# Tribute Wall



“ *Frank Rodriguez Jr.*

January 28, 2023 at 08:01 AM



“ *Mom & Frank were across the street neighbors for years. Appreciated that Frank looked out for her & helped her when he could. A very kind man. Just talked to him a couple weeks ago, he seemed to be doing so well. A real shock to hear of his passing. Sorry for your loss. God Bless you all.*

*Dorothy Vejvoda  
Ron & Sharon Burhoop*

**Dorothy Vejvoda** - September 11, 2019 at 09:03 AM



“ *I'm sorry for your loss prayers for you and your family I was one of Frank's old friends are used to live in Gibbon my dad used to make dances in Grand Island and Kearny Nebraska on Ramon Ramirez's daughter*

**Mildred Ramirez** - September 11, 2019 at 12:06 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Frank Rodriguez Jr..*



September 10, 2019 at 10:50 PM

SB

“ *Southside Boxing Gym of Lincoln sends it's condolences.*

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**Southside Boxing** - September 10, 2019 at 10:30 AM

KG

“ *So sorry for your loss. Barb and Frank. Loved seeing your son when he would visit you at Good Samaritan Home in Gibbon. Your in my thoughts and prayers. Kim (Lienemann Beck) Garcia*

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**Kim Garcia** - September 10, 2019 at 12:04 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Frank Rodriguez Jr..*



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September 09, 2019 at 07:20 PM

RJ

“ Frankie was another one of our siblings it seemed. In our younger years Frankie hung out at our house a lot. He came over to see Jeff and Tammy but we all got to enjoy his presence. We all loved Frankie-he was just so likeable. He would always joke and laugh with us. Our parents Dutch and Nita loved him. He was another son to them, he just slid right into our family and none of us even noticed he wasn't our blood sibling. It was just that natural. Our mom called him Frankie baby and said he was the cutest thing. Our dad adored Frankie I think mostly because they both shared a passion for boxing. Dad loved it when Frankie came over. Frankie and dad would talk most of the time about boxing. One of the last times I talked to Frankie at the gym he told me he had taken some video years ago of my dad boxing around in the house. We laughed and laughed about that. We shared a lot of memories that day. Later in life Frankie mentored my middle son and took him under his wing. He taught my son how to be a disciplined boxer and overall young man. I thank Frankie so much for what he did for our son and am grateful to have had the opportunity to tell him that the day we talked at the gym. When our son was in the ring fighting most of the time my eyes were on Frankie. I loved watching his reactions of the pride he had for all of his fighters. Frankie was one of the most successful people I know. He was living and loving his dream at the gym. Frankie's passing is a loss to us all. He will always live on in our family's heart as he was a part of our family. Each one of us have at least one story about Frankie. I both laugh and cry as I wrote this thinking of the silly things we did and said in those days. Frank and Barb you have raised a wonderful loving son who I know you must be so proud of. Thank you for sharing your son with our family. May God bless you all.

*Regina (Stoppkotte) Juhl*

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**Regina juhl** - September 09, 2019 at 11:19 AM

KM

“ I knew Frankie from school in Shelton!him and my brother a Jeff who was a few yrs.older then Frankie were good friends in school.I got to know Frankie through Jeff so we became good friends.He spent a lot of time at our house and my Mom and Dad considered him a Son.Frankie was a big mentor to me during Track season,he cheered me on during my races and always found time to train with me during the off season or just on any day of the week I wanted to go out and run.When Jeff passed away yrs.back Frankie was one of the first people we thought of for a Pall bearer,but he was unable to be one.Frankie was a great guy he helped me a lot emotionally and just being there when I needed someone to talk to in school.Im sorry for your loss,your family should be very proud of him and the fact that he was a great teacher,trainer and motivator. Kelly (Stoppkotte) Merrill.

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**kelly merrill** - September 08, 2019 at 11:40 PM

HO

“ Lots of rounds with Frank coached by Jack in the first gym in Shelton then in Elm Creek and finally in Odessa. The lots of time in his gym as coaches and at the Golden Gloves as officials. He always worked hard to make a positive difference for everyone he was around. Rest In Peace H John Obermiller



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**H John Obermiller** - September 08, 2019 at 10:20 AM