



## Miguel "Mike" Reyes

September 29, 1924 - March 18, 2014

Miguel "Mike" Reyes, 89  
Kearney Resident

Miguel "Mike" Reyes, 89 of Kearney, died Tuesday, March 18, 2014 at the NE Veteran's Home in Grand Island. A Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:30 A.M. Saturday, March 22, 2014 at St. James Catholic Church in Kearney with Father Joseph Hannappel celebrating. Interment will follow at St. Ann's Catholic Cemetery in Lexington. Visitation is 6:00 to 7:00 P.M. Friday at the church with a vigil/prayers service beginning at 7:00 P.M. Memorials are suggested to the church. Condolences or personal reflections may be submitted at [www.osrfh.com](http://www.osrfh.com). Arrangements by O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home of Kearney

Mike was born September 29, 1924 in Hastings, Colorado to Francisco and Leonor (Luviano) Reyes. He grew up in the mining towns of Hastings and Delagua, near present day Trinidad, Colorado. The family moved to Nebraska in the late 30's to Dawson County. In 1944, at the age of 19, Mike was inducted into the U.S. Navy where he served on the USS Salamaua air craft carrier in the Philippines and Pacific Ocean. The ship suffered a kamikaze hit and sustained major damage. But worse than the hit, were the two typhoons that they had to go through. The ship was in Tokyo Bay the day Japan

surrendered. Returning back to Nebraska, he married Esperanza Vargas on October 26, 1947 in Lexington, Nebraska. Miguel was employed by Union Pacific Railroad for 32 years until retiring in 1984. In 1987, he moved to Kearney until his recent move the Veterans Home in Grand Island in November of 2013. Miguel enjoyed reading traveling and spending time with friends and family.

Survivors include his sons, Vincent of Kearney, Ruben and Tony of Scottsdale, AZ, Ramon of Cedar Rapids, IA, Mario of Mesa, AZ; daughter, Gloria of Scottsdale, AZ; brothers, Frank and Antonio (Ben) of Kearney, Salvador of El Paso, TX, Gilbert of St. Paul, MN; sisters, Beatrice Gomez and Emilia (Emily) Hernandez of Kearney, Amalia Canas of Cozad. He was preceded in death by his wife; 5 brothers and two sisters.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Ann's Catholic Cemetery

Lexington, NE

# Previous Events

## Vigil / Prayer Service

MAR 21. 7:00 PM (CT)

St. James Catholic Church  
3801 Avenue A  
Kearney, NE 68847

## Visitation

MAR 21. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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## Mass of Christian Burial

MAR 22. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. James Catholic Church  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Miguel "Mike" Reyes*

January 28, 2023 at 08:01 AM



“ *Mike,  
Thank you for your kindness to me. We had  
some good chats together throughout the  
years. Thank you for your service in our  
Military. Most of all thank you for those  
wonderful children that mean a lot to me. Rest  
in Peace Mike Reyes*



**Josie Reyes** - March 20, 2014 at 04:15 PM



“ *I will remember the last time I saw Uncle  
Mike, when he was in the G.I. hospital in mid  
February. He was in good spirits because he  
was doing better and getting released the  
next day or two. I am glad we stopped and  
got to see so many smiles from him! Prayers to the whole family.*



**Rachel Crick** - March 18, 2014 at 08:56 PM