



## Sabas "Sal" Gomez

April 28, 1950 - March 15, 2025

It is with great sadness that the Gomez family announces the passing of Sabas 'Sal' Gomez, 74, of Rockford on March 15, 2025. Born April 28, 1950 in Ogallala, NE; son of Sabas and Eliza (Cuellar) Gomez. Graduate of Asherton High School, in Asherton, TX class of 1969. United in marriage to Susan Burch on January 21, 1995. Sal dedicated 37 years of his life to serving the community as a Firefighter and Driver/Engineer for the City of Rockford; embodying bravery, dedication and selflessness throughout his career. He will be deeply missed by his family, friends and all who had the privilege of knowing him. His legacy of service will live on in the hearts of those he touched. Sal retired in 2014 from the City of Rockford Fire Department. He was a member of the Rockford Fire Department Color Guard, and the Illinois Association of Fire Fighters. In addition to his position at the fire department, he was a flight medic for OSF Lifeline Helicopter Company for 10 years. Sal was loved and respected by all who knew him personally and professionally. He was devoted to his family, and was always the one that they reached out to because he could fix anything. Survived by his wife, Susan; children, Yvonne (Guadalupe) Pedroza, Juan (Summer) Gomez, Mark (Amber) Gomez, Immacula Gomez, Laura (Nathan Speck) Gomez; grandchildren, Ysena, Eric, Selena, Gianna (Matthew Vega), Fabian, Asher, Siriana, Kyler, Peyton, Josslyn Gomez and Scarlett Speck; great-grandchildren, Jaylen, Yazlene, Santino, Gianni, Mateo; sister, Maria Smith; special nieces and nephews, Marivel Gonzalez, Julian Gonzalez, Eliza (Robert) Guerrero, AJ Gonzalez Cassandra Salazar, JJ Salazar, Michael Salazar, David Salazar; numerous nieces, nephews and cousins; mother-in-law, Betty (Steve) Marschang, father-in-law, James (Anne) Burch, sister-in-law, Sheri (Jason) Schwartz; nieces and nephews, Shelby (Drew) Misfeldt, Skyler (Brittany) Adams, Sydney Schwartz, Sawyer Schwartz; his coworkers and friends at the Rockford Fire Department as well as a circle of friends and family near and far. Preceded in death by his parents, and brother-in-law, Denver Smith. Visitation on Saturday, March 29, 2025 from 2 pm to 3:45 p.m. at Grace Funeral & Cremation Services, 4301 N. Main St. Rockford, followed by a celebration of Sal's life at 4 p.m. Fr. William Wentink will officiate. Live stream of the service can be viewed here <https://my.gather.app/remember/sabas-sal-gomez>. Cremation rites will be accorded. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in his memory to Sal's family. Share a memory or condolence at [www.graceFH.com](http://www.graceFH.com).



# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 29. 2:00 PM - 3:45 PM (CT)

Grace Funeral & Cremation Services  
4301 N. Main St.  
Rockford, IL 61103

## Celebration of Life

MAR 29. 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Grace Funeral & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Sabas "Sal" Gomez



Grace Funeral & Cremation Services - March 29, 2025 at 05:16 PM

RS

“ My deepest condolences to all of the family. RIP mi compadre.

Rosanna Salazar - March 29, 2025 at 04:47 PM

CS

“ My thoughts and prayers to the Gomez family.  
RIP Brother you will be missed.

Carl Scalise - March 29, 2025 at 12:17 PM

TF

“ The Mckinney Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Sabas "Sal" Gomez.



The Mckinney Family - March 29, 2025 at 06:11 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Sabas "Sal" Gomez.



March 28, 2025 at 11:29 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Sabas "Sal" Gomez.

March 28, 2025 at 11:29 PM

TR

“ The Raptors purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Sabas "Sal" Gomez.



The Raptors - March 28, 2025 at 05:12 PM



“ Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Sabas "Sal" Gomez.



March 25, 2025 at 02:56 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Sabas "Sal" Gomez.



March 25, 2025 at 12:29 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Sabas "Sal" Gomez.



March 24, 2025 at 09:18 PM

TO

“ *The Post Office purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Sabas "Sal" Gomez.*



**The Post Office** - March 19, 2025 at 10:58 AM

RA

“ *Rena (love you always) purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Sabas "Sal" Gomez.*



**Rena (love you always)** - March 18, 2025 at 10:01 PM

BR

“ *Always uplifted when either Sal or Susie came in the credit union. He loved helping people and obviously cherished his family. I'm so glad I had the honor to know both he and Susie.*

**Bev Richmond** - March 18, 2025 at 08:36 PM

WJ

“ *With love, Alexia & Jericka purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Sabas "Sal" Gomez.*



**With love, Alexia & Jericka** - March 18, 2025 at 07:25 PM