



*Central Lutheran Church
Yakima, WA
Saturday, May 22, 2021*

*In Remembrance
Rudolfo "Rudy" Ramirez*

August 2, 1950 - May 7, 2021

"BRIDGE OVER TROUBLED WATER"

When you're weary, feeling small,
When tears are in your eyes
I will dry them all
I'm on your side
Oh when times get rough
And friends just can't be found

Like a bridge over troubled water
I will lay me down
Like a bridge over troubled water
I will lay me down

When you're down and out
When you're on the street
When evening falls so hard
I will comfort you
I'll take your part
Oh when darkness comes
And pain is all around

Like a bridge over troubled water
I will lay me down
Like a bridge over troubled water
I will lay me down

Sail on, silver girl
Sail on by
Your time has come to shine
All your dreams are on their way
See how they shine
Oh if you need a friend
I'm sailing right behind

Like a bridge over troubled water
I will ease your mind
Like a bridge over troubled water
I will ease your mind

INTRODUCTION

Welcome in the name of Jesus, the Savior of the world. We are gathered to worship, to proclaim Christ crucified and risen, to remember before God our brother Rudy, to give thanks for his life, to commend him to our merciful redeemer, and to comfort one another in our grief.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

All who are baptized into Christ have put on Christ. In his baptism, Rudy was clothed with Christ. In the day of Christ's coming, He shall be clothed with glory. Eternal God, maker of heaven and earth, who formed us from the dust of the earth, who by your breath gave us life, we glorify you.

We glorify you.

Jesus Christ, the resurrection and the life, who suffered death for all humanity, who rose from the grave to open the way to eternal life, we praise you.

We praise you.

Holy Spirit, author and giver of life, the comforter of all who sorrow, our sure confidence and everlasting hope, we worship you.

We worship you.

To you, O blessed Trinity, be glory and honor, forever and ever.
Amen.

EULOGY

Becky Gause

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. O God of grace and glory, we remember before you today our brother, Rudy. We thank you for giving him to us to know and to love as a companion in our pilgrimage on earth. In your boundless compassion, console us who mourn. Give us faith to see that death has been swallowed up in the victory of our Lord Jesus Christ, so that we may live in confidence and hope until, by your call, we are gathered to our heavenly home in the company of all your saints; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Reader

Abram Ramirez

PSALM 100

³Know that the LORD is God.
It is he that made us, and we are his;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
⁴Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise.
Give thanks to him, bless his name.
⁵For the LORD is good;
his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.

PSALM 32

⁶Therefore let all who are faithful
offer prayer to you;
at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters
shall not reach them.
⁷You are a hiding place for me;
you preserve me from trouble;
you surround me with glad cries of deliverance.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The Byrds – Turn! Turn! Turn! Lyrics

Words-adapted from The Bible, book of Ecclesiastes Music-Pete Seeger

To Everything (Turn, Turn, Turn)

There is a season (Turn, Turn, Turn)

And a time to every purpose, under Heaven

A time to be born, a time to die

A time to plant, a time to reap

A time to kill, a time to heal

A time to laugh, a time to weep

To Everything (Turn, Turn, Turn)

There is a season (Turn, Turn, Turn)

And a time to every purpose, under Heaven

A time to build up, a time to break down

A time to dance, a time to mourn

A time to cast away stones, a time to gather stones together

To Everything (Turn, Turn, Turn)

There is a season (Turn, Turn, Turn)

And a time to every purpose, under Heaven

A time of love, a time of hate

A time of war, a time of peace

A time you may embrace, a time to refrain from embracing

To Everything (Turn, Turn, Turn)

There is a season (Turn, Turn, Turn)

And a time to every purpose, under Heaven

A time to gain, a time to lose

A time to rend, a time to sew

A time for love, a time for hate

A time for peace, I swear it's not too late

PICTURE MEMORIAL



[The Alan Parsons Project Lyrics](#)

“Time”

Time
Flowing like a river
Time
Beckoning me
Who knows when we shall meet again
If ever
But time
Keeps flowing like a river
To the sea

Goodbye my love
Maybe for forever
Goodbye my love
The tide waits for me
Who knows when we shall meet again
If ever
But time
Keeps flowing like a river (on and on)
To the sea
To the sea

Till it's gone forever
Gone forever
Gone forevermore

Goodbye my friend
Maybe for forever
Goodbye my friend
The stars wait for me
Who knows where we shall meet again
If ever
But time
Keeps flowing like a river (on and on)
To the sea
To the sea

Till it's gone forever
Gone forever
Gone forevermore

Forevermore

Forevermore

Forevermore

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Let us pray.

Almighty God, in Holy Baptism you have knit your chosen people together into one communion of saints in the body of Christ. Give to your whole church in heaven and on earth your light and your peace. God of mercy,

hear our prayer.

Grant that all who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection may die to sin and rise to share the new life in Christ. God of mercy,

hear our prayer.

Give courage and faith to all who mourn, and a sure and certain hope in your loving care, that, casting all their sorrows on you, they may have strength for the days ahead. God of mercy,

hear our prayer.

Help us, in the midst of things we cannot understand, to believe and trust in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, and the resurrection to life everlasting. God of mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of all grace, we give you thanks because by his death our Savior Jesus Christ destroyed death and by his resurrection he opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Make us certain that because he lives we shall live also, and that neither death nor life, nor things present nor things to come, will be able to separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

COMMENDATION

Let us commend Rudy to the mercy of God, our maker and redeemer.

Silence is kept

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Rudy. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming. Receive him into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light.

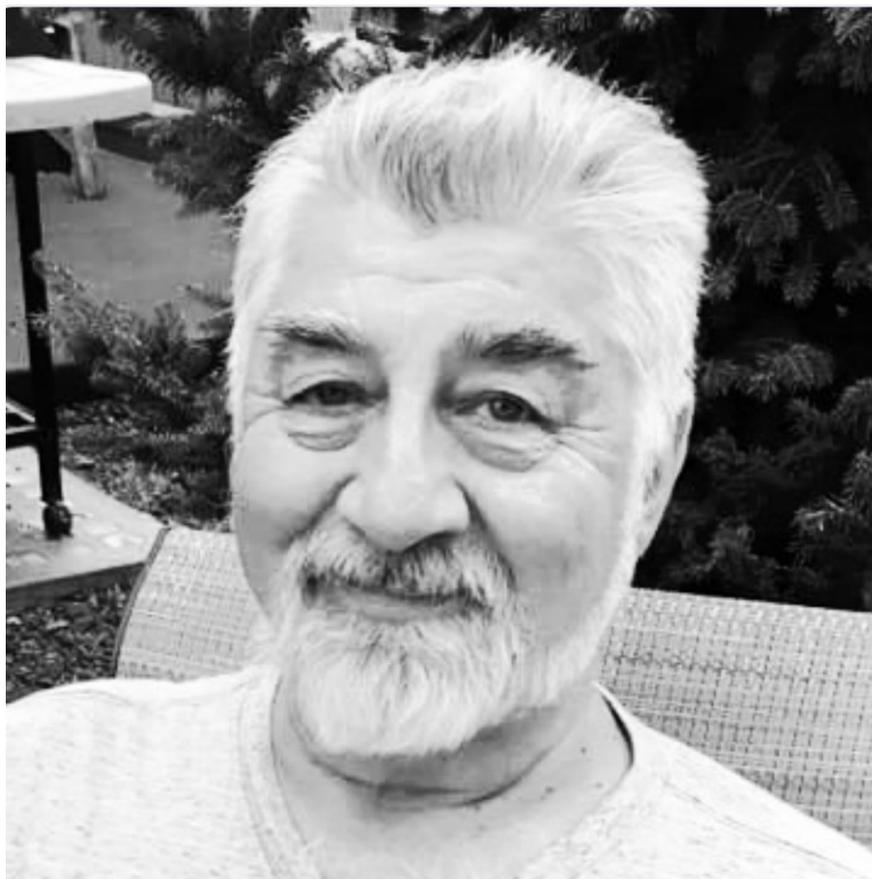
Amen.

Let us go forth in peace.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

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It is with heavy hearts we announce the passing of our cherished husband, father, grandfather, and friend Rudolfo “Rudy” Ramirez. Rudy passed away May 7th, 2021 in his home surrounded by his closest family and friends.

Rudy was born August 2nd, 1950 in Traverse City, Michigan to Ignacio and Maria Ramirez. A migrant family, Mr. and Mrs. Ramirez brought their children to Sunnyside, WA where Rudy and 7 of his siblings grew up. Some of Rudy’s favorite stories come from growing up in Sunnyside.

Playing baseball with his brothers and sisters and breaking windows around the neighborhood, terrorizing teachers, and students alike with his prankster attitude, and creating general mischief with cousins and friends around town.

This is when his love for laughter and devotion to family time was nurtured and developed.

Throughout his lifetime he worked a variety of jobs, but he found his true passion in serving others as a Substance Use Disorder Professional. Rudy worked as an adult and youth counselor in the Yakima Valley for over 28 years. His positive and supportive nature led to meaningful and lasting relationships with countless clients.

Rudy met his wife Lea in 1980 at Montgomery Wards. They married March 20th, 1982. Together they built a life in Yakima that included 5 children (Scott, Heather, Becky, Jesecca, and Tomi), 2 sons-in-law (Fortune and Mick), 7 grandchildren (Jordan, Alex, Kainoah, Shaylin, Kasen, Boston, and Rosalea), and 4 great grandchildren (Isaiah, Amirah, Skylar and Mahlani). Family was Rudy's top priority. He taught his children the importance of support, love, and provided security until his final breath.

Rudy lived a full life in his 70 years. He enjoyed traveling and spending time outdoors, specifically in the mountains or at the beach. He loved listening to music in the garage as he worked on Lea's never ending "Honey Do List."

As an avid sports fan, Rudy could be found frequently at high school games, around the state at professional sporting events or at the local ballpark cheering on his grandchildren.

Rudy took great pride in his home and beautiful yard.

Saturdays were spent mowing, planting, and fighting with his pond.

Rudy with his bright smile, bad jokes, and strong hugs will be greatly missed. He brought joy, laughter, and love to everyone he encountered. His family would like to thank everyone who reached out or stopped by to see him before he passed.

A special thanks should be extended to Memorial Hospice. Through their work, his last days with us were comfortable and peaceful.



A CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR
RUDY RAMIREZ

**Please join us to celebrate the life of Rudy Ramirez
on 5/22 from 4pm-7pm following the memorial service.**

**14091 Old Naches Hwy
Naches, WA 98937**

**Event will be potluck style. Please share
your favorite dish and come prepared to share your
favorite stories of Rudy.**