

POSTS BY RUDY CASTILLO AT HIS FACEBOOK PAGE

Rudy Castillo

January 21 ·

Hello – I'm going to make this a fast and dirty update on what's going on with my move. I haven't lived here since 1984, it's a big adjustment for everyone. I got into another car accident two weeks ago, so now I can't drive. I have to depend on family for rides. Which is fine. I'm under on hospice care now. I'm not on any cancer meds. Just pain management medication. Cindy is my nurse, I like and trust her, but it's not like my California team. Right now she comes once per week. That will increase as the disease progresses. The doctor's estimate is 2 to 3 months. Tomorrow I'm going to Texas Tech Med School about a whole body donation and see if I qualify. If not, we will just do a "direct cremation". I'm very tired and most days I don't even get out of bed. This is why I'm so slow on email and FB. Anyway, I'm at peace with the world. I'm ready for the day my grandmother comes to get me. Smile when you think of me and play "Heartbreaker". Luv and Hugs to all of you. Until the next update.....

Rudy

(1/21/15)

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January 25 ·

Hope you're doing well. I know some of you are planning trips to El Paso to see me. I don't want this to sound rude because I really appreciate it and want to see you, but I really can't handle visitors right now. I get very tired and take a lot of naps. I rarely eat dinner and I usually go to bed at 7pm or 8pm. The doctor also said it's dangerous for me to be around people that fly a lot, especially if they just came off an airplane. Maybe things will get better in the coming weeks. If so, I will let you know.

Thanks for understanding,

Rudy

(1/25/15)

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February 24 ·

Hello Everyone – I know I owe a lot of emails and call backs. I will do it when I can. I'm at the point where I'm having more bad days than good days. The pain in my back is worse than it's ever been. The doctor took me off Methadone and put me on a stronger pain med. It works, it just takes a while and puts me to sleep. I don't have much energy. Going from my bedroom to the living room is a major task. I try to stay active. My immediate family visits me pretty much every day and my cousin Ernie Serna comes a few times per week. I try to stay active by growing flowers and veggies in peat pots so my nephews can plant them when it gets warmer. The birds are too much for me now. Thank God I gave Mikey (Blue and Gold Macaw) to dad 25 years ago. He knows how to care for big birds. You're in my thoughts and in my heart. I will write more when I can.

Love you

Rudy

(2/24/15)

Rudy Castillo

February 28

Hi Guys – some of you have been asking about service information those of you who know me very well know I don't want any traditional religious traditional services. Information These are fair question for those of you who want to attend and don't offend me at all. I've donated my entire my body to a medical school for 2nd year doctors who are specializing in oncology. They will keep my body for 3 weeks to a year and will save some parts of interest for later use. I'm NOT doing this for any recognition. I'm doing it so they can see what the old and new chemo and radiation did the last time vs. this time. There is a servere shortage of donors. My hope is that my gift will give your children or grandchildren a GREAT doctor, not just a good one. There will be a short non-denominational service in Hawaii about a year later. The venue is small (about 30 people). I've given Ruben a list of people I think will want to attend. He will start clearing the waitlist about a month out. It will basically be immediate family (that I like) the VX Sabre Support team, HA, Sabre and Kinetics. Afterwards, there will be a nice little luau a Kailua Beach Park. Come ready to say something good or bad about me (vulgar is best.) or you can write them down and give them to Ruben so he burn them and mix them with my ashes. If Hawaii becomes too cost prohibitive, it will be moved to the DFW area. Ruben will send out more info as it becomes available. Please don't bring any children under 21 or anyone that didn't know me that well.. Thanks for understanding.

Rudy

(2/28/15)

Hello Everyone- Thank you for all of the love and support you gave me through the years. I lead an incredible life and shared a lot of special memories with you.

I would like to Thank Dr. Liang, Dr. Adler, Dr. Chesbro. ALL of my nurses at California Cancer Care. Thanks to all at Cima Hospice in El Paso, especially Joe. We didn't have that much time to get to know each other, but you did a wonderful job taking care of me during my final days. Please don't send flowers. They will only die, make a mess and get go into the dumpster. If you want to do something, give a small donation to The World Parrot Trust (www.parrots.org).

I'm so glad our paths crossed. You made a HUGE difference in my life and I hope I taught you or helped you with something along the way. If you would like to say something to my family comment on Facebook at this address.

Love,

Rudy

(Posted posthumously by his brother at his request .)

(5/7/15)