



Richard Montoya

October 1, 1966 - February 16, 2026

Richard "Pops" Montoya, 59, of Fair Play, Missouri, passed away on February 16th, 2026, at his home.

Richard was born in Kansas City, Missouri, to Richard A. Montoya and Patricia A. Davis.

He served in the US Army and was stationed in Alaska before returning to Missouri, the place which he called home.

Richard was known for his sense of humor and kind heart. He enjoyed visiting with family and friends and might be seen walking to and from on any given day.

Richard shared a deep connection with animals and nature. He loved music and concerts, cook-outs, and was a HUGE fan of the Kansas City Chiefs. Pops loved his family with all of his heart. And anybody he loved, he considered family.

He is survived by his daughter Ashley Marie Montoya; grandchildren Andrew, Aviana, Alidia, Amelia, and Adelyn Mettler and Antonio Tapia; Mother Patricia Davis; sisters Giovanna Santora and Lisa Dietz; nephew Josh Blankenship and a host of extended family and dear friends.

He was preceded in death by his father Richard A. Montoya; brother Jamie Blankenship; But his greatest loss was that of his only son Timothy Michael Montoya from which he never recovered.

Richard will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him. May he rest in Heaven with our Lord and be joyfully reunited with his son and loved ones.

Per his wishes, the family will plan a celebration of Richard's life. Details will be shared at a later time.

Previous Events

Graveside Memorial Service

MAY 9. 1:00 PM (CT)

Lindley Prairie Cemetery
Stockton
Bearcreek, MO 65785

Tribute Wall

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“ *RIP Pops. We'll always remember you and we'll see you again on the other side! Thanks for your kindness, caring, and humor! You will be missed.*



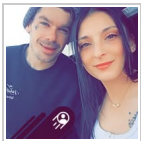
Brandy Bryant - February 19 at 07:54 PM

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“ *I have so many memories of him but my favorite has to be when he got Sanchez aka Cheese. He said he didn't want a dog but he said I couldn't shake him and he was so happy. He played with him and loved him dearly. Richard was so kind and caring. I couldn't have respected him more then I did. I was very welcomed in his family by his whole family. Man I miss u so much. I live u and please tell Timothy I said hi and give him a hug for me. You were the best listener and have not just advice but knowledge about so much especially cars. You was willing to help me fix anything in any aspect of my life. 21 years is a long time and man I'm so glad your finally at peace and with Timothy. It's good music and happiness from here on out. Until we meet again old friend.*



Chyla Penticuff (Schwartz) - February 19 at 07:05 PM



“ *I remember hanging out at Ashley's house when I was younger and pop's would always be there he would always welcome you with a big ol hug ❤️ he would watch out for any kid that was around he loved them all ! He was always the sweetest he will be missed 😭*

Chelsea Ramon - February 19 at 05:41 PM