



Reynaldo Escalera Guerra

January 5, 1974 - March 4, 2015

Reynaldo “Rey” Guerra of Manson passed away on Wednesday, March 4th, 2015 at the Chelan Hospital in Chelan, Washington at the age of 41. He spent the last day of his life with family and friends at his bedside and he took his last breath with his mother by his side.

Rey was born on January 5th, 1974 in Los Remedios, Michoacán, Mexico, the first of seven children born to Reynaldo Sr. and Luz Maria Guerra. He was born, not in a hospital, but in his grandparent’s small home. He spent the first 8 years of his life in Los Remedios. During this time, two other siblings were born to Reynaldo and Luz Maria. The first was Roberto, Rey’s only brother, and the second was Faviola, the first of five sisters. Sadly, Roberto passed away at just 3 months leaving Rey as the only boy in the family. When Rey was around 6 or 7 years of age, his parents decided to look for work in the United States and ended up in Chelan, Washington working in the apple orchards. While his parents were in the U.S., Rey and his sister Faviola lived with their grandparents. When he was 8 years old, his father returned to Mexico to pick up his two children and bring them to the states. There he met the newest member of the Guerra family, his sister Remedios.

The family made their home at Lakeview Orchard on the south shore of Lake Chelan where his parents were employed for several years. At this time, Rey attended Morgen Owings Elementary School in Chelan where he learned to speak English. They moved to Wenatchee briefly while he was in 7th grade and then to Manson where his parents were employed first for Fred and

Kristina Barkley and then later with Terry and Marlene Urness, working in their family apple orchards. From the age of thirteen on, Manson was his home. From the time that his family moved to Chelan until a year after his high school graduation, his last three sisters, Luz Maria, Blanca Estela, and Christina were born.

Rey did well in school, excelling in Mathematics. He loved numbers. His high school teacher and football coach, Mr. Tom Alexander tried to encourage him to pursue Math in college and possibly become a Math teacher but Rey decided against attending college. He was also very passionate about sports, especially football and basketball. He was privileged to be a part of several very good Manson teams, including his senior year football squad that played in the state semifinals against the DeSales Irish in the Kibbie Dome in Moscow, Idaho. Coach Alexander remembered Rey being in awe of the chance to play in such a nice facility in such a big time game. Even though the team lost that game to the eventual state champions, they had a stellar year, going undefeated during the regular season. Rey was a starter that season playing as a receiver and defensive back. He loved playing basketball as well and that is where he was given his high school nickname of "Silk" by Mr. Bob Johnson because of his quickness and silky smooth moves on the court. Rey was also good at tinkering with and fixing machinery. He enjoyed taking shop classes in high school with his shop teacher Mr. Kevin Amsden.

Rey graduated from Manson High School in 1992. Following graduation, he worked for a summer at Campbell's Resort in Chelan and then eventually began employment with Wapato Point working landscaping and maintenance. He was employed with Wapato Point for over 20 years. He was a hard worker and well liked. He made numerous friendships during his years at Wapato Point but his closest friendships there were made with Greg and Rose Howell and Audrey Wheeler.

Rey lived with Heidi Lepley for many years and they raised three sweet, beautiful daughters together, Thalia, Felicity, and Adorah. He absolutely loved his daughters and would do anything for them. He was great with kids and

really took a love for and interest in all of his nieces and nephews who by Rey's request, referred to him as Uncle "Rico", a character from a movie that Rey liked called Napoleon Dynamite. In fact, most of them did not even know his real name.

Rey enjoyed riding his bicycle during his school days at Manson, and that passion stayed with him during his 20's and 30's as well. It wasn't uncommon to see him riding a bike through town with a backpack strapped to his back on his way to a friend's house or to his parent's home to see the family or lift weights in the cabin behind their home. He enjoyed playing hacky sack as well and always carried one with him in his pack in case someone wanted to play.

Rey loved to watch basketball and his two favorite teams to watch were the Los Angeles Lakers and the Duke Blue Devils. He looked forward to the college tournament in March and also the NBA finals especially if either of his favorite teams made it that year. A highlight for him came in high school when Fred Barkley took him to an LA Lakers game in Seattle where he was able to watch one of his idols, Magic Johnson, play against the Seattle Supersonics. He had very fond memories of that trip.

Another activity that Rey really enjoyed was fishing. His fishing buddy was Greg Howell and they made numerous trips to Wapato, Roses, and Antilon Lakes fishing for trout. Rey had a special bond with Greg throughout his years working for Wapato Point and was deeply saddened by Greg's passing several years ago.

Rey is survived by Heidi of the home, his three daughters, Thalia and Felicity of Ellensburg, Washington, and Adorah of Manson, his mother, Luz Maria Escalera of Manson, his father, Reynaldo Guerra of Doris, California, his five sisters, Faviola Williams, Mey Broome, Luz Maria Segura, Blanca Lehman, and Christina Guerra, all of the Manson-Chelan area. He is also survived by his four brothers-in-law, numerous aunts, uncles and cousins and his nine nieces and nephews. Rey was preceded in death by his brother, Roberto

Guerra, and his niece, Lidia Segura.

Memorial services for Rey are under the direction of Precht Rose Chapel with Pastor Kyle Plew leading a service in English and Father Ricardo Villareal leading a Catholic Mass in Spanish to honor Rey. Pallbearers include six members of Rey's family, his uncles, Rodrigo Escalera and Alejandro Escalera, and his four brothers-in-law, Claudio Segura, Jordan Lehman, Jim Broome, and Nathan Williams. Interment will take place at the Fraternal Cemetery in Chelan. The family would like to thank Pastor Kyle Plew for his compassion and support of the family during Rey's time in the hospital, and would also like to thank family, friends, and community members for all of their prayers and well wishes. An account has been set up at Wells Fargo Bank and donations can be made in Reynaldo Guerra's name to help defray some of the cost of the funeral.

Rey was a wonderful son, brother, father, uncle, nephew, and friend. He loved to joke, tease, and kid around. He loved his family. He had a special bond with his mother and adored his daughters. He was easy to get along with and was always friendly and respectful to his family. We celebrate Rey's life and thank you for being a part of it. We love you so much Rey." Later!"

Cemetery Details

Chelan Fraternal Cemetery

815 N. Bradley St.
Chelan, WA 98816

Previous Events

Service

MAR 11. 11:00 AM (PT)

St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church
210 W. Allen Avenue
Chelan, WA 98816
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Tribute Wall



“ *Reynaldo Escalera Guerra*

January 29, 2023 at 08:49 AM



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Stro - March 10, 2015 at 10:32 PM



“ *Susan Stroscheim (Stroh's MOM) sent a virtual gift in memory of Reynaldo Escalera Guerra*



Susan Stroscheim (Stroh's MOM) - March 10, 2015 at 12:14 PM



“ *Susan Stroscheim (Stroh's MOM) lit a candle in memory of Reynaldo Escalera Guerra*



Susan Stroscheim (Stroh's MOM) - March 10, 2015 at 12:13 PM

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“ May all Reynaldo"s family and friends be surrounded with love at this difficult time. I will keep you all in my prayers.

Reynaldo was such a sweet child and was always happy when he was at our home, he and my son Jason were inseparable when they were young. I watched him grow into a strong, caring, and honest young man. As life moves we lost touch with Reynaldo but never forgot him.

My heart has an empty spot with his passing, I can only offer the idea he is at peace and may now walk with the Lord in all things wonderful.

Reynaldo thank you for gracing myself and family with your presence in our lives...you will be missed but never forgotten...

Susan Stroschein (Stroh's MOM) - March 10, 2015 at 12:12 PM

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“ My sincere and deepest condolences to the Guerra family. Reynaldo was always so respectful and friendly. I enjoyed watching him play sports in high school and thoroughly enjoyed his smile and tenacity. He was kind and humble. His gentleness was beyond any I had ever witnessed. A young man taken too early from this world, but will leave many memories in his short time here on earth.



Aurora Flores - March 09, 2015 at 10:23 PM

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“ Why is it that it takes something like this for us to stop, remember and reflect on someone so extraordinary? Reynaldo was always one of the friends you wanted to see on a daily basis growing up. No matter what kind of a day you were having, he would make you laugh, I miss those days. I know everyone goes about their lives after high school, hoping to keep in touch with all of your buddies along the way. But inevitably, you lose touch with many, though we think of them often, we never seem to find the time in our busy lives to reach out to them. It seems as it was yesterday when Reynaldo and I were hanging out and nearly inseparable. I miss hanging out with such a fun energetic guy. Playing football with Reynaldo was nothing less than spectacular, he was not only tough, but the fastest guy on the field. It was a privilege to not only be on the same field, but the same team. No matter what sport he was playing in, he was the epitome of a Sportsman. Though we had not stayed in touch, he will be missed more than I can express with any words. Our thoughts and Prayers are with his family.

Stro & Family

Jason, Tanya & Alysha Stroscheim - March 09, 2015 at 08:28 PM