



## Robert Anthony Cuadrado, Sr.

June 3, 1935 - July 8, 2024

Robert Anthony Cuadrado, Sr., 89, of Tulsa, OK was born June 3, 1935 to Santos and Marina (Santos) Cuadrado in Bronx, NY and peacefully passed away Monday, July 8, 2024 in Tulsa, OK.

Robert grew up in New York and graduated from the Manhattan School of Music. He enlisted in the United States Navy on October 28, 1952 and proudly served his country until May 29, 1956, when he was honorably discharged. Robert was an accomplished musician, playing alongside many well-known artists. He also had 2 Masters Degrees from the University of Oklahoma. Robert loved spending time with his family and friends. He will be dearly missed.

Robert is preceded in death by his parents, Santos and Marina Cuadrado; and his brother, Johnny.

Those left to cherish Robert's memory are his son, Robert Cuadrado, Jr. of Argyle, TX; his daughter, Michelle Cuadrado of Tulsa, OK; sisters, Julie Russell, and Francis Arroyo, several aunts; cousins; nieces; extended family; and many friends.

A viewing will be 12PM – 6:30PM, Monday, July 15, 2024 at Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home in Fort Gibson.

A Rosary will be held 8:30PM, Monday, July 15, 2024 at Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home Chapel, Fort Gibson.

A celebration of Robert's life will be 1:00PM, Tuesday, July 16, 2024 at Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home Chapel, Fort Gibson with Chaplain Greg

Bilbruck officiating. Robert's family will serve as pall bearers. Committal prayers and interment will follow at Fort Gibson National Cemetery with full military honors being observed.

The family of Robert Anthony Cuadrado, Sr. has entrusted his care, service, and burial to Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home, Fort Gibson. 918-478-2555

Online condolences may be left for the family at [clifforddgarrettfamilyfh.com](http://clifforddgarrettfamilyfh.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Fort Gibson National Cemetery

1423 Cemetery Road  
Fort Gibson, OK 74434

# Previous Events

## Viewing

JUL 15. 12:00 PM - 6:30 PM (CT)

Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home (Fort Gibson)  
1224 E Poplar St  
Fort Gibson, OK 74434  
(918) 478-2555

## Rosary

JUL 15. 8:30 PM (CT)

Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home Chapel  
1224 E Poplar PO Box 1973  
FORT GIBSON, OK 74434  
fortgibsonfuneral@outlook.com

## Funeral Service

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JUL 16. 1:00 PM (CT)

Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home Chapel  
1224 E Poplar PO Box 1973  
FORT GIBSON, OK 74434  
[fortgibsonfuneral@outlook.com](mailto:fortgibsonfuneral@outlook.com)

# Tribute Wall

DC

“ I just learned about Bob's passing earlier this year and I've often wondered what happened to him. When I was a young fiddler living in Norman, OK in the early 1970's I was asked to join Mtn. Smoke while Bob was their bass player. I had no car (& no money!) in those days so I rode with Bob in his truck to all the gigs...mostly up in OKC. He was so generous with me as well as being so interesting. A Latino NYC jazz bass player in an Okla. bluegrass band? And he was also running a small sheet music business near the OU campus. It was a great education for me just hanging out with him and of course playing music. Rest In Peace, Bob. Even after 50 years I remember you well!

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David Coe - December 03, 2024 at 08:23 PM

JF

“ I only knew Bob for a short time in the mid-90s, but he made an impression on me. He was so talented, and a very good friend. My deepest condolences to his family.

Jane Firth

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Jane Firth - July 17, 2024 at 01:51 PM

GG

“ Both my late husband (Maurice) and I were music students at OU while Bob was there. We became friends, and Bob and Maurice formed a little combo, along with a piano friend of theirs. They played gigs around Norman and OKC, and when Maurice and I got married in 1970, Bob's combo played at our reception! He was a great guy. Condolences to the family.

Gyan Galoob

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Gyan Galoob - July 16, 2024 at 11:56 AM

JJ

“ Julie and joe purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Robert Anthony Cuadrado, Sr..



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**Julie and joe** - July 14, 2024 at 12:55 PM

FR

“ Uncle Bobby, You will always be in my heart as a dear and sincere uncle who crossed over the distance to let us know you were there, you cared and loved us. It meant so much to me to have you in my life. I hope you know I loved you too. Wish you peace and heavenly bliss.

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**frances russell** - July 13, 2024 at 02:29 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert Anthony Cuadrado, Sr..



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July 13, 2024 at 12:23 PM

LP

“ Love, Katy and Patrick planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert Anthony Cuadrado, Sr..

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**Love, Katy and Patrick** - July 13, 2024 at 12:23 PM

FA

“ Best big brother a sister could have! He showed me kindness and love as a little girl when no one else was paying attention. We shared many good times together, especially with the family (mostly nieces lol) eating, drinking, dancing (he was the best salsa dancer), talking into the wee hours (cosmic shits), and we enjoyed all kinds of music together. Bob had an easy way about him with a great sense of humor.

He was an accomplished student with two master's degrees, a teacher of music and language, and a musician extraordinaire having played bass with popular salsa bands of the day in the 50s, jazz and pop in the 60s (including Jose Feliciano) and blue grass bands in the 70s, recording with Mountain Smoke with Vince Gil – “On Blue Ridge.” Bob formed his own jazz band in the 80s, called “Night Flight” and a Salsa band in the 2000s, called “Salsa Rhythm Project”. All the while he taught music and Spanish at Universities of Oklahoma and Tulsa, which also included many private students; youngsters taking Spanish, piano and guitar lessons. I just can't say enough about how proud we all are of him and his accomplishments. He was the best example of what a person from a poor background could achieve! God Bless you Big Brother!!

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**Frances Arroyo** - July 12, 2024 at 07:45 PM



<https://youtu.be/TsWAI6mxCyQ?si=JsT6WKNmdxKvmzLi>

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**Joe Costello** - July 24, 2024 at 03:42 PM

KD

*On behalf of the band Mountain Smoke, We'd like to offer belated heartfelt condolences to Bob's family. Bob was a valued member of the band in the early years and provided a solid foundation to a somewhat "rag tag" group of guys. We had lost track of him over the last few years, with our 35th reunion get-together in Guthrie in 1997 being the last time we played together. We had hoped to get him back with us to celebrate our 50th Anniversary in 2023. We could have him do his famous "Zee Bop" scat on "Rocky Road Blues!"*

*- Four of the "old guys"  
Hal Clifford - Russ Christopher - Billy Perry - Kenny Davis*

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**Kenny Davis** - June 11, 2025 at 01:12 AM

MC

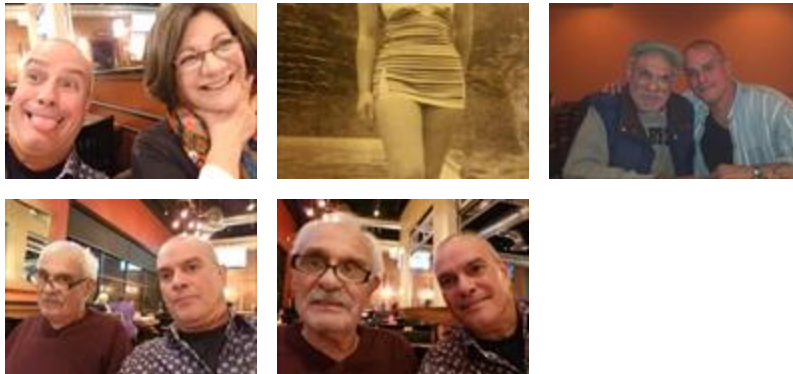
*I miss you daddy. A have Soo many memories. Tulsa was good for you. You made a way for Latinos that I totally respect. Rest in peace daddy.*

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**Michelle Cuadrado** - August 26, 2025 at 12:47 AM

RJ

“ 12 files added to the tribute wall

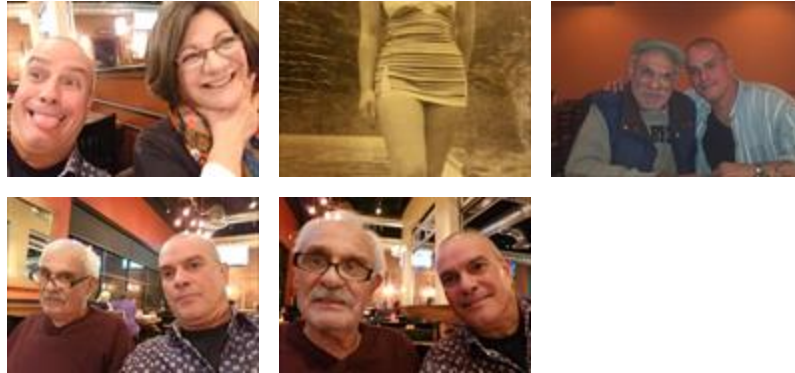


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**Robert JR** - July 12, 2024 at 06:06 PM

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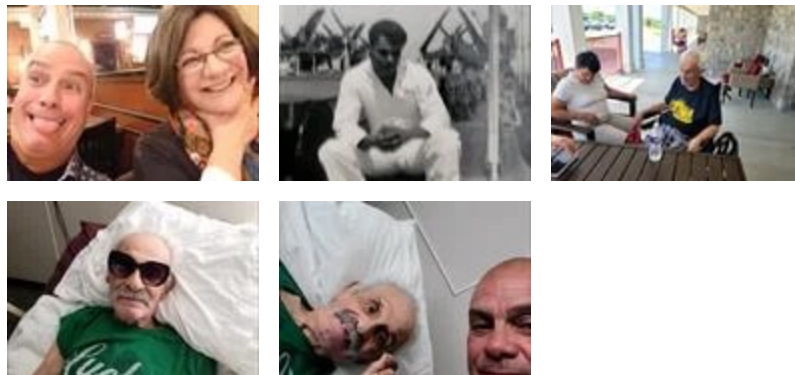
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Robert - July 12, 2024 at 06:00 PM

RO

“ 5 files added to the tribute wall



Robert - July 12, 2024 at 05:19 PM

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“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Robert - July 12, 2024 at 05:12 PM

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**Robert** - July 12, 2024 at 05:07 PM

MN

“ *My fellow Boricua, I still wait for you to walk in the door and ask me if I need Puertorrican coffee, our chats, your daily mija como estás...may you rest with our Lord and save me a space en la sombrita so we can drink coffee in heaven.*



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**Mia Navarro** - July 12, 2024 at 03:41 PM

TN

“ *TN lit a candle in memory of Robert Cuadrado*



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**TN** - July 12, 2024 at 11:01 AM



“ *Fairest of All* was purchased for the family of Robert Anthony Cuadrado, Sr..



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July 12, 2024 at 10:56 AM



“ Tonya Neilson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert Anthony Cuadrado, Sr..

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**Tonya Neilson** - July 12, 2024 at 10:56 AM