



Simon Ricardo Lozano

October 3, 1945 - March 15, 2025

Graveside services for SIMON RICARDO LOZANO, 79, will be held 11am Friday March 21, 2025, at the Valley View Cemetery with Julie Newman officiating. Simon passed away March 15, 2025, at Torrington Community Hospital and cremation has taken place. The family invites everyone to a reception to celebrate Simon's life at 2pm at the Rendezvous Center. In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests that memorials instead be made to the Torrington High School Softball Team. Arrangements are under the direction of the Colyer Funeral Home and condolences may be sent to www.colyerfuneralhome.com Simon Ricardo Lozano—known as Dick to those who knew him longest—shaped the people around him the way a river shapes the land: steadily, persistently, with strength that whispered as much as it roared. He was a husband, father, grandfather, brother, teacher, mentor, coach, and friend. But above all, he was a man who made those he loved to believe in themselves. A second-generation American-Mexican, he carried his heritage with immense pride. He was born on October 3rd, 1945, to Felipa and Simon Lozano, in Laramie, Wyoming. He was raised on the Platte Valley Ranch in McKinley, Wyoming, by his grandparents (Salvador and Luisa Mandujano) whom he called mom and dad. There he learned everything that mattered: how to turn a hard-scrabble life into a lasting legacy, how to fix anything with whatever was lying around, and how to move through the world with quiet strength. Even as a four-year-old, he was up before dawn working the land and tending the animals with Salvador and his Uncle Manuel. He was raised

alongside his brothers, sisters and cousins—though on the ranch, there was no such thing as “half” or “distant.” They shared a childhood full of adventure, loyalty, and resilience. Though life wasn’t always easy, they stood by each other. To them, he was the king of their kingdom—the one they followed, learned from, and turned to when they needed to be reminded of who they were. At 17, Simon enlisted in the U.S. Navy and went through 32 weeks of Electrician Mate’s school. He was a Vietnam combat veteran, serving from 1963-1966 on the USS Lucid. In 1966, he volunteered for River Patrol so he could keep receiving combat pay—\$88 a month—to buy a brand-new Mustang. The cost of war did not end when the fighting stopped. Agent Orange would claim countless lives, and, in the end, it made Simon a casualty of the Vietnam War. At the heart of his life was Nancy, his wife of 58 years. They met in the spring of 1967 at Casper College. They weren’t supposed to date at the time, but they broke the rules, and the world is better for it. They never stopped holding hands, always fought hard to keep each other safe & loved, and chose each other over and over again. Whenever anything went wrong, he would always say: “As long as we have each other, that’s all we need, Nance.” Simon and Nancy married on July 13, 1968. The pride of Simon’s life were his 5 kids—two sets of twins born in 1969 (Dawn and Diane) and 1972 (Amy and Dc), and Aaron in 1980. Simon adored his seven grandkids, Simon, Jade, Kennedy, Zoey, Lucy, Theo, and Mable. He embraced his children’s spouses, Anthony, Jenny, and Abby, as his own. Simon taught English at Torrington High School for 33 years and St. Joseph’s Children’s Home for 5 years, shaping the lives of generations of students, many who claimed him as their favorite teacher. He didn’t just teach grammar and sentence structure; he taught people to think, to question, and to view the world beyond their own experience. He coached basketball, volleyball, softball, tee-ball, and little league, as well as directed plays. He was a proud & active member of the teachers' union, including leading a teachers' strike. We will carry Simon’s legacy forward—not just in memory, but in action. In the way we stand up for what is right. In the way we love fiercely. In the way we

believe in ourselves because he believed in us first. No matter where you go, someone will have a story about Simon Lozano. So in lieu of flowers, we ask you to tell those stories—share them, keep them alive, and remind the world of the extraordinary man we were lucky enough to call ours. Before he left, he made one thing clear: “I love you guys. You all need to celebrate.” And so, we will.

Cemetery Details

Valley View Cemetery

30th Avenue
Torrington, WY 82240

Previous Events

Graveside Service

MAR 21. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (MT)

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Tribute Wall

KD

“ Coach Lozano...I have such fun memories of you coaching our basketball team. You would tape my ankles before our games and would chew on some athletic tape. Depending on how nervous you were would determine how tight the the tape would be.:) It was so cool to reconnect with your at our 40th class reunion. You will be missed!!!!

Kelly Deming - March 28, 2025 at 11:08 PM

KE

“ Our sincere condolences to all of Simon’s family. Please know that your family is in our thoughts and prayers at this difficult time. Simon was a good man whom we held in high regard.
Howard & Karin Eisenhauer

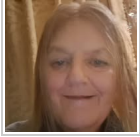


Karin Eisenhauer - March 24, 2025 at 12:04 PM

BB

“ Mr. Lazano taught our three kids at THS. I know they all three respected him as a teacher and friend. He certainly was a decent human being that added a bit of good to the world. Will remember his friendly smile. Thank you! Rest in Peace...Bill and Glenda Brooks

Bill and Glenda Brooks - March 23, 2025 at 07:46 PM



“ *Julie Wisser lit a candle in memory of Simon Lozano*



Julie Wisser - March 23, 2025 at 02:16 PM

BK

“ *Rest in peace my brother.*



Beth Kuehnel - March 21, 2025 at 01:26 PM

RB

“ *What a loss to our community. I could never think about or talk about Simon without smiling. He taught all my sons and they learned about life from Simon. Rest in peace and thank you.*

Rob Branham - March 21, 2025 at 01:20 PM

JC

“ *Jody Check lit a candle in memory of Simon Lozano*



Jody Check - March 21, 2025 at 11:58 AM

BS

“ *Brett and Suzette purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Simon Ricardo Lozano.*



Brett and Suzette - March 21, 2025 at 09:59 AM

TA

“ *Traci Feagler Ackerman lit a candle in memory of Simon Ricardo Lozano*



Traci Feagler Ackerman - March 20, 2025 at 04:39 PM

BF

“ *Beth, Joe and the AZ Bemis Family purchased the Your Light Shines for the family of Simon Ricardo Lozano.*



Beth, Joe and the AZ Bemis Family - March 20, 2025 at 04:16 PM

BF

“ *Beth, Joe and the AZ Bemis Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Simon Ricardo Lozano.*

Beth, Joe and the AZ Bemis Family - March 20, 2025 at 04:16 PM

DH

“ Simon "Dick" Lozano, a consistent reliable phenomenal human who exuded friendship, kindness and had a smile as big as forever. Condolences to Nancy and kids, and extended family. Rest well good friend.

David Haines - March 19, 2025 at 07:18 PM

DI

“ Simon, my heart has been so heavy since I learned of your passing. You were helped instill values and self-perception for so many of us, me included, in a time we needed it the most. For that I will be forever thankful my friend. Forever. Rest in Peace-the Hero to so many, Rest in Peace.

Don Baird II - March 19, 2025 at 11:59 AM

RA

“ Rafael & Gina Avila lit a candle in memory of Simon Lozano



Rafael & Gina Avila - March 19, 2025 at 09:40 AM

RB

“ R Baros lit a candle in memory of Simon Lozano



R Baros - March 19, 2025 at 03:07 AM

MD

“ Michelle L Douglass lit a candle in memory of Simon Lozano

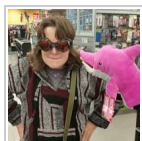


Michelle L Douglass - March 18, 2025 at 10:31 PM

CM

“ I have so many memories of Dick. He was a story teller and I enjoyed his stories especially with his grin. I was actually telling a story the other day where he and his buddies were out late one night when he was young and they saw a possum. Dick said watch this possum play dead and he be went over by it and the possum attacked his leg. And as a good story does he was hopping around shaking his leg to get this angry animal off him. Dick was an amazing human, always was slow to anger and chose to see the best in people. I was one of those people. He helped me grow as a young immature kid and helped me learn how to do more and be more. I'll be forever grateful for the influence he had on me. My heartfelt condolences to Nancy and the Lozano Fam

Cmichael - March 18, 2025 at 09:56 PM



“ Christine Quillen lit a candle in memory of Simon Lozano



Christine Quillen - March 18, 2025 at 09:14 PM

DS

“*Doug & Lori Stall lit a candle in memory of Simon Lozano*



Doug & Lori Stall - March 18, 2025 at 06:53 PM



“*Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Simon Ricardo Lozano.*



March 18, 2025 at 06:34 PM

KR

“*I worked with Dick during the migrant program he always had a joke to tell us all. He made us smile or laugh so hard sometimes we were in tears. Dick will be sadly missed.*

Kathleen Reyes - March 18, 2025 at 06:17 PM

RW

“*Mr Lozano was a real inspiration to my life. He was not only a great teacher, but he had the ability to reach kids, teenagers, more specifically. He inspired me to move forward and thrive in everything I did in life, and that was 40 some years ago. His quiet voice and wisdom are still very vivid in my memories. He was and will always be a very special soul to any student or individual that was blessed to have known him.*

Ronda Watson - March 18, 2025 at 05:39 PM

RM

“ *Mr. Lozano you will be missed, thank you for always being kind, it was a joy to work with you sending my deepest condolences to your family* 🍷❤️



Rocio Martinez - March 18, 2025 at 05:12 PM

KB

“ *So sorry to hear of the passing of this amazing man. He was a wonderful husband, father, teacher and mentor. I remember when I learned that he was also a Navy Vet who served so honorably during such a difficult time in our history. Fair winds and following seas.*

Kyle Broberg - March 18, 2025 at 05:01 PM

LW

“ *Rip Mr lozano. You were my favorite English teacher. I learned alot from you.*

Lori warzinack - March 18, 2025 at 01:43 PM

VU

“ *I remember when I was in High School He was an amazing Teacher! I went to school with his oldest set of twins*



Victoria (Castro) Urquiza - March 18, 2025 at 12:50 PM

KW

“ KRISTY K WEGLIN lit a candle in memory of
Simon Lozano



KRISTY K WEGLIN - March 18, 2025 at 12:32 PM

RR

“ Richard Reyes lit a candle in memory of
Simon Lozano



Richard Reyes - March 18, 2025 at 11:55 AM

BD

“ Brian Dobbins lit a candle in memory of
Simon Lozano



Brian Dobbins - March 18, 2025 at 11:45 AM

GG

“ What a wonderful man!

Gary Gwin - March 18, 2025 at 11:29 AM

RK

“ *Rose Kilgore lit a candle in memory of Simon Ricardo Lozano*



Rose Kilgore - March 18, 2025 at 11:00 AM

ES

“ *Elma Servantez lit a candle in memory of Simon Ricardo Lozano*



Elma Servantez - March 18, 2025 at 10:28 AM

WB

“ *Coach Lozano was one of my favorite Coaches. We always had amazing softball teams and he loved each and every one of us. I loved playing on his team. To the Lozano family-thank you for all of the wonderful memories of sleep overs, birthday parties, great memories. You all had a great impact in my life. I'm so sorry to hear of your dad's passing, many prayers and much love. Wendy (pic) 💔*
🙏

Wendy Bider - March 18, 2025 at 10:04 AM

KS

“ *When I was in Mr Lazano's class, I remember him welcoming every student and giving some of us a hard time. He had a way of connecting with everyone.*
Kip Steinmetz

Kip Steinmetz - March 18, 2025 at 10:03 AM

PE

“ *Pete Elizondo lit a candle in memory of Simon Ricardo Lozano*



Pete Elizondo - March 18, 2025 at 09:45 AM

TD

“ *Mr Lozano you were my favorite teacher. It was so nice seeing you at our last reunion after so many years. You truly will be missed!*



Tammy Daniels - March 18, 2025 at 09:33 AM

PB

“ *Many heartfelt condolences.*



Pat Brown - March 18, 2025 at 09:13 AM

BC

“ *Sending my deepest condolences to the family. He always had a big smile on his face that I will never forget. Rest in peace Simon 🙏*

Brandie Welch Collins - March 18, 2025 at 08:31 AM

BF

“ *Bryan Brown & Family lit a candle in memory of Simon Ricardo Lozano*



Bryan Brown & family - March 18, 2025 at 08:01 AM

BG

“ *Bobbi Kay Giles lit a candle in memory of Simon Ricardo Lozano*



Bobbi Kay Giles - March 18, 2025 at 07:27 AM



“ *Gayle Hascall lit a candle in memory of Simon Ricardo Lozano*



Gayle Hascall - March 18, 2025 at 04:15 AM

CR

“ *Carol Riley lit a candle in memory of Simon Ricardo Lozano*



Carol Riley - March 18, 2025 at 12:28 AM

L(

“ *Lisa Lawrence (kelly) lit a candle in memory of Simon Ricardo Lozano*



Lisa lawrence (kelly) - March 17, 2025 at 11:19 PM

RB

“ *Rodney Teresa And Makayla Baros lit a candle in memory of Simon Ricardo Lozano*



Rodney Teresa and Makayla Baros - March 17, 2025 at 10:59 PM