Mr. Victor Cantu

November 17, 1948 - September 22, 2013

Mr. Victor Cantu, age 64, of Shelbyville, passed away Sunday, September 22, 2013, at his home after an extended illness.

Funeral serves will be 11 AM Thursday, September 26, 2013, at Fairlane Church of Christ. Pastor Jay Pope will officiate, with burial to follow in Willow Mount Cemetery.

Visitation will be 4-8 PM Wednesday at Feldhaus Memorial Chapel.

He was born November 17, 1948, in Pontiac, Michigan, to the late Juan and Rebecca Sanchez Cantu. He was self employed in the Automotive Body Restoration Business. He was a devoted and truly loved member of the Light House Church.

Survivors include his wife, Joyce Perkins Cantu, of Shelbyville; three daughters, Anna M. Rodgers, and her husband Jim, of Valparaiso, Indiana, Deborah D. Buchanan, and her husband Charles, of Shelbyville, and Ssgt. Tanika Merrett, and her husband Daniel, of Fort Valley, Georgia; two sons, Joseph V. Cantu, and his wife Elisa, of Pontiac, Michigan, and Terry Lee Cantu, and his wife Christy, of Shelbyville; two brothers, Juan G. Cantu, and his wife Brigida, and Joseph Cantu, and his wife Diane, both of Pontiac, Michigan; two sisters, Patricia Mitchell, and her husband Jerry, of Clarkston,

Michigan, and Lupe Boldrey, and her husband Cecil, of Pontiac, Michigan; thirteen grandchildren, and two great grandchildren; he was much loved by his in laws.

Feldhaus Memorial Chapel is assisting the family with arrangements.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **25**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

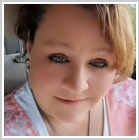
Feldhaus Memorial Chapel
2022 North Main St.
Shelbyville, TN 37160
(931) 684-8356
feldhausgowensmith@gmail. com
http://feldhausgowensmith.com/

Service

SEP **26**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Fairlane Church of Christ
Shelbyville, TN 37160

Tribute Wall



Deborah Buchanan lit a candle in memory of Mr. Victor Cantu

Deborah Buchanan - September 20, 2018 at 09:21 AM

DB

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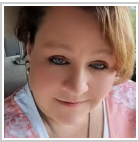
Deborah Buchanan - September 20, 2014 at 09:54 AM



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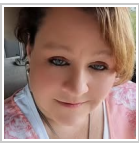
Deborah Buchanan - October 04, 2013 at 08:19 AM



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Deborah Buchanan - October 03, 2013 at 09:23 PM

TA

I have so many memories with my daddy. I can remember him working late all the time, but always making sure we had dinner and made it to tae kwon do practice on time. He made it to every game and practice he could for us, whether it was softball, baseball, take kwon doe, or basketball, he was there and the loudest cheerer out there :) He was so full of life.

He always got on to us when we didn't do a chore as good as we could and told us not to "half ass" do things lol. Because of this everytime I feel like giving up or just not giving it my all I think of daddy saying this and it drives me to do better. He gave his all in Everything he did and he didn't like to be rushed. Anytime someone tried to rush him he took longer, he even went out that way. The Dr.'s said 6mo to a year and he took almost 3. The nurse said he was in the last 12 to 24hrs and he took 28 :)

He loved and trusted everyone he ever met. I even remember him bringing hitch hikers home a couple times, boy my mom wasn't too thilled about that haha. This also taught me to try to see the good in everyone. I have learned so much and have so many memories with him too many to type up, it's hard to believe there will be no more, but I'm grateful for what I have. When I go home it still doesn't seem real that he isn't there. I keep looking in his chair or out at the garage for him, but he's not there. He was a truely great dad. He will forever be loved and missed by all of us.

Tanika - September 29, 2013 at 02:06 PM

TA

Tanika lit a candle in memory of Mr. Victor Cantu

Tanika - September 27, 2013 at 11:18 AM

Henry Goemaere lit a candle in memory of Mr. Victor Cantu

Henry Goemaere - September 26, 2013 at 08:14 PM

DE

Debraroperbowen lit a candle in memory of Mr. Victor Cantu

debraroperbowen - September 26, 2013 at 02:54 PM

LG

Linda Griffith lit a candle in memory of Mr. Victor Cantu

Linda Griffith - September 26, 2013 at 11:14 AM

Brandi Talley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Victor Cantu

Brandi Talley - September 26, 2013 at 10:31 AM

Tanika, I love You, so sorry I can not be there today, I am really sick but all of you are in my thoughts and prayers. I love you guys so much. If you need anything or just want to talk call me. I loved victor and always will. He was a super great man. He touch a lot of people's lives. I will truly miss him. Love, Brandi Talley

Brandi Talley - September 26, 2013 at 10:30 AM

SM

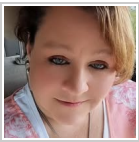
Shawnte Malone lit a candle in memory of Mr. Victor Cantu

Shawnte Malone - September 26, 2013 at 08:59 AM

JC

Joseph Victor Cantu lit a candle in memory of Mr. Victor Cantu

Joseph Victor Cantu - September 26, 2013 at 08:11 AM



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Deborah Buchanan - September 25, 2013 at 10:29 PM

JC

DADDY, YOU WAS MY BEST FRIEND, AND THE "ONE" I COULD ALWAYS CALL YOU AND VENT. wHEN i GOT THE WORD YOU PASSED, 20 MINS LATER I CAUGHT MYSELF GETTING READY TO CALL YOU TO VENT MY PAIN TO YOU. AT THAT MOMENT I REALIZED I DIDNT HAVE YOUR NEW NUMBER IN HEAVEN.. WHEN YOU GET A CHANCE, SEND ME A NUMBER I CAN CALL YOU ON.. I MISS YOU DADDY. YOU LEFT ME WITH A BIG PART OF YOU.. THANK YOU DADDY. IM DOING WHAT YOU LOVED TO DO, AND THATS MAKING CARS PRETTY, AND UPLIFTING THE POOR, THE NEEDY, AND THE BROKEN.. YOUR LEGACY CARRIES ON WITH ME, AND MY SONS. THE CANTU NAME LIVES ON.. REST IN PARADISE POPS.. SEE YOU WHEN I GET THERE... YOUR SON : JOSE V. CANTU..

JOSEPH CANTU - September 25, 2013 at 09:22 PM

RM

It is times like this when you reflect of life. Did I do enough Keeping in Touch? If I could do thinngsg over I would have kept in touch more. Said I am thinking about you more. Told him how very much I loved him! And thanked him for being a great Uncle!

UNCLE VIC YOU WERE AN AWESOME MAN! I AM A BETTER PERSON TO HAVE HAD YOU AS MY UNCLE. I LOVE YOU DEARLY AND YOU WILL ALWAYS HAVE A PLACE IN MY HEART!

Robert Mendieta - September 25, 2013 at 08:07 PM

EC

Victor came into a room and instantly lit it up,,another wonderful man of God gone makes the world a little darker,,but u left us with a testimony of love thy neighbor to it's fullest,,Thank you for giving me such a wonderful husband and father..Your boy is strong Vic..Joseph "Victor" Cantu Jr said he will see u one day in heaven and Juan doesn't quit understand,,but the memories will never fade..I love u dad and I'll see you soon..rest in eternal peace forever till again we meet

Elisa Cantu - September 25, 2013 at 07:04 PM

AR

ANNA CANTU Rogers lit a candle in memory of Mr. Victor Cantu

ANNA CANTU Rogers - September 25, 2013 at 06:05 PM

LG

Cantu family, I am so sorry for the lost of Victor, I was so blessed to have had two children with Victor, Plus 7 grandchildren and two great grandaughters, I Know My Children will miss that Daddy very much! He was such a great man , And a good father! Bless all the Cantu Family And all his friends Linda Griffith

LINDA Griffith - September 25, 2013 at 02:54 PM

CG

Prayers go out to the family and friends of Vic Cantu. I never had the pleasure of meeting his family, but the looks of these pictures, he was very happy. I am a long time friend of his and his sister Patty. We hung around years, and years ago. Forgive me for saying this Patty but sometimes I think I came to your house just to see Victor, he was so good looking. I am so sorry for your loss, but no more pain. May he R.I.P. now. Love you all Colleen Grosinsky

Colleen Grosinsky - September 24, 2013 at 07:57 PM

I recall him always smiling when I would come over to see Joe, I remember how his smile lit up the room and how he made me feel like i was at home any time I stopped by. I am truly sorry for your loss-
Rocky Munoz & Family-

Rocky Munoz - September 24, 2013 at 07:50 PM

JH

I am truly sorry for your loss, Vic was a wonderful person, always had a smile on his face, even when Tanika and I got into any sort of tussle :) I was fortunate to know vic going to school with Terry and Tanika, I know how much they loved him and I know he will truly be missed!!
Jolynn Cobb Holt

Jolynn Holt - September 24, 2013 at 04:33 PM

RM

To a man who has had a tremendous influence on who I am today. I often think of my life and compare our with yours. My Uncle Vic Cantu has helped me believe in myself when others didn't. My Uncle Vic helped me imagine the outcome when others could not see it. My Uncle Vic helped me have the eye of the Tiger, a champion when I never saw it in myself. I often think of how I got my love for the sale and for the deal. It was my Uncle Vic who instilled in me a passion to help others. I truly believe that my success comes from the persistence that my Uncle Vic had in business. He is a visionary, and man who has an unwavering desire to succeed. You helped me be the business man I am today. I love you Tio Vic. Thank you for pouring your life into mine. You will always have a place in my heart.

I remember many times watching you doing business. I remember you negotiating with investors for the flame out. And other occasions I saw you negotiate. You were awesome Uncle Vic. Crazy when the path leads you down a certain way, and you just blindly follow it. I am glad that my path involved you. It made me a good negotiator watching you. Thank you for keeping your head high when times didn't go your way and staying ethical in your business deals! And most of all... THANK YOU FOR BEING A LOVING UNCLE! I LOVE YOU AND WILL MISS YOU DEARLY!

Robert Mendieta - September 24, 2013 at 02:41 PM

AZ

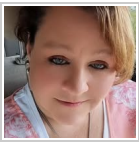
My deapest condolences to the family. Victor was a great man. May he rest in peace.

Angela Zahn - September 24, 2013 at 01:17 PM

LD

Dear Joyce, We are sadden to here about Vic, We really enjoyed the time we spent with you and him in Florida, It was so good to hear him talk about turning his life over to the Lord. We will be praying for you and your family. May God be close to your side during this difficult time. Knowing that Vic is in Gods Hands means so much to you and your family. God Bless you, Guy & Lorie Derryberry

Lorie & Guy Derryberry - September 23, 2013 at 11:03 PM



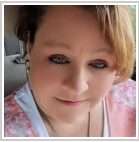
My Whole life is filled with memories of Dad. I may not have been of his blood but I was of his heart. I watched him grow into a true child of Christ. The changes where amazing. He stayed humble when he helped so many people. He was able to find the good in anyone.
Matthew 25:35-40
35 For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, 36 I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' 37 Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? 38 And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? 39 And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' 40 And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers,[a] you did it to me.'

Deborah Buchanan - September 23, 2013 at 03:29 PM

GC

Joyce, I hope you know that Victor has left his mark on all who knew him. He was always the same and always had a good word for all of us. He will be missed, but I know that he is right where he wants to be, singing & dancing on Heaven's streets. You will be in my prayers Joyce. I love you as much as I did Victor. Keep the faith.

Gail Claxton - September 23, 2013 at 03:24 PM



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Deborah Buchanan - September 23, 2013 at 03:10 PM

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Feldhaus-Gowen-Smith Memorial Chapel - September 23, 2013 at 03:05 PM

Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Victor Cantu.

September 23, 2013 at 02:58 PM