



## Felix Macias

January 19, 1936 - March 20, 2013

Dateline: Godfrey

Felix Macias, 77, died at 9:22 p.m. Wednesday, March 20, 2013 at Alton Memorial Hospital. Born January 19, 1936 in Alton, he was the son of Thomas and Dolores (Araujo) Macias. He attended Alton public schools and played football for Alton High School graduating in 1954. He received an athletic scholarship to Culver Stockton College and in 2005 was inducted into the school's Athletic Hall of Fame. Mr. Macias taught high school in Palmyra, MO for two years before teaching at Alton High School, retiring in 1998 after 38 years of service. While at Alton High he coached football and baseball, and taught driver education. He also taught driver education at East Alton-Wood River High School for six years. He was an avid sports fan and especially loved St. Louis Cardinal and Chicago Cubs Baseball. His life revolved around the love of his life, Betty, his four sons and their families. He was a member of the First Christian Church in Alton. On January 13, 1962 he married the former Betty Lou Barry in Alton. She survives. Also surviving are four sons and daughters-in-law; Mark and Debbie Macias, Barry and Maria Macias, Rob and Lori Macias, and Brian and Amy Macias all of Godfrey, 11 grandchildren; Hillary, Emily, Natalie, Sofia, Arie, Alex, Isabella, Isaac, Owen, Brody and Eme Macias, two brothers, Tom Macias of Rosewood Heights and Mike Macias of North Hills, CA. He was preceded in death by his parents, and three brothers, Robert, Ralph and "Dickie-Boy" Macias. Visitation will be from 2:00-6:00 p.m. Sunday, March 24, 2013 at Gent Funeral Home in Alton. Funeral services will

be private. Reverend Mark Scandrett will officiate. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to JDRF in honor of "Owen's Army."

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Felix Macias*

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



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January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ *My sincere condolences to the Macias family.*

**Diane Chapman Dale** - April 23, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Betty and family, so sorry for your loss, God bless and comfort you.*

**jeri juarez** - March 26, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Mr. Macias was the nicest Driver's Ed Teacher at Alton High. He Taught me how to drive and probably all of the class of 86. My prayers are with his family in their time of loss. He was an AWESOME teacher and person. God Bless!.*

**Teresa Walker** - March 25, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Felix has left a big hole in your hearts, but also those in the community. He was a good guy and a great father. May he live on in his sons and grandchildren*

**Carole Iman** - March 25, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ *Barry & family*

*Extending deepest sympathy*

*for you in your loss, and*

*hoping too, that comfort and*

*peace may come to you.*

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**Dan & Sharon Manns** - March 25, 2013 at 12:00 AM

GD

“ *My sympathy to the Macias Family. Felix was my Drivers Ed and Auto Safety instructor way back when. He even kept me out of a fight after school below the baseball field when he yelled down to me, "Depper, your Dad finds out, you're dead"! I'll never forget it.*

*He always had a smile and was a good natured, humerous man.*

*We need more like him. Rest in peace Felix and enjoy the weather!*

*It's lousy down here today!*

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**George Depper** - March 25, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ *Know of my thoughts and prayers for your dad and grandfather. God give him rest and continue to bless all of you with fond memories of him for years to come.*

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**john meehan** - March 24, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ Betty I was so sorry to hear of Felix's death. I know he loved you dearly and you were a wonderful wife for him. He and I knew each other for years and I thought of him as a good friend. He was a great guy. Me son did not want we to go out in the weather or I would have come to the visitation. My thoughts are with you and the family.

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**Janice Pullen** - March 24, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ Our Sincerest condolences to the Macias Family for their loss....Jim & Joe Hernandez... T.J & Allison Hernandez & Family

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**Jim Hernandez** - March 24, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ The Macias Family,

You are in my family's prayers. Mr. Macias was one of those people who comes into your life that you never forget. I have not and will not, ever forget him. I am honored to have crossed paths with such a person and coach.

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**Cleveland and Lisa Cox Family** - March 24, 2013 at 12:00 AM

WW

“ *Barry and family,*

*My thoughts and prayers are with you all. May God grant you peace and bring you comfort.*

*With deepest sympathy,*

*Wendy*

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**Wendy Wickenhauser** - March 24, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ *Sorry we were unable to make the visitation, our thoughts and prayers are with the Macias Family.*

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**Dan Carter Family** - March 24, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Mr. Macias was my Driver Education teacher at Alton High School. Mr. Macias was one of the nicest, most patient, and funniest teachers I have ever had. We all loved him! He was great to all of us - sweet and funny, but never let us get away with too much! He will be greatly missed by all of his former students. My thoughts and prayers are with his family.*

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**Sarah Kane (Norman)** - March 24, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LD

“ *Betty and sons, I am so sorry to hear of his passing. He was a wonderful man who touched the lives of so many.*

*Larry Donahue*

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**Larry Donahue** - March 23, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ *Our Deepest condolences to you Betty and the Boys and their families. It is such a deep hurt when someone you love leaves us to be present with the Lord. We know that yesterday is gone and tomorrow may never come, but we have this moment today! God comfort you and surround you with His peace that surpasses all understanding.*

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**Jimmy and Darlene Hicks** - March 23, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ *My deepest sympathy to the family and friends. I have fond memories of cousin Felix from when I was a child playing with Dickie-boy. I will always treasure those memories.*

*Cousin Danny from LA.*

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**Daniel Araujo** - March 23, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ To Betty and your wonderful family we offer our true condolences in the loss your leader. I only have great memories of Felix as not only a friend but also as a mentor in my teaching career at Alton. We have nothing but great times to reflect back upon in teaching, coaching and being together as a secondary family. We miss seeing you all and will keep the big Cha Cha in our prayers as he speaks to all of the saints in heaven to remember to check their blindspot.

*Reno & Kathy Calcari*

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**Reno Calcari** - March 23, 2013 at 12:00 AM

NL

“ So sorry to hear of the passing of Felix, I taught with him in the 60's and remember him as a very nice man. You have my Sympathy.

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**Nancy (Warner) Longmeyer** - March 23, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DJ

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Felix was a very special person and will be missed by all. He was a great neighbor and co-worker. My thoughts and prayers will be with his family.

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**Darlene (Fearheiley) Jackson** - March 23, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ My condolences to the Macias Family. Mr. Macias was my drivers ed instructor at AHS in 1979. I remember going to Rock Spring Park in a Toyota Celica with a stick shift and showing my prowess at starting a car on a hill. It didn't have the "teacher's brake pedal" as it was brand new. I'll never forget the stunned expression on His face as we were coasting down the hill toward College avenue and Mr M was trying to hit the brakes that weren't there. Of course I got the car started before we got into traffic, but from then on I remember that I had to take my instruction from Mr. Iman as Mr M wouldn't ride with me anymore. I'll Miss You Mr M. and I'm shure You will be teaching the Angels to drive, always with Your foot on the brake. RIP.

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**Jim Thompson** - March 22, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Joe L. Beard has sent this Expressions of Sympathy card.

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**Joe L. Beard** - March 22, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ We are heartbroken for your entire family. I feel like I've know Felix my whole life. My dad (Wayne Tyler) loved and respected him so very much. They had good times coaching and teaching driver's ed together. May God comfort you all during these days ahead.

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**Jess and Ginger Woodman** - March 22, 2013 at 12:00 AM

GI

“ So sorry for you loss. You were so blessed to have had him in your lives - and for so long. He is a great man and his warm smile and the twinkle in his eye remain. Prayers to those left behind to grieve. Peace.

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**Gretchen Inman** - March 22, 2013 at 12:00 AM

EM

“ I am so very sorry for your loss. I loved Mr. Macias as my driving instructor in high school. He was awesome!

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**Elizabeth McClintock** - March 22, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CL

“ Felix was a very kind man and now he is with our Lord. Losing a parent is hard, but just lean on each other during your time of sorrow and you will get through it. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

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**Connie Perez Leiner** - March 22, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ sorry for your loss.

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**ron milazzo** - March 22, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ I am so sorry to hear this. Mr. Macias was my driver's ed teacher and he was so awesome. He was my dad's high school football coach and would teasingly tell me that was the only reason he was passing me was cause he knew my dad. One day the car we were driving started smoking from behind the steering wheel and I said Uh, Mr.Macias, Look at the steering wheel! He said "Well, tell it there is no smoking on school property!"

*He was great!*

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**Jen Bussen** - March 22, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Condolences and prayers for the family of Felix Macias.

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**Diann Bosnak Sheahan** - March 22, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ I have very fond memories of Mr. Macias as my driving instructor at AHS. He was patient and good-humored and helped to teach us civility on the road. I know he will be greatly missed.

JoAnn J. - March 22, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ We are so sorry for loss, Betty & Family. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.

Judy & Jim Clark - March 22, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ Mr. Macias, you were a great teacher and coach! Your silence, in certain cases, was an unspoken push for each of us to do better. Barry, you and your brothers were lucky to have a father like this. God's speed, Mr. Macias!!

Ken Hetge - March 22, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ My sincere sympathy and prayers for the family. Felix was always such a kind and gentle individual. He will be missed by so many.

Beverly Macias - March 22, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ Blessing to know that Coach Macias is in Heaven. I remember him as a positive, encouraging person. He left good footprints. May God Bless his family and loved ones.

David Gentry - March 22, 2013 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ *Barry, Mark and family, Monica and I are truly sorry for the loss of your father. He was my driving instructor at Alton High. I just lost my dad in December. Be there for your mom. Our thoughts and prayers to you and the family. Condolences Rick and Monica Crivello and employees of Bobs Lawn & Garden*

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**The Rick Crivello Family** - March 22, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SK

“ *Mark and Debbie -*

*Our deepest condolences - praying for comfort and peace for your family.*

*Terry and Sue Koehne*

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**Susan Koehne** - March 22, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CE

“ *To Mark, Barry and the rest of the family.*

*My thoughts and prayers go out to you all. Mr. Macias was a great man, and I had the honor of being one of his students. He will be missed greatly by many. Keep your heads high, and treasure all that you had with him...RIP Mr. Macias.*

*Carlston*

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**Carlston Edwards** - March 22, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Many in the class of '64 have fond memories of Mr. Macias.*

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**AHS Class of '64** - March 22, 2013 at 12:00 AM

K(

“ No words can express how much we will miss him but we have so many precious memories that make us smile and we know that in time the smiles will erase the tears of his earthly presence. Our love, kisses, prayers, and hugs to Betty and all the family. Love yas, Kay and Terry

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**Kay and Terry Durham (Overath)** - March 21, 2013 at 12:00 AM