



## Raymond Ripley "Rip" Davenport, J.R.

March 31, 2024

Rip Davenport was born on September 11, 1945 in Dallas, Texas. He passed away on March 31, 2024, in Edinburg, Texas. Rip was the youngest of three siblings, he is preceded in death by his parents Raymond and Rosa Mae Davenport.

Rip grew up in Highland Park, Texas, and attended Highland Park High School. While in high school, Rip played football as the team's punter. He graduated from Texas Wesleyans

University with a Bachelor of Arts in Business. Upon graduation, Rip spent his life following

his father's career as an insurance salesman. He then married Laurie Sue Gumm on March 25,

1972. He owned and operated Rip Davenport & Associates in McAllen, Texas for 24 years until

his retirement in 2016. Rip joined McAllen Rotary Club in 1987 and was passionate in helping

the local community. During his years in Rotary, he served in several positions and was a nine-

time Paul Harris recipient. He loved his dogs, being with friends and serving in local

organizations. Rip was an avid hunter and fisherman and never missed a Florida State football

game and always hoped his Cowboys would pull through for another Super Bowl run. Rip is survived by his wife, Laurie Davenport, and his children, Raymond R. Davenport, III (Sharla), Jessica Davenport Garland (Brian McRae), and Wilson R. "Dusty" Davenport (Nancy). He also leaves behind his loving grandchildren, Jack Reagan, Margaret Addison, Savannah Elizabeth, William Ray, Daniella Mae Davenport. He is also survived by his two siblings: Diane Steele (Dick) and Francha West (Reed), and loyal friends. The family wishes to thank all of those who have cared for Rip, as well as those who assisted Laurie during Rip's challenges. In lieu of flowers and to enhance Rip's love for the community, the family asks that memorial contributions be made to McAllen Rotary Club, 501 W. Nolana Ave. McAllen, TX 78504. Email: [mcallenrotary@yahoo.com](mailto:mcallenrotary@yahoo.com). Funeral arrangements provided by Kreidler Funeral Home McAllen, Texas Monday April 8, 2024 Visitation at 10 am, Celebration of Life Service at 1 pm followed by a private family inurnment. We encourage guests to wear white and light colors to honor Rip's life.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 8. 10:00 AM (CT)

Kreidler Funeral Home, Inc.  
314 N 10th St.  
McAllen, TX 78501  
(956) 686-0234  
kreidler@sbcglobal.net  
<http://www.kreidlerfuneralhome.com/index.html>

## Celebration of Life

APR 8. 1:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

LS

“ *Dusty,  
My deepest condolences to you and your family.*

*Lydia Schiltz*

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**Lydia Schiltz** - April 10, 2024 at 05:42 PM

MC

“ *Our condolences from the McAllen Rotary Club*

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**McAllen Rotary Club** - April 10, 2024 at 10:02 AM

JG

“ *My condolences Dusty to you and your family  
Javier Garza and family*

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**Javier Garza** - April 08, 2024 at 04:43 PM

PC

“ *Dusty, My sincere condolences to you and your family. May your  
dad rest in peace.*

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**Patricia Anne Cantu** - April 08, 2024 at 09:50 AM

GK

“ *Rip Davenport, a great Rotarian and friend of mine and all that knew  
him. Kindest sort of Gentleman that I ever run across. Rip was also  
a man that befriend me in general life..*

*To his family, I am sorry for his passing into the next life.*

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**Gregory Keller** - April 08, 2024 at 06:28 AM



“ Mr. "Rip" Davenport was an extra kind gentlemen who knew and had a long time friendly business like relationship with my Dad Coach Roberto Jimenez-tennis coach-†. Their common sense attitude and communication sure proved to be a success story for both. At God's speed, we will remain and honor the privilege of the life of such wonderful gentlemen. Condolences to the Family 🙏 †

Jorge Jimenez - April 05, 2024 at 11:50 PM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Raymond Ripley "Rip" Davenport, J.R..



April 05, 2024 at 06:32 PM