



Rudy Campas

October 22, 1940 - December 17, 2025

Rudolpho (Rudy) Gastelum Campas passed away peacefully surrounded by family on December 17th, 2025. Rudy was born on October 22, 1940 to Ramon and Dolores Campas in Tucson, Arizona. He spent the first 16 years of his life in Tucson before successfully pursuing a career as a Jockey until retiring to his beloved horse ranch, Casa de Campas, in Riverside California in 1982.

At the age of 7 Rudy started his lifelong passion of Horse Racing, starting with match racing in his hometown of Tucson. From there he made his way as a young child to Southern California where he successfully pursued his career as a Jockey, a career that took him and his family all over the country. He was known as a long shot rider, winning over 1,700 official races and riding in many prestigious races including the Kentucky Derby. After retiring to his ranch he continued to pursue his other passion for horses where he owned, bred, raised, boarded, and trained them. Here he also proudly served as a mentor to a young Aaron Gryder. In retirement he was a fixture at the Fairplex in Pomona and on multiple occasions took part in the Rocking Chair Derby in Del Mar. He raised his last race horse from birth after the mother passed during labor, naming the colt after the first horse he had ever won a race on, Clipper R.

In 1961 Rudy married his wife of 64 years, Jerri Jo Dewar. Together they had

six children: Rudy, Jerri, Thomas, Candice, Carolyn, and Christopher. He is survived by all of them as well as 13 grandchildren, 17 great grandchildren, and his brother George and his sister Irene.

Rudy's first and foremost passion was always his love for his family and friends. He loved visiting with people and sharing stories with them. He was always generous, humble, and never knew a stranger. Rudy leaves behind a legacy that will always be cherished by those who knew him. A viewing will be held on Thursday 1/8 from 4:00pm to 8:00 pm at Preston and Simons. A mass will be 1/9 at 10:00am at St Francis de Sales Catholic Church.. Celebration of life to follow at the Casa De Campas 4960 Riverview dr
Riverside Ca 92509

Previous Events

Viewing

JAN 8. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (Pst)

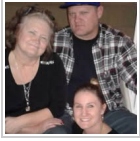
Preston and Simons Mortuary
3358 Mission Inn Ave
Riverside, CA 92501
(951) 683-7410
<https://www.preston-simonsmortuary.com/>

Mass

JAN 9. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (Pst)

St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church
4268 Lime St
Riverside, CA 92501

Tribute Wall



“ Sharon Williams lit a candle in memory of Rudy Campas



Sharon Williams - January 30 at 03:49 PM



“ Rudy you truly were a great man. You always put your family first and always made everyone feel Welcome at the Ranch! My condolences to his family and close friends. I thought the world of you

Sharon Williams - January 30 at 03:48 PM



“ So very very sorry of the loss of your husband, father, and grandfather. He was a very loving to his family and so kind to others. SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS

Anonymouse - January 09 at 12:23 AM



“ Jaime Galindo purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Rudy Campas.



Jaime Galindo - January 07 at 08:52 PM



“ *Forever Our Angel Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rudy Campas.*



January 07 at 01:19 PM



“ *Betty Beattie and Mark and Lisa Leighton planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rudy Campas.*

Betty Beattie and Mark and Lisa Leighton - January 06 at 11:19 AM



“ *Betty Beattie and Mark and Lisa Leighton purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Rudy Campas.*



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“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Rudy Campas.*



January 05 at 09:15 PM

FF

“ Frank & Carolyn Greminger & Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Rudy Campas.



Frank & Carolyn Greminger & Family - January 05 at 07:02 PM

LL

“ Love Darwin, Ashley, Jake, and Lily planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rudy Campas.

Love Darwin, Ashley, Jake, and Lily - January 05 at 06:52 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Rudy Campas.



January 05 at 06:52 AM

LJ

“ Love, Alice & Joe planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rudy Campas.

Love, Alice & Joe - January 03 at 02:37 PM

LJ

“ Love, Alice & Joe purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Rudy Campas.



Love, Alice & Joe - January 03 at 02:37 PM



“ Care and Compassion Spray was purchased for the family of Rudy Campas.



December 26, 2025 at 02:05 PM

LI

“ I'm so sorry to hear about this I know he was loved by his whole family. It says to post memory about Rudy he used to crack me up we were coming back from I think del Mar one night and he slouched down in the backseat of the car when we were going by the border patrol guys and they stopped us and Rudy jumps up and scares them . I thought the border patrol guy was going to wet his pants but it was awfully funny there's lots of memories that I have. I'd like to hear some of yours. Love Linda Lanphar- Curtis

Linda - December 24, 2025 at 11:13 PM