



Adolfo C. Castillo

April 25, 1946 - May 23, 2026

Adolfo C. Castillo, aged 80, passed away on May 23, 2026, in Fairland, Oklahoma. Born on April 25, 1946, in McAllen, Texas, Adolfo's life was marked by a profound commitment to service, education, and community involvement.

Adolfo served in the United States Army for 21 years, retiring in 1990. His military career was distinguished, and he was deeply respected by his peers. Following his military service, he transitioned to a role that reflected his dedication to advocacy and justice, serving as a Human Rights Commissioner for the State of Missouri for eight years.

He earned his bachelor's degree in education and business from Wayland Baptist University in San Antonio, Texas. Adolfo's passion for education continued throughout his life, culminating in his role as a Spanish teacher at Missouri Southern State University in Joplin. Known for his eloquence and knowledge, he was not only a beloved figure in the classroom but also an active participant in political and community events. Notably, he recited the Pledge of Allegiance in Spanish for President George W. Bush and rode in a motorcade with Vice President Dick Cheney.

Adolfo was a man of faith, active in the Foundation Freewill Baptist Church. His community activities extended to being recognized as one of the eight Men of Distinction in Joplin and participating in the Chamber of Commerce.

He leaves behind his loving wife, Della (Collins) Castillo; sons, Junior Castillo of Corpus Christi, TX, Adrian Castillo (Destiny) of Broken Arrow, OK, Joseph

Castillo of McAllen, TX; stepson, Glen Black (Rebecca) of Fairland, OK; three grandchildren, one step-grandchild, and two great-grandchildren. Adolfo was preceded in death by his parents, Jose and Hillare Castillo, brothers Fred and Vetch Castillo, and sisters Janie and Yolanda Castillo, and Aurlia Diez. Nichols-Stephens Funeral & Cremation Services in Grove, Oklahoma, is assisting the family during this time. Adolfo's life will be celebrated and remembered for his remarkable contributions to his community and country.