

Joseph (José) Ramon Padilla, 87, of Roseburg, Oregon, passed away March 18, 2026, at home as a result of pulmonary fibrosis. Joseph was born in Springer, New Mexico, in August 1938, to Alfredo E. Padilla and Adelina (Olona) Padilla. The family lived in Dawson, New Mexico, until 1950 when they moved to Springer, New Mexico. Joseph served in the New Mexico Army National Guard for seven years. He graduated from the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque, New Mexico, then moved to Roseburg, Oregon, in 1964 and taught at Roseburg High School for 34 years until he retired in 1998. In 1980, the Rotary Club selected him as High School Teacher of the Year. He also taught at Umpqua Community College and worked for the Douglas County Road Department during summer hiatus. He did volunteer work at St. Joseph Church and Mercy Medical Center. He served on the Board of Directors at the YMCA and at DougCo Schools Federal Credit Union. He was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, past president of the Roseburg Education Association, and past chairman of St. Joseph Parish Council. He was also a member of the Knights of Columbus, where he held many offices, including Grand Knight, Warden, Treasurer, and Financial Secretary.