



## Vincent Leos Vaca

July 21, 1959 - February 4, 2022

Vincent Leos Vaca was 62 years old and passed suddenly in his home on February 4th, 2022, in Visalia, CA. Vincent, who was known as Sugar to his family and close friends, was born on July 21st, 1959, in Tulare, CA to Vincent Martinez Vaca and Virginia Leos Ortega.

Vincent grew up with his siblings in Montebello, CA. From a young age he immersed himself into sports and excelled in several. These were Football, track and field, basketball, and boxing. Football would emerge as his favorite and the sport he loved most. He garnered many athletic achievements throughout his athletic career. Additionally, Vince was also an associate of the World Boxing Hall of Fame from 2004-2008. Sports would always continue to play a role as he traveled his journey through life.

Vincent graduated from Montebello High School in 1978 before graduating from East Los Angeles College in 1981. He would then have a thirty-year career in law enforcement as a Correctional Officer, retiring in 2013.

Vincent loved to spend time with his family and loved ones. He'd have get togethers for the super bowl, have people over for Fight Nights, BBQs, and USC football games. Traveling with his family was also something he loved. Going to many different places and enjoying all the sights and experiences with his family. He also loved to go camping in the great outdoors, he really enjoyed being out in the wilderness.

Vincent was a good son, brother, uncle, and friend. He had a big heart and was very giving. He was loved and he gave his love. Although, he was never married nor had any children of his own, he helped raise his niece Kristina who he loved and cherished as his own.

Vincent is preceded in death by his brothers; Eddie (Red), Richard (Ricky). His father, Vincent. And his mother, Virginia. He is survived by his brother and sisters; Christine, Victor, Marie, Angelina and Veronica, his nieces and nephews; Eddie Jr, Carlos, Krystal, Kristina, Collete, Reno, Skyler and Jonah.

"Lord Jesus, you alone are holy and compassionate, forgive our brother for his sins. By dying you opened the gates of life for those who believe in you, do not let our brother be parted from you, but by your glorious power. Give him light, joy, and peace where you live forever and ever."

Visitation will be held 1 PM - 3 PM Saturday, March 19th, 2022 at Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel, 127 E. Caldwell Ave., Visalia. Service Of Remembrance services will be held 3 PM - 4 PM Saturday, March 19th, 2022 at Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel.

Services have been entrusted to Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel. Memorial Tributes and condolences may be offered by logging onto [www.salseranddillard.com](http://www.salseranddillard.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 19. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (PT)

Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel  
127 E. Caldwell Ave.  
Visalia, CA 93277

## Service of Remembrance

MAR 19. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (PT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel created a Webcast in memory of Vincent Leos Vaca*



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**Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel** - March 15 at 01:50 PM

MV

“ *My brother, when we all heard that you passed we were in shock and all grieved you. But, we all know you are in a better place and have a new body as the word of God says and no pain and no more sorrow. If I knew you needed me and wanted me to come and stay with you, I would of went right away. Always know the Vaca blood is thicker then water and no matter how we bicker with one another. Blood is blood and we stick together. You took care of Mom and Tat and whoever needed a roof over their heads. Now your in comfort and taken care of so, I say I will see you soon brother.*

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**Marie Vaca** - March 28 at 11:50 PM

CD

“ *Vince, we will miss you for the rest of our lives.*

*We have such fond memories of Denise and you visiting us in Columbus, Ohio back in 1988 and the fun we all had cheering the Ohio State Buckeyes in Gabby's Restaurant. You and Denise stayed with us treating us to a home-cooked Mexican dinner.*

*When we visited with you in Los Angeles in the 90's, we enjoyed a Sunday brunch with Denise and you in San Pedro. What a fun time! We always expected you and Denise would get married.*

*You had always promised us for years that Denise and you would visit us at our home in Florida. We gave you an open invitation. That invitation still stands, our friend...*

*Colette and Dick*

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**Colette & Dick** - March 20 at 05:35 PM

DH

“ Vince you were a great human being! A man with a very loving soul. I remember when you, Denise, Roy and myself were looking at houses in Visalia. You asked Roy and I to come live with you and Denise. I was a Southern California girl, born and raised, so I wasn't sure I wanted to make such a big move. But you convinced me in an instant telling me all about Visalia and all your great memories. We soon met your wonderful cousins, uncles, aunts and your Visalia family. Living with you and Denise was nothing but great times, had so much fun on game nights, out on the porch listening to music, and talking about life. You were so intelligent, I could ask you anything, and you knew all the answers. Oh and I can't forget movie night, watching all the scary movies you loved to rent. You and Denise made us feel very welcomed in your home and Roy and I thank you both very much!! We love you Vince!! Until we meet again. Rest easy! ❤️

Diane Hernandez - March 19 at 08:11 PM



“ Rest easy Vince. Thank you for all you have done for myself, my sons and my family over the many years. I will always remember all your stories of your many adventures and experiences in life. Saddest thing in this obituary is the absence of a mention of Denise. Denise and Vince had a relationship that started over 35 years ago. Denise was the one there to nurse him and care for him over the last several years. It was Denise who was always there for Vince in the end. They could bicker like an old married couple, but laughed, talked and shared life together like old best friends, because they were.

Nanette Harper - March 19 at 07:27 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Vincent Leos Vaca.



March 17 at 12:11 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Vincent Leos Vaca.



March 16 at 10:06 PM