



Albert V. Cotta

June 9, 1924 - May 8, 2018

Albert V. Cotta was born to Joe V and Ermelinda Cotta on June 9, 1924 on the ranch where he lived for 93 years. He was called home to heaven on May 8, 2018.

He met the love of his life Ann Smith at "The Plaza Dance Hall". They were married April 21, 1945 and again May 26, 1945. On their 60th wedding anniversary they renewed their wedding vows.

Through out his life he had many occupations. He was a dairyman, farmer, baker and ditch tender. Most importantly, he was a volunteer fireman for over 50 years in Goshen and serving as fire chief during some of those years. He founded the Tulare County Sheriff's Aero Squadron Search & Rescue with Sol Sweet. He was also known as the most famous bartender at the PPAV Hall.

He is survived by his daughters, Linda Perry, Cheryl Faria (Dan), Karen Avila, Diane Rader (Bobby), Kathleen Soria (Ephraim), and son-in-law Kelly Black. His loving sister, Hilda Ennes, brother-in-law, Lewis Smith, 15 grandchildren, 27 great grandchildren and 12 great great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Ann Cotta, parents, Joe V and Ermelinda Cotta, brothers Joe V. Cotta Jr and Edwin V. Cotta, sisters, Lillian

Craverio and Lorraine Gomes, and son-in-law John Avila Jr.

Visitation will be held at Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel located at 127 E. Caldwell, Visalia on Wednesday, May 16, 2018 from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm with the Rosary to be prayed at 7:00 pm. Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:00 am Thursday, May 17, 2018 at St. Mary's Catholic Church, 608 N. Church, Visalia continuing to Visalia District Cemetery for interment. Immediately following will be a reception at the PPAV Hall, 820 E. Main St., Visalia.

Memorial Tributes can be offered by logging onto www.salseranddillard.com.

Cemetery Details

Visalia District Cemetery

1300 W Goshen Ave
Visalia, CA 93291

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 16. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (PT)

Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel
127 East Caldwell
Visalia, CA 93277

Rosary

MAY 16. 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM (PT)

Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel
127 East Caldwell
Visalia, CA 93277

Funeral Mass

MAY 17. 10:00 AM (PT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church - Visalia, CA
608 N. Church Street
Visalia, CA 93291

Tribute Wall



“ *Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Albert V. Cotta*



Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel - May 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

AK

“ *I have fond memories of my Godfather (Padrinho) and his loving, caring ways (and his cigar & smile as well). To me, Albert & Anne always reflected the Lord. They were the best Godparents a person could be blessed with (and it wasn't just the pink Easter baskets & gifts they brought me on special occasions!) I loved going to their house, so many nice girls to play with and so many dolls! Mostly it was their ability to give unconditional love and how they shared their love of God and family.*



My heartfelt sympathy goes out to his daughters and their families. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Annette Kostelec - May 16, 2018 at 09:44 PM

BH

“ *Send our condolences to the family, God bless you all.*

Bryan& Tracy Heath - May 16, 2018 at 08:29 PM

BH

“ Bryan & Tracy Heath lit a candle in memory of Albert V. Cotta



Bryan & Tracy Heath - May 16, 2018 at 08:26 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Albert V. Cotta.



May 16, 2018 at 05:07 PM



“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Albert V. Cotta.



May 16, 2018 at 02:01 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Albert V. Cotta.



May 15, 2018 at 07:01 PM

SD

“ Sarah Drilling lit a candle in memory of Albert V. Cotta



Sarah Drilling - May 14, 2018 at 10:42 PM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Albert V. Cotta.



May 14, 2018 at 11:07 AM

DL

“ Dennis & Chris Lipson lit a candle in memory of Albert V. Cotta



Dennis & Chris Lipson - May 12, 2018 at 12:55 PM

Doris Bottom

“ I loved this guy. Always a smile on his face, and a cigar in his hand. I don't think he minded me spending the night and giggling with Kathy until the wee hours. If he did, he never said. Al, you are at peace. You are missed by your loving family. You are forever in my heart.

Doris Bottom - May 12, 2018 at 12:15 PM

TC

“ I Loved Albert. He took me under his wing in late 1969 along with the older crew at Goshen. The Cardoza's, Bettencourt's. Pereira's and many others . We fought many a fire together back in the day. We gave the old muster truck a run for it's money and pumped many of fires with it. I fondly remember the time we took the muster truck to his house for his birthday back in the mid 90's. We rolled in code 3 and he ran out with his old turnouts on lol. Frankie even let him drive it a couple laps on his property and pump a bit of water. He was like a little kid in a candy store. I carry a ton of memories of such a fine man...



Tony Cornett - May 12, 2018 at 09:50 AM

 Kathy Martin

“ Kathy Martin lit a candle in memory of Albert V. Cotta



Kathy Martin - May 11, 2018 at 07:21 PM

 Kathy Martin

Love and comfort to all who loved him. What a wonderful family you are, taking care of each other the way you do. <3 <3 <3 <3

Kathy Martin - May 11, 2018 at 07:24 PM

DL

Our love to all you girls. I know you are hurting now 🥺🥺💕💕

Dennis & Chris Lipson - May 12, 2018 at 12:57 PM