



## Alfonso R. Castello

August 3, 1928 - May 12, 2015

NAME: Alfonso "Al" R. Castello AGE: 86

RESIDENT OF: Woodlake DATE OF DEATH: 5-12-2015

OCCUPATION: Industrial Galvanizer PLACE OF DEATH: Visalia

Alfonso (Al Foskie) Castello peacefully passed on May 12, 2015, at the age of 86. Papa was born in Springville Ca and later moved to Redbanks where he attended Woodlake Schools then decided at the age of 17 to join the Army. He was a WWII veteran proudly wearing his WWII cap everywhere he went. After the Army he came back home to Redbanks where he became a Mechanic, married the beautiful Ernestina Lozano at 21 and had four surviving children, Alice Castello (partner Anthony Fierro) Richard Castello (wife Lori Castello) Ernie Castello (partner Don Keading) and Helen Castello Zarate (husband Tom Zarate). During this time Papa started his career with Wheeling Pacific as a galvanizing foreman that lasted over 30 years until the plant closed, he also volunteered as an ambulance driver for the city of Woodlake. Papa was supposed to retire but couldn't stay still so he worked for the Woodlake School district as a bus driver/mechanic. He loved driving the kids to school and would always have stories to tell. Papa wore many hats and knew just about how to fix everything. One of his favorite hobbies was curing olives for our Christmas time tamales. His pride and joy were his 9 beautiful grandchildren

and 10 great grandchildren whom he loved dearly and do anything for. Papa was so proud of his grandkids who because of him learned how to play and sing Mariachi music. He and Mama were the groups (Mariachi Nueva Generacion) biggest fans and would follow them everywhere they played. Papa will never be forgotten by those who knew him because he was a great, funny, wise man.

SURVIVED BY;

PRECEDED IN DEATH BY;

VISITATION WILL BEGIN at 4 PM till 7 PM on Monday, May 18, 2015 at Salser and Dillard Funeral Chapel.

SERVICES: a rosary will be prayed at 6 PM on Monday, May 18, 2015 at Salser and Dillard Funeral Chapel. A mass of Christian burial will be held at 12 noon at St. Frances Cabrini in Woodlake.

BURIAL WILL BE AT Woodlake District Cemetery.

A memorial tribute may be offered by logging onto [www.salseranddillard.com](http://www.salseranddillard.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Woodlake Public Cemetery

165 N. Cypress St.  
Woodlake, CA 93286

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAY 18.** 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (PT)

Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel  
127 E. Caldwell Ave  
Visalia, CA 93277  
(559) 635-1144  
info@salseranddillard.com  
<https://www.salseranddillard.com>

## Rosary

**MAY 18.** 6:00 PM (PT)

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Visalia, CA 93277  
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## Funeral Mass

MAY 19. 12:00 PM (PT)

St. Frances Cabrini  
599 N. Valencia Blvd.  
Woodlake, CA 93286

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Ernie Castello lit a candle in memory of Alfonso R. Castello*



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**Ernie Castello** - May 24, 2015 at 02:00 AM

RP

“ *Renee Renteria Payoyo lit a candle in memory of Alfonso R. Castello*



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**Renee Renteria Payoyo** - May 18, 2015 at 11:10 PM

RP

*May your family be comforted by the many wonderful memories you have of your Papa, and knowing he is now with his beautiful bride.*

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**Renee Payoyo** - May 18, 2015 at 11:30 PM

CG

“ *Dearest Primos: Our Father was not one for doing family visits--but in your case it was the exception. After being reminded of 'how-to-behave', we were all packed into the car and off to Woodlake we'd go.*

*Our family get-togethers were especially memorable and what I remember most was how warmly we were all received by ALL the Tios, Tias, Primos, and Primas we had. The hospitality and love we received...I can still feel today. Thanks to all your familia for all you did then and now. We owe it to our parents to keep this tradition alive. Let's vow to offer abrazos and caring each time we meet...and more importantly a bowl of menudo and warm tortillas nearby (a cold beer would be nice too).*

*Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Love, Primos Charley, Sonia, Maria, and Virginia.*

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**Charley and Sonia Garcia** - May 15, 2015 at 02:55 PM