



## Andres Joseph Gomez

January 9, 1972 - October 11, 2024

It is with deep sadness that the family of Andy Gomez announces his passing on October 11, 2024. Andy was called home to eternally rest with the Lord and was surrounded by those that he loved and cherished. Andy was born in Tulare California raised in Sasakwa, Oklahoma, where he completed high school. He attended East Central University in Ada Oklahoma, where he graduated with a degree in criminology, but later discovered his passion for education, obtaining his masters degree upon moving to California with his wife Shelly. Living his life to the fullest he enjoyed his family, his grandsons, the beach, muscle cars, and playing cards. His sense of humor and his personality will be missed but never forgotten. He dedicated his life to his family and serving others. Andy is survived by his wife, Shelly Gomez, his sons Ryan Bess, Andy Gomez Jr. and Reese Gomez, his grandsons Jackson Bess, Jonathan Bess and Julian Bess, his father Andres Gomez, his mother, Ruby Jones and his siblings Carla Clifton, Michael Gomez and Melissa Gomez along with many other members of his family.

Services will be held at Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel (127 E. Caldwell Ave.) in Visalia. Public viewing will be on Monday October 21 from 4-7 pm. The funeral will be held on Tuesday October 22 at 10:30 am. Graveside services will begin at noon at the Visalia Cemetery. Reception following graveside service details to be announced.

In lieu of donations, please send flowers to Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel  
(127 E. Caldwell Ave.) Visalia, CA 93277

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

## Viewing

OCT **21**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (PT)

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

## Funeral

OCT **22**. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (PT)

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

## Graveside

OCT **22**. 12:00 PM (PT)

Visalia District Cemetery  
1300 W Goshen Ave  
Visalia, CA 93291

# Tribute Wall



“ *Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Andres Joseph Gomez*



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**Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel** - October 18, 2024 at 12:50 PM



“ *Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel created a Webcast in memory of Andres Joseph Gomez*



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**Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel** - October 18, 2024 at 10:47 AM

CS

“ *It was an honor and privilege to work for Andy. His integrity and kindness was so appreciated as a new educator. I have always admired and respected him as a leader. Andy was an amazing person!*

*Sending you love and prayers during this difficult time.*

*With Appreciation,*

*Cozette*

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**Cozette Santos** - October 22, 2024 at 11:59 PM

BS

*Andy was an awesome person to work with. His integrity and devotion to the kids and staff left an impression of love and understanding . He loved working with us as we did with him. He will definitely be missed! Until next time Andy!!*

*Your friend and Big Sister,  
Beva ❤️*

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**Beva Sandoval-Rivera** - October 23, 2024 at 01:35 PM

DA

*I had the wonderful opportunity to work with Andy in Earlimart and Lindsay. Not only was he a colleague but a good friend. He was caring and loved being a principal to all the students whom he served daily.  
Debbie Arjona*

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**Debbie Arjona** - December 13, 2024 at 10:46 PM

LB

“ *It was a privilege meeting and working with Andy for a short amount of time. I will miss his High Fives and his sweet Spirit. My deepest condolences to the family.*



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**Laken Barton** - October 21, 2024 at 11:58 PM

TF

“ *The Garcia family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Andres Joseph Gomez.*



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**The Garcia family** - October 18, 2024 at 07:16 PM

MF

“ Manuel F Hernandez work family purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Andres Joseph Gomez.



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**Manuel F Hernandez work family** - October 18, 2024 at 02:22 PM

FW

“ Friend, Wally Watson purchased the *Arrive in Style* for the family of Andres Joseph Gomez.



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**Friend, Wally Watson** - October 18, 2024 at 02:12 PM

MF

“ Manuel F Hernandez work family purchased the *Serenity Wreath* for the family of Andres Joseph Gomez.



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**Manuel F Hernandez work family** - October 18, 2024 at 02:09 PM

CS

“ Cozette Santos planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Andres Joseph Gomez.

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**Cozette Santos** - October 17, 2024 at 09:43 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Andres Joseph Gomez.



October 17, 2024 at 09:43 PM



“ We have some great memories we will always cherish ❤️ Jim and Kate Mosqueda



Karen Mosqueda - October 17, 2024 at 05:59 PM



“ Stan and Cindy Pitts planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Andres Joseph Gomez.

Stan and Cindy Pitts - October 17, 2024 at 12:06 PM



“ Adoration Casket Spray was purchased for the family of Andres Joseph Gomez.



October 17, 2024 at 12:06 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Andres Joseph Gomez.* ”



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October 16, 2024 at 11:33 PM



“ *Carla Henry purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Andres Joseph Gomez.* ”



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**Carla Henry** - October 16, 2024 at 11:03 PM