



## Cornelio Chapa Chavez

December 13, 1943 - February 1, 2024

Cornelio Chapa Chavez, 80 passed away on February 1st, 2024 in Visalia California. He was the husband of Delfina Luna Chavez whom he spent 63 1/2 years of marriage with. He was born on December 13, 1943 in Three Rivers, Texas to Cornelio and Paula Chavez.

He is survived by his wife Delfina Luna Chavez, son Eliseo Chavez (wife Susanne), daughter Elizabeth Muniz, daughter Naomi (Mimi) Chavez Haas (husband Ron), son Cornelio Chavez Jr. (wife Rosa ), daughter Delfina Jahnigen, son Danny Chavez (wife Tina), and youngest daughter Nora Samaduroff ( husband Nik ), 16 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren.

Corny grew up in Texas where he met and married his wife Delfina. They had 2 children in Texas, 1 in Kansas and then headed out to California where they had 4 more. He was always a hard worker. Working in agriculture, he drove a harvester most of his life. Although short in stature he had a strong sense of humor and was usually full of laughter. Not big on veggies but sure loved his wife's cooking, especially homemade tortillas and tamales. He also loved to raise chickens and fight roosters.

Those who knew him called him Corny, but those that loved him called him

Pop.

We will miss him but never forget him. Rest in Peace til we meet again Pop.

Celebration of Life will be 1-4pm February 17, 2024 at the Tulare Elks Lodge,  
1535 E Bardsley Ave, Tulare, CA.

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

## Celebration of Life

FEB 17. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (PT)

Tulare Elks Lodge #1424  
1535 E. Bardsley Ave  
Tulare, CA 93274

# Tribute Wall



“ Pop was my first best friend. I never really noticed that alot of things that I do I do because of him and I absolutely am amazed by that. He would always be at the table helping Grandma with all the meal prep and now I do the same thing. I do all my food prep at the table with the same set up my freshly sharpened big knife, my wooden cutting board, and my 2 bowls. Pop's love language was food and my love language is food. I remember always rushing home after school to fed the chickens for Pop so that when he got home from work we could sit at the table and have our long conversations him with his spanglish and me with my never ending stories. He always had patience and unfortunately that I didn't get. But I did also get being the person behind the scenes making sure all the small things where getting done to make everyone's life easier and that is definitely what Pop was for everyone he let everyone else shine. There is tons of stories and memories I have of Pop and I will always cherish them. Rest high up there Pop I love you and I miss you so much.

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**Tiffany Chavez** - February 10, 2024 at 02:31 AM

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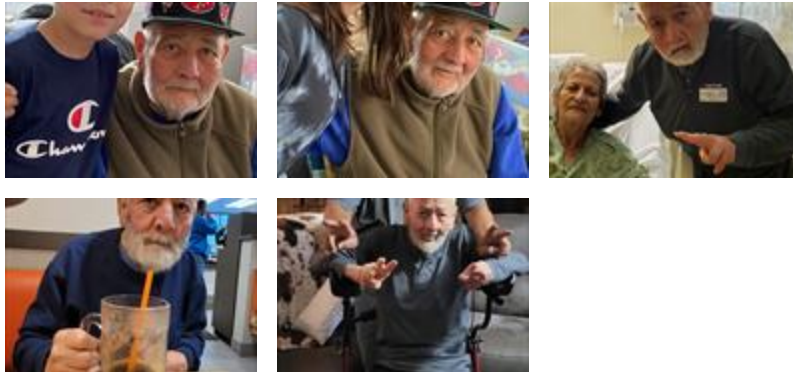
“ I’ve always been so proud to be a lefty because I knew I got it from Pop. He was always so kind hearted to me. The little “guera” growing up in his house. I remember always complaining to grandma that I was full at dinner time and grandpa would tell me “come here mija” Then he would poke around my belly a few times and once he found the perfect spot he would say “Right Here! You can fit one more bite, Right Here!” It’s a parent trick I use now with my own “wild animals”. Me and my siblings were a rambunctious bunch, always running through their tomato plant forest and scaring all the roosters, but Pop always had the patients and love we needed. I will forever be grateful for all he did for us. Your love and guidance will forever be cherished! Rest Easy Pop!



Leyna Chavez - February 10, 2024 at 12:38 AM

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Eliseo - February 06, 2024 at 09:21 PM

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“ My pop n mom always refered me as their boy. That's a Texas thing. When he was in icu after open heart surgery my mom told the on duty nurse, " my boy wants to see his pop" I walked in an they saw a 6ft 300 lb grey haired 57 year old walking in. They probably said, " if that's a boy, I hate to see what they call a man!"  
Love you pop. Yo boy Eliseo. Your first born and only love child you an mom had

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**Eliseo Chavez** - February 06, 2024 at 09:08 PM