



## Edgar Michael Montoya

December 14, 1962 - June 19, 2025

Edgar Michael Montoya, age 62, passed away on June 19, 2025 in his home, surrounded by loved ones. He was born on December 14, 1962 in Chicago, Illinois. In 1968, he moved to California with his family, settling first in Gardena and then in Torrance. Edgar relocated this past May to Visalia to be closer to family.

After high school, Edgar received his B.A. in Political Science from California State University at Dominguez Hills. He began teaching English as a second language at GEOS Language School around 1995 and from there he continued his career working at ESL Institute in Torrance. Edgar enjoyed his teaching job immensely. He spent time touring with students, mostly from Japan, taking them to various Southern California landmarks. Later, he began teaching his own students online, with most of his students being from South America.

Edgar is of Peruvian and Argentine descent so he enjoyed communicating with his Hispanic students in Spanish and sharing the American culture with them. He traveled to Argentina, Colombia, Miami and Las Vegas, usually visiting friends and extended family. Edgar enjoyed reading about politics and history. He wrote a book entitled English Made in America and published it on Amazon.

Edgar received Jesus as his Lord and Savior in the 1970s and continued his devotion to the Lord up to his untimely death. Edgar is survived by his sister Grace, his brother John, his sister-in-law Joanne and his nephews Samuel, Christopher, Ian and Kyle.

Viewing will be held 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM Thursday, July 10th, 2025 at Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel, 127 E. Caldwell Ave., Visalia.

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

JUL **10**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (PT)

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

# Tribute Wall



“ *Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Edgar Michael Montoya*



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**Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel** - July 03, 2025 at 12:42 PM

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“ *Ray and Rica Torres purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Edgar Michael Montoya.*



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**Ray and Rica Torres** - July 06, 2025 at 01:28 AM