



Gerald "Big Pa" Ortiz

June 8, 1946 - January 15, 2014

Gerald (Jerry) Arthur Ortiz, 67, of Visalia, CA passed away on January 15, 2014 in Fresno CA.

Jerry was born in Los Angeles, CA. to Gloria and Cruz Ortiz on June 8, 1946. He went to Santa Fe Springs

High School and was a varsity cross country star setting numerous records and winning many awards. It

was there at Santa Fe High that he met the love of his life Catherine; they were married June 11, 1965.

He worked in the grocery industry for Lucky Stores for 37 years retiring in 1999.

He was an avid golfer, loved playing basketball, watching USC games, vacationing in Hawaii but most of all he loved being with his family and his grandchildren.

He was a loving soul with a big heart that endeared him to all.

Jerry was preceded in death by his daughter Renae Crane (April 21, 2010)

Jerry is survived by his beloved Catherine Ortiz of Visalia, CA. His children: Regina (Steve) Lawrence of

Chowchilla, CA; Rebecca (Michael) Bodensteiner of Visalia, CA; Jerrett Ortiz of Anaheim, CA; Casey Crane, Huntington Beach, CA. His siblings: Leonard (Gaylene) Ortiz, Arlene Salinas, Steve and Glen, and his parents Cruz and Gloria Ortiz, and his nineteen grandchildren.

Visitation will be Thursday January 23, 2014 from 3:00pm to 6:00pm followed by a Rosary at 6:00pm at Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel 127 E. Caldwell Ave. Visalia, CA. 93277 (559)635-1144

Funeral services will be held Friday, January 24, 2014 12:00 pm at Holy Family Cathedral 566 S. Glassell St. Orange, CA 92866.

Previous Events

Rosary

JAN **23**. 6:00 PM (PT)

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

Funeral Mass

JAN **24**. 12:10 PM (PT)

Holy Family Cathedral
566 South Glassell Street
Orange, CA 92866
<http://www.hfcathedral.org/>

Tribute Wall

LW

“ We are so sadden to hear of the passing of Jerry. Todd and I share many memories of Jerry and his family. He once was my brother n law and I couldn't have asked for a better one. God bless you all and with loving thoughts, Todd and Lynne Wilson.

lynne wilson - January 22, 2014 at 06:44 PM

MB

“ We are so very sad to hear of Jerry's passing....Mark has so many memories of the whole family and of Jerry himself. I was hired by Jerry while he was a manager for Lucky's in Norwalk and he was so kind and just an overall sweet person. Mark remembers going to track meets with Steve and Todd, watching Jerry excel at cross country running while in high school. Our hearts go out to all of the Ortiz family and friends. All our love, Mark and Marty Billington

marty billington - January 21, 2014 at 10:51 PM



“ So very sorry for your loss of Jerry. I know he was a loving husband, father, grandfather and friend. I have so many memories of Jerry. God bless you all. I am thinking of you with love and great sympathy.

Beverly Blonstein and Family

B - January 21, 2014 at 06:40 PM





“ *My heart goes out to all of the Ortiz family. I worked for Lenard and Steve, Cathy and Gerry at good old Luckys. Wishing all the best that life has to offer in your troubled time. Sincerely Steven Eaton*



Steven Eaton - January 21, 2014 at 11:33 AM

JB

We are so sadden to hear about Jerry, You are in our prayers and heart, John and Martha

John Kearney (brother-in-law) - January 21, 2014 at 07:49 PM

MK

We love him and his family so much, we are so brokenhearted over this untimely passing. You are in our prayers and in our hearts.

Martha Kearney - February 04, 2014 at 11:01 AM