



James Henry Leos

April 13, 1939 - December 17, 2022

Jimmy H. Leos, born in Carlsbad New Mexico, came to Visalia, CA at the age of 16 and met and married Inez Marie Chavez on September 16, 1956. Jimmy and Inez took ownership of El Sombrero Caf  from his mother Vera Marie Cantu, and continued the business until 1996, when new construction of HWY 198 took control of location of their restaurant. At this point, they made the decision to close the business. Jimmy was the best chef you'd ever meet, as cooking was his passion. His uniqueness, quickness, and perfectionist qualities were so important to him. Every dish he made had to have the perfect taste and presentation, and all his customers knew that.

Jimmy is survived by 1 brother Jose Montanez, 1 sister Dora Leos, 6 children Belinda Rodriguez, Sandra Gonzalez (Robert), Jimmy Leos Jr, Emily Gonzales (Rick), Mark Leos, Sonia Lanham, 23 grandchildren, 57 great-grandchildren, and 4 great great-grandchildren.

Jimmy truly brought love and especially laughter to each and every one of us. He will truly be missed by everyone who knew him. Dad we love you.

Viewing will be held 4 PM - 5 PM Thursday, January 12th, 2023 at Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel, 127 E. Caldwell Ave., Visalia. Rosary will follow from 5 PM - 7 PM. Mass of Christian Burial services will be held 10:30 AM Friday, January 13th, 2023 at St. Mary's Catholic Church, 608 N. Church Street, Visalia. A Reception will follow the mass at St. Mary's Hall.

Services have been entrusted to Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel. Memorial

Tributes and condolences may be offered by logging onto www.salseranddillard.com.

Previous Events

Viewing

JAN 12. 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM (PT)

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

Rosary

JAN 12. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (PT)

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Mass of Christian Burial

JAN 13. 10:30 AM (PT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church
608 N. Church Street
Visalia, CA 93291

Tribute Wall



“ *Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of James Henry Leos*



Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel - January 12, 2023 at 04:02 PM



“ *Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel created a Webcast in memory of James Henry Leos*



Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel - January 12, 2023 at 11:44 AM

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“ *I am so sorry for you loss. Tio Jimmy was a kind man and never knew a stranger. I remember going to the restaurant with my grandpa and grandma Chavez, it was always a real treat. May the Lord give your hearts peace and comfort at the difficult time.*

Martha (Linda's Daughter)

Martha - January 13, 2023 at 06:45 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James Henry Leos.*



January 08, 2023 at 06:47 PM



“ *It was with great sadness (and fond memories) that Blair and I learned of Jimmy's passing. While growing up (across the street) in Visalia, I witnessed a Family Man; a Man of Faith, a Man of principles, a Man whose love for "Pini" and his children was unmatched. We send our deepest condolences to your entire family during this difficult time. Romans 8:28.*

David Renwick - January 07, 2023 at 11:51 AM



“ *Tata, you and Nana were the backbone of the family. You gave all of us grand children your love, made us constantly laugh and instilled your work ethic in us. I will forever miss you.*



Manny Alvarez - January 06, 2023 at 01:23 PM