



Jesus Contreras Guerrero

June 4, 1934 - January 9, 2023

Jesse (Jesus) Guerrero was born June 4, 1934 in Mexico to Miguel and Consuelo. His family moved to Modesto when he was a toddler. There, he lived on a farm which undoubtedly cultivated his own interest in fruits (eating them!) and flowers. After high school graduation, he attended San Jose State, served in the army, and eventually ended up in Lindsay. He spent time in Indiana, too, earning his Masters Degree as well as teaching at a Jesuit Prep School (oh the stories!). He passed away at the age of 88 on January 9, 2023 in Visalia, California.

He was one of seven children-Carmen, Mike, Joe, Josephine, Esther, and Alice. He is survived by his children, Kurt (Evelyn), Andre', and JeanneMarie, as well as five grandchildren and one great grandchild; he was predeceased by one grandson.

"Mr. G" lived a full life, enjoying meeting and talking with anyone who would listen. Among his many skills he enjoyed cooking (and eating), loved flowers (pink roses and carnations were his favorite), reading (read and reread anything and everything by Louis L'Amour) traveling (he reminisced often about his trips to Japan, and Mexico was a favorite destination), he was quite the tennis player, and spoke numerous languages. He used to spend summers in Indianapolis restringing tennis racquets for a pro shop and worked at the Clay Court Championship-even handing Jimmy Connors his

racquet once!

He was an educator for many years in Lindsay, CA, teaching Spanish and French, as well as coaching tennis and teaching driver's training (I'm sure many remember apologizing to Mr. Stop Sign). During his tenure at LUSD, he also served as principal at Steve Garvey Jr. High and in the district office. Really, though, he loved teaching and kept in touch with many former students. Perhaps he was such a dedicated teacher because he wanted his love of learning to transfer to those he cared about?

He had a great love of the Lord and was a long time member of the Church of Jesus Christ in Lindsay. His room was filled with various bibles and other books he used to research various aspects of religion.

We would like to thank the staff at Twin Oaks for their care over the last 6.5 years. He made many friends and enjoyed his time there (ignore the grumbling).

His cause of death is basically old age, which is how many of us would like to go. If you would like to make a donation, please consider the Central California Blood Bank where he was a frequent donor. As he always said, May He Rest in Peace.

Memorial services will be held 1:00 PM Saturday, January 28th, 2023 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.

Previous Events

Memorial

JAN 28. 1:00 PM (PT)

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

Tribute Wall



“ *Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel created a Webcast in memory of Jesus Contreras Guerrero*



Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel - January 27, 2023 at 11:57 AM



“ *Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Jesus Contreras Guerrero*



Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel - January 27, 2023 at 11:54 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Jesus Contreras Guerrero.*



January 28, 2023 at 02:07 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jesus Contreras Guerrero.*



January 28, 2023 at 02:26 AM



“ *My name is Rosalinda (Rosie) Contreras Pedroza, I am a 1980 graduate of LHS. First and foremost my condolences for your loss. Mr. Guerrero was my Spanish teacher and also my Driver's training instructor and my advisor when I was Spanish Club President. I had and have a great admiration for Mr Guerrero. Many memories, but I would like to share one with you. As my instructor for drivers training, he was a stickler for the rules. I was always nervous and when it came to my turn behind the wheel I couldn't remember my left from my right side and to always stop the car before the the line at the stop sign. He helped me with this by writing on my hands, L for left hand and R for the right hand, lol. Then in regards to the stop sign, I would have to get off the car and apologize to the stop sign, needless to say I learned my lesson. Great memories and a great man. God bless you and give you peace.*

Rosalinda C Pedroza - January 21, 2023 at 03:08 PM