



Joaquin M Castro

August 16, 1930 - March 16, 2014

Joaquin Mercado Castro passed away on March 16, 2014 at the age of 83 waiting every day for God to call his name. He fought a courageous fight against cancer and passed away peacefully at home with his loving family around him. He was born August 16, 1930 in Madera California and moved to Earlimart, California in 1933. He attended Earlimart Elementary School and Delano High School. In 1951 he was drafted into the US Army and served in Btry D 26th AAA AW Bn (SP) APO 24. Joaquin fought in Korea while stationed in Korea and Japan. He was transferred to the Army Reserves March 15, 1953 and was Honorably Discharged August 30th 1956. Joaquin married Margaret Lopez (the girl next door) on December 19, 1954. This year would have been their Diamond Anniversary. He worked for Earlimart Elementary School District as a Custodian/Bus Driver for 27 years. He moved to Visalia, Ca in 2000.

Joaquin is preceded in death by his father, Roberto Castro; his mother, Seberiana Castro; his brother, Manuel Acosta; and his sister, Lorraine Armendariz. Joaquin is survived by his wife, Margaret Lopez Castro; his son, Joaquin Lopez Castro wife Josefina from Hanford Ca; his daughter Susan Castro Lucero from Hanford, Ca; his sister Lupe Castro Amaya husband Hector from San Clemente, Ca; brother, Sam Castro from Fresno, Ca; brother, Roque Castro from Porterville, Ca; granddaughters Kimberly, Kelli and Stephanie Castro Nugent husband Justin, grandson David Lucero and Megan

all from Hanford; nephews Hector and Patrick wife Darlene Amaya from Brea Ca. Joaquin had 6 great-grandchildren who were the joy of his life and they loved Big Papa very much. He has many nephews and nieces that he loved and always asked about them. Joaquin also had a special place in his heart for his beloved dog, Scooter.

Joaquin loved to travel and took trips to Europe, the East and West coast, as well as cruising tours. His best loved the trip was to Washington DC to see all the Veteran Memorials. He loved to eat all kinds of foods, loved soul and jazz music and fishing. He especially loved Morro Bay, his big rock (Morro Rock) and walking the beach with Scooter.

Special thanks to Dr. Estrada of St. Agnes Oncology, Kaweah Delta Hospice (Special thanks to Laura, Lisa, Suzette, Angie and Andy), Pastor Steve Maynard, Dr. Bhaskar and Dr. Marconi. Salser & Dillard are handling funeral arrangements. In lieu of flowers please send donations to Kaweah Delta Hospice.

Cemetery Details

Tipton-Pixley District Cemetery

10395 Avenue 144
Tipton, CA 93272

Previous Events

Memorial

MAR 28. 10:00 AM (PT)

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

Tribute Wall

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“ *Margaret and Family*
Our prayers are with you during this time of sadness our condolences to the whole family. God Bless You All.
With Love,

Joe and Glora Medina

Gloria Medina - March 28, 2014 at 08:50 AM

JM

“ *Dear Margaret and Family,*

It was with great sadness the we learned of the loss of Joaquin. Both Nan and I pray that you will find comfort through all your family and friends. As with you, we will hold to our memories of our time spent together, whether at your home, our place, or together vacationing in San Francisco. We share your trust that God will see you through this difficult time, and memories will keep Joaquin's memory fresh and alive in your hearts.

With much love,
Jim and Nan Maxfield

Jim & Nan Maxfield - March 25, 2014 at 05:45 PM

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“ *22. May fond memories of Joaquin bring you and your loved ones comfort during this difficult time in your life. Look back on all the good memories you were able to have and smile at the fact that you were blessed to share and enjoy these moments together. Our hearts and prayers go out to you and your family. God bless.*
Jesse & Anna Mendoza

Anna Mendoza - March 24, 2014 at 11:42 AM

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We just found out about Joaquin Castro yesterday in the Delano Record. To Let the Castro Family know that our brother Joe Oros passed away last April. It is so hard losing a brother. We all spent many years together as a family on North Market Street in Earlimart, California. Our condolences to you the Castro Family from the Oros Family. Sorry we were not able to attend but God knows that our prayers are with you. Lupe please call me when you get a chance...Armida (661) 304-9510.

Armida Oros - March 28, 2014 at 08:08 AM