



Juan Antonio Castro

December 27, 1941 - February 17, 2025

Juan "Johnny" Antonio Castro, 83, passed away on February 17, 2025, in Visalia, California.

Born on December 27, 1941, in Roscoe, Texas, John lived a life marked by dedication, resilience, and faith. At just six months old, his family moved to Corcoran, California, where he attended Fremont Elementary. Later, the family relocated to Tulare, where he graduated from Tulare Union High School in 1960.

During his senior year, John enlisted in the United States Marine Corps with his friends, eager to serve his country. However, due to illness, he was honorably discharged before completing his service. Undeterred, he went on to build a career spanning over three decades in production at Armstrong Tires, which became a manufacturing facility in 1962 and was later renamed Pirelli Tires in 1988. He continued working there until its closure in 2000, after which he transitioned into security work until his full retirement. His strong work ethic and perseverance were evident in every role he undertook.

In 1941, Johnny's family purchased a store in Corcoran, where he worked alongside his father until the store was sold in 1970. It was later renamed Perry Heights Grocery Store, though the Castro Store sign remained on site for years after.

John was the youngest of five siblings: Ramona Clinton, Henry Castro, Ofelia Odell, and his last living sibling, Linda Trujillo.

He was a devoted father to five children: Nanci Castro (deceased), Johnny Castro, Nicole Loya, Gina Castro-Rowe, and Lindsey Castro. He was also a loving grandfather to three grandchildren: Matthew Castro, Haley Castro, and Destiny Velazquez.

John found joy in life's simple pleasures...dancing to his favorite music, meticulously caring for his vehicles, and embracing his deep-rooted faith. His devotion to his beliefs led him to actively participate in multiple parishes within his community, where he volunteered tirelessly until his final days. Those who knew him will fondly remember his signature dance moves, his unique sense of humor filled with "quirky" jokes, and the unwavering respect he held for both his work and his beliefs.

A memorial service will be held on March 21, 2025, at Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel, located at 127 East Caldwell Ave., Visalia, California. Family, friends, and loved ones are invited to pay their respects beginning at 5:00 PM. A formal memorial service will take place from 5:00 to 6:00 PM to celebrate John's life and share cherished memories. Immediately following, a Rosary, Prayer Hour will be held from 6:00 to 7:00 PM for reflection and remembrance.

A Mass will be held on March 10, 2025, at St. Mary's Church, 608 N Church St., Visalia, California, from 10:30 to 11:30 AM.

John's legacy lives on through the many lives he touched with his kindness and unwavering spirit. May his memory bring comfort to all who knew him.

Services have been entrusted to Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel. Memorial Tributes and condolences may be offered by logging onto www.salseranddillard.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 21. 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM (PT)

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

Rosary

MAR 21. 6:00 PM (PT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel created a Webcast in memory of Juan Antonio Castro* ”



Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel - March 21, 2025 at 06:38 PM



“ *Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Juan Antonio Castro* ”



Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel - March 20, 2025 at 06:13 PM



“ *Juanita Rodriguez lit a candle in memory of Juan Castro* ”



Juanita Rodriguez - April 16, 2025 at 07:50 PM

MN

“ *Massimo and Nicole purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Juan Antonio Castro.*



Massimo and Nicole - March 19, 2025 at 07:15 PM

DF

“ *Dan and Michelle - Tahoe friends purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Juan Antonio Castro.*



Dan and Michelle - Tahoe friends - March 16, 2025 at 07:39 PM