



Manuel Rios

December 9, 1926 - August 30, 2016

Manuel Hernandez Rios

Manuel was born in Durango, Mexico to Fortino and Maria Rios on December 9th, 1926. He passed away on Aug 30th, 2016 surrounded by his family.

In 1944, Manuel moved to Harlingen, TX where he met the love of his life Antonia Rodriguez while working at a restaurant. They were married February 23, 1949 and started their family shortly after. He loved his wife dearly and always took care of her. They remained together for over 67 years of marriage.

In 1962, he moved his family to California and eventually settled in Woodlake. He built his family their home with (through) the self-help program, many (of his) children helping with the build. Manuel continued to work on his house throughout the years with plans of painting his house this year. (There) they raised their ten children while he worked as a handyman. After their kids had grown, they went on to become foster parents to over 180 children, some of whom remained in touch with them and are considered part of his family.

Manuel enjoyed life and lived it to its fullest. He enjoyed going to Pismo Beach and walking along the shoreline of the ocean with his wife. He loved to cook breakfast for his family on weekends and piece together puzzles in the evenings. He loved Jehovah God and honored him every day. He was baptized as a Jehovah's Witness on April 11th, 1970 in Ventura, CA.

Manuel is preceded in death by his parents, his brother Salvador, two sisters Maria and Francisca, and his beloved son Gilbert Rios.

Manuel is survived by over 180 family members (ranging) from children to great great grandchildren, his sister (Maria) and many nieces and nephews. He leaves behind his wife, Antonia. Three daughters: Irma (Jose) Sanchez, Araceli (Greg) Morentin, and Cindy. Six sons: Jesse, Manuel, Joel (Evelyn), Ruben (Mary), Rudy (Michelle) and Danny. He also leaves behind his granddaughter Zulema (John) Price whom he lived with for many years. He will be greatly missed by all but we will always cherish the wonderful memories.

There will be a memorial service for him on Friday, September 9th at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses in Woodlake, CA at 4 PM.

His viewing will be on Saturday, Sept 10th at 1PM at Salser and Dillard Memorial Chapel with services at 3PM. A memorial tribute may be offered by logging onto www.salseranddillard.com

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **10**. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (PT)

Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel
127 E. Caldwell Ave
Visalia, CA 93277
(559) 635-1144
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Service

SEP **10**. 3:00 PM (PT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel created a Webcast in memory of Manuel Rios*



Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel - September 10, 2016 at 12:18 PM

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“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Ruben Rios - September 12, 2016 at 10:47 PM

MR

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Maria rios - September 11, 2016 at 09:23 PM

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“ My condolences to Mr. Manuel Rios family. Zulema Price, your dad, (grampa) was a great person, loved by all in our Lil town of Woodlake. May the memories bring you comfort during this difficult time. Hugs to you

Lulu Reynaga (Robles) - September 09, 2016 at 08:52 AM

EG

My condolences to the family of my uncle Mr. Manuel Rios: my Tia Antonia, and all of my cousins and their families: Irma, Jesse, Manuel, Araceli, Cindy, Joel, Ruben, Rudy and Danny. Granddaughter Zulema and everybody else. Even though I did not have the privilege of knowing my uncle, (I think I saw him only once). His mother Maria (my grandmother) made sure that all of her children and grandchildren learn to love my uncle Manuel. He was my grandmother's favorite son. She cried many years wishing she could see him again. My grandmother also prayed and fasted many years for my Tio Manuel well-being and his family too. So even though my generation (my siblings and cousins in Mexico) did not see him much, we all learned to love Tio Manuel through my grandmother's memories, my aunts and my mother's conversations and experiences of my uncle Manuel. Our families in Mexico always referred to all of you with such tenderness (Irmita, Jesusito, etc.) just because you all were the family of my Tio Manuel. May my God fill your hearts with peace that surpasses all understanding. Hugs to every one of you. Even though we cannot be there with all of you, we are in spirit and in thoughts. God bless you all.

*Elizabeth Jimenez-Garces
Houston, Texas*

Elizabeth Garces - September 10, 2016 at 12:25 PM

MS

“ My dad was the friendliest person anywhere he was at. He would always help someone and didn't matter the situation.
My Father Manuel Rios was a Dedicated Jehovah's Witness ever since I can remember to the of. There had to be an extreme reason why he would miss one Sunday Meting. His dedication and his Faith was one thing no body was going to take away from him. Weather it was a meeting in Woodlake Hall or an Assembly in Bakersfield or Madera, Even else where my Mom and Dad were there.
I think that he is gonna be OK in heaven he'll become a role Model and start pushing everybody that's just sitting around doing nothing. That's the way he was he put you to work an instant.
My dad is gonna be missed by Our Family All his Friends.
Everybody that was always around him and all his Brothers and Sisters from The Kingdom Hall not only the Hall from Woodlake, Ca. But other Kingdom Halls that he has attended thru out the years on Speeches that he has made.
Dad I hope you are all settled in there and just wanted to say that it's not going to be the same around here with you gone.
We miss you laughter, your little jokes your cooking especially and all the ordering around that you always did.
We all Love You and Gilbert R.I.P.

With all my Love

Manuel

Manuel Rios Jr, Son - September 08, 2016 at 08:46 PM