



Margarito Cardenas Villegas

July 20, 1929 - February 22, 2023

Margarito "Mago" Villegas, 93, of Visalia, California, passed away February 22, 2023, at his home surrounded by family. He was born in Los Nieto, California, to Ascencion and Tomasa Villegas on July 20, 1929. He grew up with his nine brothers and sisters, Isabell Villegas, Domingo Villegas, Mary Cabanas, Andrew Villegas, Manuel Villegas, John Pasillas, Mercy Emery, Amelia Heatherington, and Carmen Pasillas.

He moved to Orosi in the late 30's where he created lifelong friends. He also met the love of his life, Herminia "Minnie" Quintana, who became his wife of 61 years. Together they had four children Fernando, Robert, Donna and Terry Villegas. He was also blessed with 13 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren.

He worked as a beekeeper for over 50 years and loved working outdoors and tending to his garden.

He was a devoted father and grandfather who created nicknames for many in his family. His children and grandchildren were affectionately known as Booboo, Okie, and Kwit to name a few. He always looked forward to visits from his grandkids and instilled in them a love for family. He had an amazing memory and told entertaining stories, even in his last few days, he told stories from throughout his life.

Family and friends are welcome to attend a viewing on March 8th, from 4:00 p.m to 6:00 p.m followed by a Rosary from 6:00 p.m to 7:00 p.m, Salser and Dillard Funeral Chapel, 127 E. Caldwell Ave. Visalia. Mass will be held on

March 9th at 10:30 a.m, St. Marys Catholic Church, 608 N. Church St.,
Visalia. Graveside services to follow, Smith Mountain Cemetery, 42088 Road
100, Dinuba.

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

MAR 8. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (PT)

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

Rosary

MAR 8. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (PT)

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

Mass of Christian Burial

MAR 9. 10:30 AM (PT)

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

Graveside

MAR 9. 12:30 PM (PT)

Smith Mountain Cemetery
42088 Rd. 100
Dinuba, CA 93618

Tribute Wall



“ *Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Margarito Cardenas Villegas*



Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel - March 02, 2023 at 04:44 PM

GF

“ *Gilbert Requejo & family purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Margarito Cardenas Villegas.*



Gilbert Requejo & family - March 08, 2023 at 12:40 PM

KF

“ *Just a couple of fond memories Mago you touched everyone's lives in so many different and special ways. You will be missed. Tell Minnie I said hi. Love you always*



kimberly Ford - March 07, 2023 at 04:06 PM

PV

“ *Patrick Vega lit a candle in memory of Margarito Villegas*



Patrick Vega - March 04, 2023 at 03:08 PM

CU

“ *It was 1966 and we had just moved into our brand new home.No dishes no food nothing. Uncle margo cain't early in the morning and brought us cereal bowls milk and super sugar crisp Cereal. That was our 1st meal. That's the kind of person uncle margot was. He made sure we were fed and taken care of period how I will miss that man.*

Curly - March 04, 2023 at 02:20 PM



Donna Villegas - March 04, 2023 at 10:08 PM



“ *What can I say about my dad. He was an interesting character with all his little quirks and sayings. Everything he be heading out somewhere and you asked where he was going he'd say "Fresno". But I was eagerly waited his return, even home from work, because he almost always had a treat.*

Donna Villegas - March 04, 2023 at 12:55 PM



“ *Donna Villegas lit a candle in memory of Margarito Villegas*



Donna Villegas - March 04, 2023 at 12:44 PM