



## Rafael Cervantes

March 21, 1959 - June 9, 2021

On Wednesday, June 9th 2021, Rafael Cervantes passed away peacefully at home after a courageous battle with cancer. He was 62 and was surrounded by the love of his family who will continue to honor his legacy by living their lives to the fullest. Rafael was born on March 21st, 1959 in Purepero, Mexico. He spent his childhood in Mexico and moved to Porterville, California in 1972 where he spent his adolescent years. He attended Central College in Pella, Iowa where he obtained a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration and French. He married his wife Evelyne Cervantes on May 12th 1984. He started his career as a Fashions/Apparel Manager for Kmart Corporation for 10 years. He lived in France and the US and worked many jobs but his main focus was never his career but his family. The simplest of pleasures in life brought great joy to Rafael. He loved fruit with chile, his wife's famous beef bourguignon and apple crumble. He loved going on walks during sunset and found beauty in birdwatching and observing nature. But most importantly, Rafael really loved all the time he spent with his wife and family, which he was always so proud of. Rafael is survived by his wife Evelyne, son Eric, daughter Shelly, son-in-law Paul, daughter-in-law Te'Nisha, and beloved grandson Luc.

# Previous Events

## Memorial

JUN 17. 1:00 PM (PT)

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

# Tribute Wall



“ *Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Rafael Cervantes*



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**Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel** - June 17, 2021 at 02:26 PM



“ *Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel created a Webcast in memory of Rafael Cervantes*



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**Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel** - June 15, 2021 at 05:24 PM



“ *Divine Light was purchased for the family of Rafael Cervantes.*



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June 16, 2021 at 10:24 PM

HC

“ *Hilda, Mylene and the children purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Rafael Cervantes.*



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Hilda, Mylene and the children - June 15, 2021 at 08:50 PM



“ *Rose Remembrance was purchased for the family of Rafael Cervantes.*



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June 15, 2021 at 08:22 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rafael Cervantes.*



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June 15, 2021 at 02:51 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Rafael Cervantes.*



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June 15, 2021 at 08:23 AM

LF

“ Tío Rafa,  
*I will always have the fondest memories of you. You loved to travel with your beautiful wife and have family/couples trips with your favorite couple, Tio Santiago & Tía Tencia, and always had such a blast! I loved seeing your vacation pictures and your France pictures when you lived out there. I loved listening to you speak French and trying to decipher what you were saying. I love that your children followed in your footsteps of being world travelers. Thank you for always welcoming us into your home with open arms and being a loving Brother/Tio to us. I will remember your hearty laughs. One of the last times we hung out was 4th of July 2019...when I fell attempting to sit on your sofa! Good times!  
I know you will be watching over your family. And know we will always take care of them. I love you Tio Rafa...always! ❤️*

Lydia Fernandez - June 14, 2021 at 09:31 PM

YO

“ Brother you will always be in our hearts and all memories will be cherished with lots of love.

Yolanda - June 14, 2021 at 05:59 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Rafael Cervantes.



June 14, 2021 at 05:40 PM



“ Sunny Memories was purchased for the family of Rafael Cervantes.



June 14, 2021 at 04:42 PM



“ To Our beloved Brother/Brother inlaw that we love so very much!❤️❤️  
 « Your life was a blessing to us, and your memories will always be a treasure. You're so loved beyond words, and will be missed beyond our own treasures.  
 We will miss you so so dearly.  
 Love you forever!❤️ Your brother Santiago & sister in-law Tencia Cervantes❤️



Santiago & Tencia Cervantes - June 14, 2021 at 01:08 PM



The body of Tío Rafa has died, but he will live forever in our hearts ❤️, in multiple memories, I am sure we will see him next to his survived wife ( Tia ) Lina and son and daughter, daughter in-law and son in-law, Dios mío recibe el alma de mi tío Rafa en tu reino, Amén

mari rafael carranza - June 14, 2021 at 04:13 PM



“ Josefina Castaneda lit a candle in memory of Rafael Cervantes



Josefina Castaneda - June 12, 2021 at 04:08 PM

JC

“ Wishing you strength to get through this difficult time and sending you healing prayers and comforting hugs.  
Our brother Rafael shall never be forgotten and he will be in our hearts and forever.

*"There's no other love like the love for a brother, there's no other love like the love from a brother." by Astrid Alauda*

*Sister Josefina Castaneda*

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**Josefina Castaneda** - June 12, 2021 at 04:02 PM