



## Raul Rios Espinoza

November 14, 1957 - February 5, 2024

It is with great sadness that the family of Raul Rios Espinoza announces his passing after a long illness at the age of 66 years. Raul was a resident of Visalia, California for over 25 years, Los Angeles and San Diego County prior to that.

Raul will be lovingly remembered and truly missed by his beloved wife of 48 years, the love of his life and soulmate, Patricia June, his children Elena, Raul Jr. and Robert, his son in law Rogelio and daughter in law Candace, his grandchildren Brandon, Nico, Aiden, Angel, Raul Jr, Bella-Love, Kaliya, Kayla and two great grandchildren Michael and Baby. Preceded in death by his mother Maria Elisa and sister Chela. Raul will also be forever remembered by his siblings, numerous nieces, nephews, extended family and dear friends. Raul's contagious smile, on point wit and sense of humor would light up any room he was in and make even the worst day seem a bit brighter. Although he may be gone from this earth, his legacy lives on through the people he touched. We carry his memory with us as it brings great comfort to know that so much of Raul is alive in our hearts forever.

Raul was legendary in his craft as Master Upholsterer with over 50 years award winning experience in commercial, custom auto upholstery and interior restoration of classic cars both European and domestic. Raul took great pride

in his craft and the everlasting relationships developed with his customers and fellow industry comrades. Raul was known and respected throughout his community, Northern and Southern California for the superior excellence and the caliber of his work, many of his projects being nationally recognized by the auto enthusiast community at major auto shows. Raul was a very enthusiastic fan of the Eagles NFL team, green being his favorite color. As an avid fisherman Raul's true passion was deep sea and fresh water fishing with his sons. Raul took pride in his collection of rare and vintage fishing rods and lures.

A prayer service and memorial in memory of Raul Rios Espinoza will be held on Friday, February 23, 2024, promptly at 5:00pm at Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel, 127 E. Caldwell Ave., Visalia, CA 93277, (559) 635-1144.

Services have been entrusted to Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel. Memorial Tributes and condolences may be offered by logging onto [www.salseranddillard.com](http://www.salseranddillard.com).

# Previous Events

## Memorial

FEB **23**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 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 Raul Rios Espinoza*



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**Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel** - February 22, 2024 at 06:46 PM



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



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**Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel** - February 22, 2024 at 04:56 PM



“ *Letty Martin lit a candle in memory of Raul Espinoza*



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**Letty Martin** - February 23, 2024 at 06:46 PM

JF

“ Jorge, Martha and our family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Raul Rios Espinoza.

Jorge, Martha and our family - February 21, 2024 at 02:48 PM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Raul Rios Espinoza.



February 21, 2024 at 02:48 PM

ME

“ I'm very proud to have the same blood line through my body as my Tio Raul. I have so many memories about my Tio Raul but i'll share one. Every time before we'd leave home from San Diego to Los angles, me and my tio Raul would Kickbox in his living room but in serios playful way, and he never take it to lightly on me. He's one tough, big hearted person i've ever known. We all love you to the fullest. Take care of my big brother Ray when you see him. Love you Tio. Mike, Raymond, steph and Roberta.

Mike Espinoza - February 21, 2024 at 02:27 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Raul Rios Espinoza.



February 20, 2024 at 05:24 PM

RS

“ Raul was my brother in heart my children thought of him as family we have lost one of the great ones I'll miss you brother till we meet again in the great shop in the sky where we can make magic again love you brother.

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**Ross Stemple** - February 15, 2024 at 09:15 PM



“ Love him like a brother rest in peace brother

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**Jeff Parsons** - February 15, 2024 at 04:01 PM