



Refugio Silva Castillo

July 4, 1933 - September 12, 2018

In loving memory of our father, grandfather, great grandfather, and great-great grandfather

Refugio "Cuco" Castillo was born on July 4th 1933, in Laredo Tx to the late Benita Silva Castillo and Jose Castillo. He departed this life on Wednesday September 12th 2018 at Kaweah Delta Hospital in Visalia, CA.

Refugio is preceded in death by his lovely wife Elvira Lopez Castillo, son Andres "Cuate" Castillo, daughter Irma Castillo and his 6 brothers and 1 sister.

Refugio is survived by his daughters Andrea "Cuata" Castillo and Alma Gonzalez. And sons Refugio Castillo Jr and Ivan Castillo. Also by his brother Jose Manuel Castillo (wife Socorro). Twenty-one grandkids, nineteen great grandkids and one great great grandkid.

Refugio was born in Laredo, Texas in 1933, he passed at the age of 85. His parents Benita and Jose Castillo were also born and raised in Laredo Texas. He met the love of his life in Laredo at the age of 21. Elvira Lopez Castillo was 18 when she met her soul mate Refugio. From that moment they became inseparable. On October 29, 1954 they were married.

From a young age Refugio was a hard worker. Working in agriculture and road maintenance he learned many skills and trades. In 1972 he packed up his family and belongings and headed west. Woodlake California became his

home. With the abundance of agriculture in the valley, Refugio and Elvira were able to set their roots and raise their family.

Refugio loved spending time outdoors, enjoyed sitting around and catching up with family about life, he was a fan of boxing and enjoyed watching the fights from the comfort of his chair. He was a proud dad, and grandpa and loved to talk about his grandkids. He was a caring, loving, giving, and a respectful man. His sense of humor will be greatly missed. In the latter years of his life he became a devout Christian and attended church on a regular basis. He looked forward to family gatherings, and also enjoyed the delicious foods. Refugio left a print on everyone's life, those who met him would remember him. And those who loved him will keep him alive in memory and in heart. Refugio will be deeply missed by his friends, family and all who knew him. Visitation will be held at 5 PM until 8 PM on Thursday, September 27, 2018 at Salser and Dillard Funeral Chapel. A funeral will be held at 9:45 AM until 11 AM on Friday, September 28, 2018 at Apostolic Assembly Church in Woodlake, followed by interment at Woodlake District Cemetery. Tributes and condolences may be offered by logging onto www.salseranddillard.com.

Cemetery Details

Woodlake Public Cemetery

165 N. Cypress St.
Woodlake, CA 93286

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 27. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (PT)

Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel
127 East Caldwell
Visalia, CA 93277

Funeral

SEP 28. 9:45 AM - 11:00 AM (PT)

Apostolic Assembly Church
199 N. Palm St.
Woodlake, CA 93286

Tribute Wall



“ *Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Refugio Silva Castillo*



Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel - September 27, 2018 at 08:59 PM



“ *Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel created a Webcast in memory of Refugio Silva Castillo*



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joshua castillo - September 17, 2018 at 09:36 PM

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“ abuelo gracias por darnos vida a todos nosotros tenemos sangre de castillo corriendo por nuestras venas dándote las gracias por hoy
Soy una mujer fuerte y dura.
Eres un tatarabuelo.
Eres



andrea longoria - September 16, 2018 at 08:53 AM

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“ Grandpa, We love you and we already miss you.



Brandi Castillo - September 15, 2018 at 04:18 AM

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eddie avila - September 15, 2018 at 12:37 AM

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“ A grandfather..my grandpa was a strong man ..a figure in my heart & and in my life that no man would ever come close towhen our father stepped out..my grandpa was always there through thick & thin...he was a joker but serious at the same time taught us that laughter & family were the keys to life , he was humble, strong,loving,forgiving,.if you were friends or family he would treat you the same laughing & joking with you and the feeling of being a friend would fade away and turn in to family ...he loved everything everyone equally ..I remember as a kid looking up to him thinking that he was invincible he was a hero to me ..looking back I am lucky to have you in my life as long I did...I just wish that I could stop Time In it's place and stay that kid that I was when I was around you grandpa...but god had greater plans for you...i just thank god for giving me a man like you in my life..I just pray that one day I will be able to a grandpa as great as you were to my grandkids...you will always be a part of me..and I will forever tell them about my grandpa...I love you...I know that one day I will see you & get to hold you & laugh, joke...and I will be that grandkid again..holding your hand walking through life's flea market..looking up at you smiling...thank you apa

eddie avila - September 14, 2018 at 11:48 PM

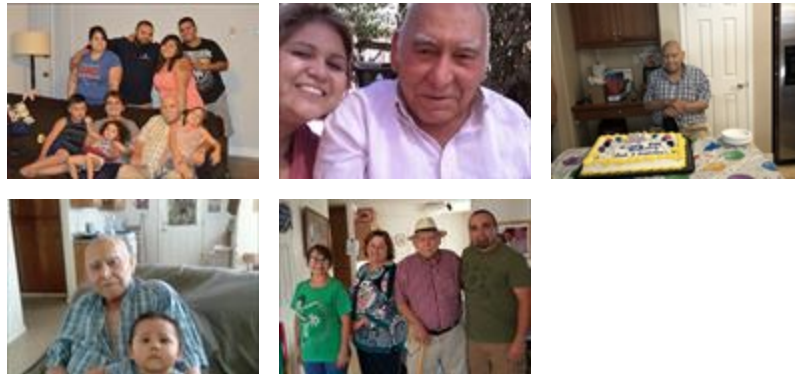
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“ Grandpa,
Where do i even start? What can I say to let the world know what a great man you were?
You had a heart of a warrior, your laugh could make any bad day a good one. It was amazing to see you start your journey with God it was incredible to see you lift up your hands in Praise to him.
Watching you and grandma together when I was growing up showed me what true love was and although a part of me is selfish and wishes you were here, i know that you're reunited in heaven with her telling her about all the great grandkids you got to meet. To say that we will miss you is an understatement. I'll miss your jokes, I'll miss the courage that you showed, I'll miss getting to hug you and tell you "que te bañes", I'll miss seeing you with landan and Anaiah, but most of all I'll miss you. I will be forever grateful for getting to be your granddaughter.
I love you Grandpa
LeeAnn Avila

Leeann Avila - September 14, 2018 at 10:41 PM

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cristian avila - September 14, 2018 at 02:24 AM

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“ Pops, thank you for the man that you were. A devoted man of God, and true heart made of gold. For all my life you were strong, hard working, loving, caring, and over all a great man. A man that I will strive to be like. Thru heartbreak of losing the love of your life(ama) you still pushed thru, still walked w the lord, stayed strong for your family and kept on. You never let your health keep you away from your faith. Rain or shine you showed up to hear the word of God. I'll never forget the words of wisdom you teached. The laughs we shared and all The jokes that had everyone rolling. The smiles, the nicknames, the warm hugs, the holidays knowing that we'll all get together, I'll miss it so much. It's so hard to believe that you are no longer w us. A part of me is selfish and wishes you were still here. But I know it was your time to go. God called you to his throne and now you are no longer in pain. Your up in heaven, an angel w all our long lost loved ones.

Driving to grandpas house won't be the same anymore. It'll be hard. But you were strong and I have to be strong. My mom is heartbroken just as everyone else. “apa is gone” It'll be hard to live knowing we won't be seeing you here on this earth. But one day we'll meet again.

But for now thank you for being w us and blessing us all. I'm thankful Liam got to spend time w his Apa. The lord kept you with us and long as he could. As much as I question why he had to take you from us and why you had to feel the pain in the end. He had a plan all along.

Even tho now all I have are the stories and memories that we shared, I'll cherish them forever. And I'll make sure and pass them down so everyone knows your legacy and the great man you are. Our family lost the glue that brought us all together. But I pray that we can all stay close and strong in this hard time.

We will miss you so much pops. Not a day will pass that you won't be in our thoughts and prayers. Give grandma a kiss and let her know we miss and love her so much! You two were the definition of true love! There is so much to be said but words cannot express what I feel. You were full of life.

Heartbroken we may be, but the hardest part will be waking up

knowing your gone. I love you apa. Thanks for being a grandpa/father. There will be an empty spot in my heart w you not here. Liam loves you. I love you.

Cristian "cristianito" Avila

God saw you getting tired

God saw you getting tired, and a cure was not to be. So he put his arms around you, and whispered come to me.

With tearful eyes we watch you, and saw you pass away. And although we loved you dearly we could not make you stay.

A golden heart stopped beating, hard working hands at rest. God broke our hearts to prove to us he only takes the best.

Love you apa

cristian avila - September 14, 2018 at 02:00 AM