



## Rene Gonzalez, Jr.

November 8, 1990 - December 16, 2023

Rene Gonzalez Jr. only 33 years young, lived his last moments in Visalia CA, has now become his family's forever guardian angel. Rene was loved by many family and friends, leaving behind his younger siblings Julia Gutierrez and Joel Gutierrez, his beloved niece and nephew Islah Acosta and August Gutierrez, and loving mother Xochitl Velasco. Rene had a heart of gold, gave the best hugs and was able to uplift those around him, a life full of adventures.

The family now encourages everyone to share memories and let Rene be surrounded by the endless stories and precious moments anyone has experienced with him.

The viewing will be January 5, 2024 at 4 pm located at Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel. The funeral service will take place January 6, 2024 at 9 am located at the Holy Family Church in honor of Rene Gonzalez Jr. for all that he was and will continue to be in our hearts.

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

## Visitation

JAN 5. 4:00 PM (PT)

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

## Rosary

JAN 5. 5:00 PM (PT)

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

## Mass of Christian Burial

JAN 6. 9:00 AM (PT)

Holy Family Catholic Church  
1908 N. Court St.  
Visalia, CA

## Graveside

JAN 6. 10:30 AM (PT)

Visalia District Cemetery  
1300 W Goshen Ave  
Visalia, CA 93291

# Tribute Wall



“ *Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel created a Webcast in memory of Rene Gonzalez, Jr.*



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**Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel** - January 05, 2024 at 02:17 PM



“ *Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Rene Gonzalez, Jr.*

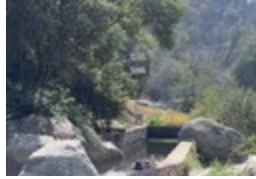


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**Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel** - January 03, 2024 at 04:23 PM



“ We miss you everyday my beautiful Queen 🌹❤️  
We will always keep your memories alive, I know you're up in  
heaven smiling down.



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Cynthia Velasco - February 26, 2024 at 05:47 PM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family  
of Rene Gonzalez, Jr..



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January 08, 2024 at 09:05 AM

ES

“ I didn't know how or what to say we been friends 18 years . And losing you kills me . We been threw it all , name it we been there done that. Losing you is always gonna have a missing place in my heart. I promise to keep your name alive. And I am sorry I can say much more . But I will say , you lighten everyone's day, when I was sad you were there no matter how long we went without talking. You were the who made me smile cause you told me how it was. We would always fight cause we could take it. Who's gonna argue with me now? The rest of out friends can't take it lol ....I can't believe your gone ,I'm buzzed. I love you with all my heart, paula or nana better try to argue with me like you. Lmfao but they can't , you already know. I will always love and miss you



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**Esther** - January 06, 2024 at 05:46 AM

CV

“ I'd like to send my love, prayers and condolences to all of Rene's family and friends. My heart aches with you all. Although Rene and I only saw eachother randomly, every few years, it was always as if we stayed connected. We met when we were around 3/4 ( that I can remember) like a cousin to me. As I read everyone's post and listening to the eulogies lets me know I too got the best of him. Those huge caring hugs! If it was at a rave, family party, or bumping into him at a restaurant, it was always with such love and happiness that he greeted me with that loud big hug. Forever blessed to have been able to share those moments with him and ofcourse the fun random party times. Rene I know you are shining bright up in heaven and will be watching over your family. Thank you for being you!

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**Cristy Flores Valencia** - January 06, 2024 at 02:35 AM

GV

“ *My dear cousin,  
I will always cherish the moments we shared together. You were a beautiful human and now you'll be God's most beautiful angel, may you rest in peace.*

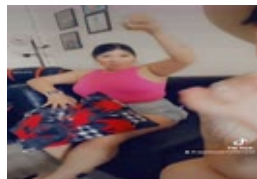
*Te amaremos y extrañaremos siempre.*

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**Geovana Velasco** - January 05, 2024 at 08:23 PM

PH

“ You were my beautiful best friend, from the time we met we had a bond that know one can't deny. We shared many memories and laughters since we were 16. Your wisdom, your heart, your humor and you being you made you an incredibly friend for life. I always knew I can count on you and felt the love you had for me. Your friendship has been everything to me support, love and happiness. The way you would light up the room and everyone noticed you was incredibly. We always said “us against the world”. We knew when we were together nothing else matters we will always have each others back and be there for each other and nothing would ever change that. You understand me better than I understand myself. Your beauty goes beyond your kindness, your heart and willingness to help those you loved. I will always treasure your presence, and now memories we created throughout our life as we tried to figure out adulthood together. You were my partner in crime who I shared many wonderful memories and adventures with. I will always cherish you forever. We always talked about growing old together and always being by each other side. I cannot imagine life without you. I am grateful to have a privilege to call you my forever best friend. I will always keep your memories alive, Always Paula and Rene. Forever beautifully young. I love you.



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Paula Hinojos - January 05, 2024 at 04:16 PM



“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Rene Gonzalez, Jr..*



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January 05, 2024 at 12:02 PM



“ *Rene,*

*Almost 10 years of friendship.*

*We went from being "co workers " to treating each other like family. You were like a big brother to me. You would take me everywhere with you. My first club (splash), & Rave was with you. We would always put our money together to buy food during our "broke" days, at the same time we would splurge days after getting pay. The best gift was you living 2 miles from me this past years*

*We would run into each other at the McDonald's drive thru/nails / and bars . My boo I will always remember you and thank God for putting you in my path you helped me heal. I'm sorry we never got to do that trip together . I know you're in a better place .*

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**Montse leal** - January 04, 2024 at 11:14 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Rene Gonzalez, Jr..*



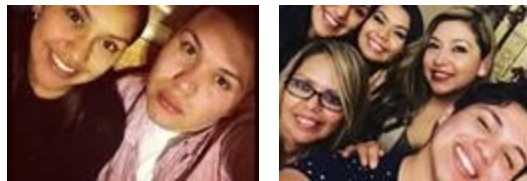
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January 04, 2024 at 07:36 PM

JY

“ Rene,

*I still can't believe this. It hurts too much to bear the thought of you being gone. Tomorrow morning, I get on the hardest flight of my life back home knowing you won't be around to dance bachata or get the biggest bear hug to the point where I can't breathe. You were like a brother to me and always there when I needed you. God needed you home, even if I will never understand why. It's not a goodbye, but instead until I see you again. Forever our guardian angel. 🕊️💕*



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**Jessica Yancy** - January 03, 2024 at 07:24 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Rene Gonzalez, Jr..*



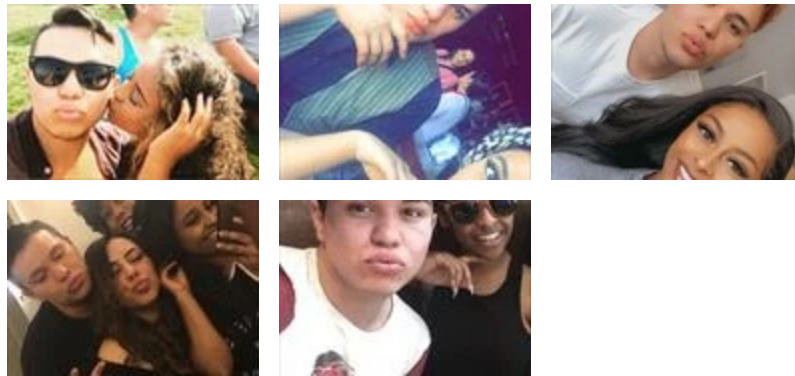
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January 03, 2024 at 10:42 AM

MM

“ Renenae,

*Life will not be the same without you. We were best friends for years. My whole adulthood was full of so many fun, laughs, crazy nights out & amazing memories that I'm so happy to have shared with you. Although we didn't see each other often in the last couple of years, I was always cheering for you on the sidelines and I always wanted you to win. You took a piece of my heart when you left this earth. Your love is irreplaceable. I'm so thankful to have met you. Thankful you were a part of my life. & I hope we get a chance or reunite one day Renenae. Love you sm ❤️❤️*



Melate Mariam - December 31, 2023 at 01:00 AM

BE

“ My dear friend many wonderful memories were shared and will for ever live in my heart and mind. I have no words to explain the pain and sorrow my heart feels as we had many plans for our future. I don't understand why or what happened and I still can't grasp why you are no longer here. I can't imagine what our future with out you will be like but I know you will be safe with our father in heaven. Rest in paradise my Beautiful Rene 🥹🥹🌸



Beatriz - December 30, 2023 at 02:59 PM

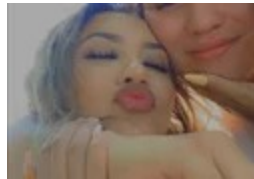
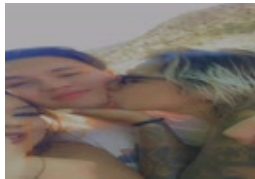
MN

“ Rene, Rene, Rene,

*I miss you. I'm missing you insane.. You're my big brother and you always treated me like so. I just saw you at work and you gave me one of your biggest bear hugs. The ones where you'd pick me up from the ground and pop my back!!! lol I'm going to miss those .. The memories we've shared. With tears in my eyes I reminisce on all the fun times I got to share with you just by being Julia's best friend. What a honor to have known you.. From being called "boo" to the drunk nights you were there for Julia and I. All our trips to San Jose. The smile that I would get every time I entered mom's house to visit.. all our countless laughs. The way you danced all the time, anywhere and every where.. I'm going to miss hearing you tell me how you remember Julia, Moni and I as little girls.. how you watched us grow. How it's crazy we are still friends.. God probably needed you more.. but we miss you down here. Life will never be the same. But we will see each other again one day. And we will pick up right where we left off..*

*If only heaven wasn't so far away..*

*Watch over Mom, Julia, Islah, Joey, & August ☐☐*



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**Maria Nunez** - December 28, 2023 at 06:07 PM

MN

“ Rene, Rene, Rene,

*I miss you. I'm missing you insane.. You're my big brother and you always treated me like so. I just saw you at work and you gave me one of your biggest bear hugs. The ones where you'd pick me up from the ground and pop my back!!! lol I'm going to miss those .. The memories we've shared. With tears in my eyes I reminisce on all the fun times I got to share with you just by being Julia's best friend. What a honor to have known you.. From being called "boo" to the drunk nights you were there for Julia and I. All our trips to San Jose. The smile that I would get every time I entered mom's house to visit.. all our countless laughs. The way you danced all the time, anywhere and every where.. I'm going to miss hearing you tell me how you remember Julia, Moni and I as little girls.. how you watched us grow. How it's crazy we are still friends.. God probably needed you more.. but we miss you down here. Life will never be the same. But we will see each other again one day. And we will pick up right where we left off..*

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**Maria Nunez** - December 28, 2023 at 06:02 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Rene Gonzalez, Jr..*



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December 28, 2023 at 05:08 PM

MO

“ Rene, my dear brother. I've known your sister for 12 years. It feels like time has just flown by. I have SO many memories of us. My first trip to San Jose, the house parties you'd take us to 😂, the nights we'd spend at the house just talking and enjoying each others company. You were always so proud of the relationship Me, Julia, and Maria had. Family was so important to you...

I can see that infectious smile. You light up the whole room. You are in every beautiful sunset/sunrise I see now. When I go to the beach I will always think of you. You always stopped to admire how beautiful this earth was... My only regret now is looking back and not having enough stored memories to look back on. They all live in my heart, but there is enough to last me a lifetime until we meet again. Man.... I can go on and on Rene. I catch myself going to your socials at different times in the day just to read the things you'd write, to imagine and hear your voice. This will never be easy to understand, and nothing will truly ever be the same, but we have to learn to continue living without you and it will be hard but just know that your name will always be mentioned and the stories of you will always be told. Islah and August will grow up knowing how amazing their uncle was & I will ALWAYS be here for the family so you don't ever have to worry about them ☐🕊️🎸📖 I love you.

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monica - December 28, 2023 at 04:11 PM

MB

“ We love you sm tio and I can't believe this is fr you will be missed for sure everyday we love you a lot

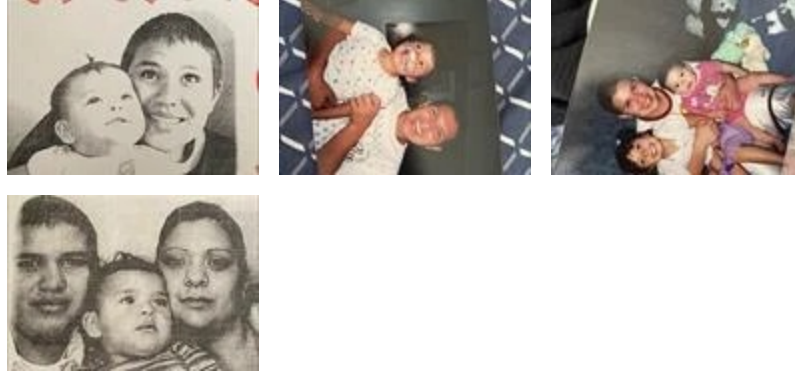


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mia benitez - December 28, 2023 at 03:59 PM

MB

“ I can't believe this is happening 😞 this hurts me so much i miss you tio I was always so close to you and I miss it . You always made everyone happy when you came around I love you sm and I'll see you soon



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**mia benitez** - December 28, 2023 at 02:29 PM

BH

“ Rene,

*I had known you for a while but had the privilege of calling you a friend in college. We shared so many fun memories and tears. I'm forever grateful for you and the love you showed everyone. You were such a loving person and gave so much of yourself to those you cared about. I miss you so much. You were always someone I knew I could count on. I love you.*



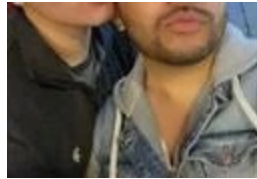
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**Bernadette Hinojos** - December 28, 2023 at 03:53 AM

CY

“ More than my best friend you were like family to me. We shared 15 years of our lives together. We built many beautiful moments together. You are a big part of my life and now a part of my heart is missing.

You taught me so much! I can't understand why you are gone nor can I accept it, but when I think of your smile, laugh and memories together, it gives me great comfort. You are a beacon of light that will continue to shine bright in our lives. I will miss you Renene!



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**Carlos Yopez** - December 27, 2023 at 10:17 PM

JG

“ I love you brother. We all do. Don't forgot it.



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**joel gutierrez** - December 27, 2023 at 08:55 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Rene Gonzalez, Jr..



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December 27, 2023 at 07:58 PM

JD

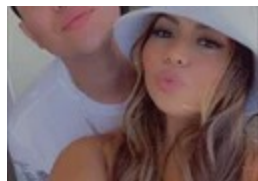
“ Forever in my heart, remembering the good times we had together. Rest peacefully, dear Rene... you will be missed.



Joey DeSousa - December 27, 2023 at 05:34 PM

JG

“ God has taken you away from me unexpectedly and way too soon, he has been my protector my whole life being that he was my older brother. He made sure that nothing would ever happen to me and was there when I needed him through the good times and the bad. I feel very deeply that my brother is now at peace and living a beautiful after life up in heaven. He's always apart of me where I go, what ever I do, I know he will continue to be my protector up in heaven. It's not a good bye it's an until we meet again in another life. I love you so much Rene I don't know how I can even continue life without you by my side but I know you would want me to continue on... like you always told me, stop worrying sister everything will be ok.



Julia Gutierrez - December 27, 2023 at 03:43 PM