



## Samuel Martinez Aleman

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### A Life of Faith, Service, and Family

Samuel "Sam" Aleman passed away on February 15, 2026. He was born on October 9, 1937, in San Marcos, Texas, to Sisto Z. Aleman and Petra Martinez Aleman. As the eldest of twelve siblings, Sam grew up with a strong sense of responsibility, family loyalty, and faith that would guide him throughout his life.

In the late 1940s, the Aleman family moved to Salinas, California, and then onto Visalia, their permanent home. Sam attended Visalia Union High School and developed a deep appreciation for the community he would proudly serve for many years.

At the age of 18, Sam enlisted in the United States Navy, answering the call to serve his country. His military service reflected the values that defined his life—faith, discipline, and a commitment to caring for others.

In 1960, at the age of 23 Samuel married Margaret Moreles. During the marriage they welcomed daughters Julia and Christine. Samuel and Margaret

divorced in 1979.

Sam devoted much of his life to public service. In the 1970s, he joined the Visalia Police Department, serving as a Youth Services Officer in local schools where he mentored and supported many young people. He was known as a true ambassador of the department and is believed to have been among the first Hispanic officers to serve with the department. Sam cared deeply about the North Side community and worked to ensure its voices were heard.

He later continued his service with the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, working as both a Correctional Officer and later a Correctional Counselor until his retirement in 2002. Throughout his career, Sam remained committed to helping and guiding others.

On October 9, 1995, Sam married Elsa Galindo, and together they shared 30 wonderful years of marriage. Their home was filled with love, laughter, and family gatherings. Together they raised their children: Christine Ramirez, Julie Aleman, Yvonne John, and Lisa Escarsega. Sam was also blessed with ten grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren who brought him immense joy.

Family meant everything to Sam. His home was always open for barbecues, swimming, movie nights, and time spent simply enjoying one another's company. His grandchildren especially remember Grandpa picking them up from school and taking them to McDonald's, where laughter and stories were always part of the outing.

Sam loved music and enjoyed playing the guitar and writing songs. He was known for his humor, his sharp sense of style, and his ability to make people feel welcome. A man of faith, he enjoyed conversations about God and cherished time spent with friends, including his regular gatherings at Ernie's Barber Shop.

He was preceded in death by his father, Sisto Z. Aleman; his mother Petra "Patsy" Portugal; step mother Juliana "Mari" Aleman; brother Elias Aleman; sister Alice M. Aleman; his brother, Daniel Aleman; his daughter, Christine Ramirez; and his son-in-law, Denny Ramirez.

Sam is survived by his beloved wife, Elsa Galindo Aleman; his children Julie Aleman, Yvonne John, and Lisa Escarsega; his grandchildren and great-grandchildren; his siblings; and many extended family members and friends who will carry forward his legacy of love, faith, service, and community. Sam will be remembered as a devoted husband, father, grandfather, brother, and friend whose life was defined by faith, service, and a deep love for family.

Viewing will be held 4:00 PM Thursday, March 26th, 2026 at Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel, 127 E. Caldwell Ave., Visalia. Funeral services will be held 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM Friday, March 27th, 2026 at Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel. Graveside services will be held 1:00 PM Friday, March 27th, 2026 at Visalia District Cemetery, 1300 W Goshen Ave, Visalia.

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

## Viewing

MAR 26. 4:00 PM (PT)

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

## Funeral

MAR 27. 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM (PT)

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

## Graveside

MAR 27. 1:00 PM (PT)

Visalia District Cemetery  
1300 W Goshen Ave  
Visalia, CA 93291

# Tribute Wall



“ *Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Samuel Martinez Aleman*



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**Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel** - March 25 at 11:50 AM



“ *Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel created a Webcast in memory of Samuel Martinez Aleman*



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**Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel** - March 24 at 06:11 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Samuel Martinez Aleman.*

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March 22 at 03:37 PM



“ Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Samuel Martinez Aleman.



March 22 at 03:37 PM



“ Ruth W. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Samuel Martinez Aleman.

Ruth W. - February 27 at 02:43 PM



“ Ruth W. purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Samuel Martinez Aleman.



Ruth W. - February 27 at 02:43 PM



“ I have known Sam and his family most of my entire life. He was stand up guy and. Firme camarada . We worked together for the Department of Corrections at Corcoran state prison. He was an outstanding employee , dedicated and committed to his profession. Growing up in the barrio of Visalia he was always sharp in attire and very respectful of others especially senior citizens. It is an honor for me to have known such an outstanding human being. My wife Yolanda and I offer our heartfelt condolences to his wife Elsa and the entire Aleman family. Rest in peace carnal. Art. Calderon

Art. Calderon - February 25 at 03:19 PM

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“ *Angelita Aleman purchased the Simply Elegant S pathiphyllum for the family of Samuel Martinez Aleman.*



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**Angelita Aleman** - February 25 at 01:41 PM

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“ *Rest in peace Sam. It was a pleasure working with you at SATF. You are just a great person. Condolences to your family.* 🙏🙏🙏  
*Ed*

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**Ed** - February 23 at 10:18 PM

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“ *ROSALINDA Z BARTOLOTTI lit a candle in memory of Samuel Aleman*



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**ROSALINDA Z BARTOLOTTI** - February 23 at 01:46 AM