



Thomas Lupe Chavez

December 14, 1951 - January 5, 2021

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Tommy Lupe Chavez was born on December 14, 1951 to Cruz and Irene Chavez. Growing up he was one of seven brothers: David, James (Jimmy), Adolph, William (Bill), Arthur, and Gabriel, who were often referred to as, The Chavez Boys.

He married his wife, Gloria Chavez, in February 1971 and they had two children, Tommy and Lisa. Next month was to be their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

During Tom's childhood and teen years, the Chavez family traveled to Hollister, California during the summers where they worked at Mr. Wright's ranch harvesting fruits. Tom always had very fond memories of their time in Hollister. Tom Chavez also worked for the City of Visalia in the Solid Waste Division for 27 years, until his retirement in 2002.

After Tom's retirement he became an antique collector and enjoyed buying and restoring old bikes. This led to his new hobby of selling his collections at the Visalia and Hanford Swap Meet where you could find him each Sunday and Monday.

Tom loved baseball and is best known for having coached for the Visalia Little League, ASA girls' softball, and Redwood High School Freshman Softball team in order to coach his children. He eventually transitioned to cheering his

grandchildren on from the sidelines. You would often find him with his umbrella, bullhorn, cowbell, and a bag of sunflower seeds cheering them on.

Tom truly never met a stranger and could easily become best of friends with someone after just one conversation. He had an infectious smile and laugh that will not be forgotten. He was loved by all and will be missed tremendously.

Tom is survived by his wife Gloria Chavez, son Tommy G. Chavez, daughter-in-law Vanessa Chavez, daughter Lisa Davis (Chavez), son-in-law Robert Davis, grandchildren: Christin Harris, Savannah Chavez, Payten Chavez, Daniel Chavez, Cruz Chavez, Tommy Chavez Jr., Adrienne Davis, Matthew Davis, Ariel Davis, Robert Davis, great-grandchildren: Elijah Harris, Emilia Harris, Ezekiel Salcedo , King Nambo-Chavez, and two brothers: Adolph Chavez and Bill Chavez.

Visitation will be held 4-7pm Sunday, January 24th, 2021 at Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel, 127 E. Caldwell Ave., Visalia. Funeral services will be held 9am Monday, January 25th, 2021 also at Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel, with burial immediately to follow at Visalia District Cemetery, 1300 W Goshen Ave, Visalia.

Tributes and condolences may be offered by logging onto www.salseranddillard.com.

Cemetery Details

Visalia District Cemetery

1300 W Goshen Ave
Visalia, CA 93291

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **24.** 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (PT)

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

Funeral

JAN **25.** 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (PT)

Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel
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Tribute Wall



“ *Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel created a Webcast in memory of Thomas Lupe Chavez*



Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel - January 25, 2021 at 11:59 AM



“ *Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Thomas Lupe Chavez*



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GR

“ WOW!! is what I said when I heard that my friend Tommy had passed away... 😞

I met Tommy about 30 years ago, he was my trash guy when he worked for the city of Visalia. He was a regular to any of my yard sales and a good friend to set up next to at the flea markets and auto swap meets. I had just seen him at cherry auction 2020 thank God that I was able to have talked to him and see him as happy as I have ever.. my deepest condolences to all his family and friends.. it just goes to show us that not one of us doesn't have the same destiny, we live, we make good friends and great family along the way, we leave our memory of who we were to all our loved ones for those moments in time that will last forever.. I am truly saddened by the loss of a good friend. But I am happy to know that he lived a good life. I pray that he is welcomed into God's great kingdom in heaven. And yes in Jesus name we will see each other again my friend.

Gilbert Rodriguez - October 31, 2021 at 10:05 PM

SL

“ I will miss our little talks about life and days at the flea market in visalia,my sorry for your leaving this world but you are still there with us,you where a husband,dad,brother,grampa and good friend

STANLEY lopez - January 30, 2021 at 06:12 PM

PH

“ Sorry for your loss Tommy was a good person and friend R.I.P.

Phillip - January 25, 2021 at 04:50 PM

ML

“ Mike & Nancy, Reno & Shirley, and Ba-Linda Lou purchased the Divine Light for the family of Thomas Lupe Chavez .



Mike & Nancy, Reno & Shirley, and Ba-Linda Lou - January 22, 2021 at 12:05 PM

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“ 1 file added to the album Tommy Chavez



LISA DAVIS - January 21, 2021 at 08:48 PM

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LISA DAVIS - January 21, 2021 at 08:47 PM