



## Joe Albert Alcala Jr

January 12, 1977 - March 10, 2026

Joe Albert "Thotes" Alcala, a beloved father, son, brother, and friend, passed away on March 10, 2026, in Fresno, California. He was 49 years old. Born on January 12, 1977, in Fresno, Joe spent his life deeply connected to the community where he was born and raised.

Joe is survived by his devoted parents, Joe Alcala and Esther Vargas. He leaves behind six cherished children: Bryana, Elijah, Joline, Emmalee, Abigail, and Emma; as well as two stepchildren, Delilah and Alazar. Also Jessica Rodriguez, who he had a long relationship with. He also shared a close bond with his three siblings and their spouses: Lee and Sabrina, Valerie and Daniel, and James. Joe is fondly remembered by his many grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

A skilled mechanic throughout his life, Joe's passion for fixing things began with bicycles and grew into a lifelong career working on cars. His work was marked by a blend of determination and humor—his impatience often leading to both breaking and fixing with equal enthusiasm. Despite his tough exterior, Joe's heart was full of love and generosity. He consistently prioritized the needs of others above his own and was always ready to lend a helping hand. His parents were a cornerstone of his life, and he held them in the highest regard.

Joe's family surrounded him with love as he took his final breath—a testament to the deep connections he nurtured throughout his life. While his absence leaves an immeasurable void, those who loved him find comfort in knowing he now watches over them as their guardian angel.

A Celebration of Life will be held on April 1, 2026, at 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM at Chapel of the Light, located at 1620 W Belmont Avenue in Fresno.

May Joe Albert "Thotes" Alcalá's memory bring solace to all who knew him.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 1. 11:00 AM (PT)

Chapel of the Light  
1620 W. Belmont Avenue  
Fresno, CA 93728  
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## Celebration of Life

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# Tribute Wall

AP

“ I love you dearly uncle. I know your here standing at the gates of 605 an are waiting for my grandma an me to come home.



april - April 03 at 11:22 AM

VV

Look at my April with my brothers🕊️

Valerie Vargas - April 03 at 09:28 PM

BR

“ Forever my daddy’s first love. Forever my last.

Bryana - April 02 at 03:23 AM

ES

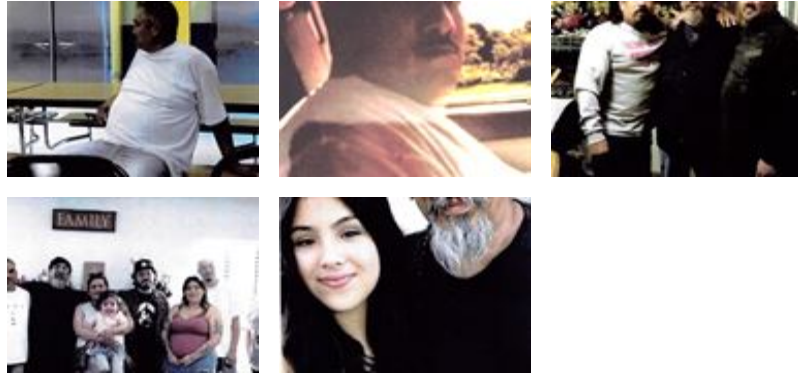
“ Esperanza Sanche lit a candle in memory of Joe Alcala



Esperanza Sanche - April 01 at 12:51 AM



“ 64 files added to the album Life Tributes



Chapel Of The Light Funeral Home and Mausoleum - March 31 at 07:59 PM



“ Rest In Paradise Cousin, we had some funny memories as children that I will hold dear to my heart. Wish we had more time to connect 😭



RUBEN RAMIREZ - March 30 at 11:07 PM



“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Abigail Alcala - March 30 at 05:46 AM



“ Joe my friend my best friend. I can't believe you not here anymore. You will always be in my family's and my heart. I will always forever cherish the time we shared. When I was broken you were there for me. A conversation with you always seen to brighten my day. Thank you for showing me that real solid friends like you do exist. You will always be in our hearts. You now can rest in paradise. Love you joe

Victoria Ybarra - March 24 at 12:58 PM

RM

“ Backer joe,was one of a kind,he has a heart of gold and very kind person,he always put everyone before him,I knew Joe over 15yrs,he was my best friend going to miss his jokes,luaghter, and having talks about everything,my kids want to thank him for being there for them,my son is very sad,now he no longer in pain or hurting anymore,and this is not a good-bye,it's a I see you later!We will never forget all you did for us and we love you Joe! Always MARTINEZ FAMILY!



Rosemary martinez - March 23 at 03:00 PM

RA

“ Joe you will be missed but never forgotten...Rest peacefully...nothing but love and respect for you....



Rosalie abrams - March 21 at 01:56 PM

MC

“ I'll always remember his beautiful smile his craziness and my brother Frankie running around when they were little and lee behind them they were so tight. frankie and him are together now. im gonna miss running into him at El super. i love you primo my heart is broken for your parents so please watch over all your family. fly high.

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**Maria Alcala his cousin** - March 19 at 12:39 PM

VV

“ Valerie vargas lit a candle in memory of Joe Alcala



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**Valerie vargas** - March 19 at 12:35 AM

VV

“ There isn't just one but many memories with my little brother. I will scream forever , "I love and miss my brother!" Nobody will ever compare. My heart has never been this broke in my life. Everyone knew I stood 10 toes down for my brother. I will forever mourn you til I join you.

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**Valerie vargas** - March 19 at 12:13 AM

AS

“ Joe was such a special person to our family. He and my brother grew up together and over the years he became like a son to my mom. He always took the time to check on her and made sure she was okay and if she ever needed help with her car or anything, he was there without hesitation. That kind of kindness and loyalty is rare.

*He will truly be missed, and we are so grateful for the love and care he showed our family throughout his life. Sending our deepest condolences and keeping your family in our thoughts and prayers.*



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**Arlene Sanchez** - March 18 at 09:56 PM