



## Jose Miguel Hernandez

February 14, 1927 - June 24, 2021

\* JOSE MIGUEL HERNANDEZ\*

Our loving father, and grandfather, Jose Miguel Hernandez, born February 14, 1927 in Pasadena, passed away on June 24, 2021, in Fresno, CA.

Survived by his adult children, David Hernandez, Esther Hernandez, Gloria Cantu, Mona Yanez, Tonia Navarro and Carlos Navarro, and a very special nephew, thought of as a son, Raul Hernandez. All are currently living in the Fresno area. He is also survived by his younger brother in Mexico, Antonio Hernandez. Our Dad was Grandpa Mike to numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren, and was an uncle to many nieces and nephews.

Preceded by his beautiful and loving wife Jennie Hernandez, daughter Mary Louisa Vega, and sons George Navarro, Country Joe Navarro and Alfonso Navarro.

Jose, aka, Mike and Jennie lived in the Los Angeles area and moved to the central valley on or about the late 1940's. Mom and Dad and all 10 of their children worked in fields in the surrounding areas of Biola, Madera, and Kerman area. Dad and mom taught us everything to do with the grape vineyard industry. At some point they bought one of their first homes and lived

in Biola.

In the late 60's they purchased a 10 acre ranch in the Kerman area. Soon thereafter, they purchased a 2nd ranch, and 3rd and officially became farmers and owned 80 acres of grape. All family members worked collectively and made good and fun times out of this hard work.

Our Dad Jose was a community leader in Biola and in Kerman.

He loved music as did our entire family. Our parents often went to dances at the Biola Legion Hall. They attended hymikas, fun social events with outdoor food, beer, raffles and dancing in the surrounding areas of the central valley including Kearney Park.

He played guitar and would almost daily, play and sing songs while mom cooked dinner, even after a hard day's work. He competed in aficionados programs at the Azteca Theatre in Chinatown and was also in the good old Luis Gomez show which aired every Sunday.

Later, he taught himself to read and write music and even recorded music on his very own label, known as "Uval Records" along with a beautiful bunch of grapes depicted on his records.

Having been born in southern CA, he was a major Dodger's fan and often went to see them play at Chavez Ravine.

Dad enjoyed playing horseshoes with family and would almost always win. Lol.

He enjoyed boxing and followed local boxer Gabe Terronez as well as Oscar De La Hoya and lastly Canelo.

Our Dad really enjoyed gambling and would travel to Las Vegas, Lake Tahoe and Reno. Mom and Dad would go to the race track at the Fresno fair every day. He enjoyed going to all the local casinos. In fact, towards the end of his life's journey, going to the casino was his favorite thing to do.

Our Dad was an amazing, charismatic and an extraordinary man. He himself built things for us like, a patio with a fish pond, a laundry room, added a second bathroom a shower etc. Again, self-taught, he acquired a skill set that left us in awe.

Our patriarch and rock of Gibraltar will be very sorely missed by all. We will cherish memories of him and all the big and little things he taught us, not by telling us, but because he led by example.

We love you Dad and we will miss you. We “thank you” for all your words of encouragement and all the love and support you gave us. Go in peace and join mom.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Peter's Cemetery

264 N. Blythe Avenue  
Fresno, CA 93706

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 6. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (PT)

Chapel Of The Light  
1620 W. Belmont Ave.  
Fresno, CA 93728  
(559) 233-6254  
<https://www.chapelofthelight.com/>

## Recitation of the Holy Rosary

JUL 6. 6:30 PM (PT)

Chapel Of The Light  
1620 W. Belmont Ave.  
Fresno, CA 93728  
(559) 233-6254  
<https://www.chapelofthelight.com/>

## Funeral Mass

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JUL 7. 10:00 AM (PT)

Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church  
2838 N. West Avenue  
Fresno, CA 93705

# Tribute Wall



“ *Jose Miguel Hernandez*

September 15, 2022 at 09:34 PM



“ *Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers was purchased for the family of Jose Miguel Hernandez.*



July 12, 2021 at 02:27 PM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Jose Miguel Hernandez.*



June 30, 2021 at 05:48 PM

DC

“ I met Mr. Hernandez through his daughter and my dear friend Esther. He was always so kind to me and always called me "my sweetie." I have so many fond memories of him since I have known Esther going on 40 years. One of my fondness memories is when we went camping with him, Esther and his son David...we pretended to hunt for gold in the creek and had a rock contest. At the end of the day Mr. Hernandez had the best rock. He was a remarkable person that was always laughing, singing and had the best jokes. I will cherish my memories of him. God bless the Hernandez family members. Love and prayers, Donna Conley. ❤️

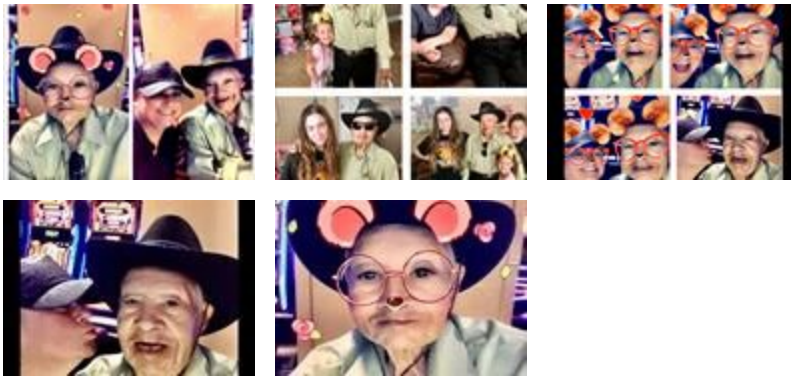


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**Donna Conley** - June 30, 2021 at 05:32 PM

LH

“ To our Grandpa & Great Grandpa. You & Grandma will always hold a special place in my heart. Growing up with you in our daily lives was a godsend provided to me, my sisters and the cousins. I am blessed to be a part of you and your legacy. You were such a strong presence...always even up to the end. I vividly remember you walking up from working outside ALL day and stomping your boots on the concrete as you walked into the kitchen where grandma was cooking. Eeeeeewwwdoggie was a favorite saying of yours and singing, “I own a Rancho Grande” to the whole family. I miss those days where things were soo easy, soo comfortable, soo warm. May you rest in Paradise with Grandma Jenny. We ❤️ You, we will miss you on this Earth.... Family by blood, grandpa by heart.



Laura Heinze - June 29, 2021 at 08:22 PM

RH

“ Grandpa! I love you and will miss you so much. Life sometimes pulls us apart and then bring us back together again, and this is one of those times. We are so blessed to have been gifted with your tenacious spirit to learn, grow and expand our abilities, might as well give it a try! Music feeds my soul. And am forever grateful to you for the ear, the passion for, the talent and ability to express myself through music. You'll always live within the melody of my heart, forever and always,

Robin Hernandez - June 29, 2021 at 04:07 PM

AB

“ Grandpa was a gentle soul. He was always happy, I never saw him mad. I will always remember him playing the guitar smiling and laughing at family events or just a plain evening at home. My fondest memories of my childhood are going to visit him and grandma at the ranch. He will be missed very, very much.

Grandpa was an honorable man. He worked very hard but always found time to spend with us when we went to visit. There will never be anyone like him. Our grandpa loved us very much and we loved him dearly.

*Rest in peace Grandpa - I LOVE YOU VERY MUCH!*

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**Anna Blake** - June 29, 2021 at 04:06 PM