



Refugio Cervantes

April 9, 1934 - December 31, 2023

Refugio “Coke” Cervantes

04/09/1934 – 12/31/2023

Refugio “Coke” Cervantes, 89, passed away on December 31, 2023. Refugio was born on April 9, 1934 to Epifania and Manuel Cervantes in Fresno, CA. He was the second son of nine siblings. Worked in farm Labor as a child with his parents up and down California. Graduated from Central High School, 1952.

Attended Fresno City College.

He worked in aviation building planes in the 50’s in Fresno CA.

Became a mechanic and worked for Ford in Clovis, then for 28 yrs. for the State of California and retired in 1996.

Enjoyed traveling with his family to his favorite places like Santa Cruz, CA, Las Vegas, NV and taking his children to Disneyland.

Traveling with his wife Juanita of 58 years to destinations like Hawaii and Mexico.

He had a love for music, Mariachi’s especially. Also admired Carlos Santana and became acquaintances with him for many years.

Loved watching his sports like San Francisco 49ers and the San Francisco Giants.

He was a great role model for many, for his children and grandchildren and a father figure to many without hesitation.

He is preceded in death by his Wife of 58 years, Juanita Ledesma Cervantes.

He is survived by his four loving daughters, Rosemary Abundis and husband Angelo, Hope Marie Cervantes, Bertha Cervantes, and Helen Cervantes. His seven grandchildren, Michael Abundis, Candice Anderson, Elliott Espinosa, Mason Espinosa Sr, Rina Hernandez, Emilio Dominguez and Madison Diaz. And sixteen great grandchildren.

Viewing and Catholic Rosary will be held on January 17, 2024, 11:30 am at
Chapel of the Light Funeral Home
1620 W Belmont Ave
Fresno CA 93728

Mr. Cervantes will be cremated and will have a private burial at a later date, St. Peters Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

St. Peter's Cemetery

264 N. Blythe Avenue
Fresno, CA 93706

Previous Events

Viewing

JAN 17. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (PT)

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

Funeral Liturgy

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Tribute Wall

HC

“ My Daddy 😞. Going to miss going to table mountain and you saying your never coming back cause you didn't win! Or you yelling at us for not taking care on our 🚗 cars. Till we meet again ❤️

Hope Marie Cervantes - January 16, 2024 at 11:27 PM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Refugio Cervantes.



January 13, 2024 at 03:15 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Refugio Cervantes.



January 13, 2024 at 03:05 PM

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“ Tio, I will always have warm fun memories of you as a child growing up. All the fun parties with the family. You will always have a place in my heart.

David Ledesma - January 12, 2024 at 02:57 PM

BC

“ *I will love you forever Father. I Thank you with a full heart for the life you have given me full of fond memories. You will always be with me, always in my prayers.*

Bertha Cervantes - January 12, 2024 at 07:28 AM

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I want to offer my prayers and thoughts to Coke's family. I was employed for the State Of Calif, and knew Coke as a kind, helpful, caring Man. I had great respect for him. Rest In Peace 🙏🙏🙏🙏

Nita Laney - January 23, 2024 at 10:38 PM