



## Rev. William "Willy" Lopez

May 25, 1960 - February 24, 2020

William Chavez Lopez went to be with his Lord and Savior, surrounded by his loving family, on February 24, 2020.

Willy, as he was affectionately known by many, was a man of God and service to people. He was the Pastor of David's House of Worship in downtown Fresno for many years. Serving the community of faith, Willy continued his ministry by serving as a Funeral Assistant at Yost & Webb Funeral Home for over 12 years.

Aside from serving the people, Willy enjoyed spending time with his family during camping trips, playing his guitar and most of all cherishing his grandchildren. He was an avid fan of Fresno State Football and the Raiders, always rooting for a win. Willy will lovingly be remembered for his several small projects that he never completed.

He is preceded in death by his parents Manuel and Ramona (Chavez) Lopez and a sister, Frances Garcia.

Willy will be missed by his loving wife of 40 years, Gloria Lopez; his children William Andrew Lopez, David Anthony Lopez and his wife Rose, and Stephanie Anika Medina and her husband Daniel; his cherished grandchildren Daniel Medina Jr., Sarah Medina, Joshua Medina, Olivia Lopez, and Gabriel

Medina. He also leaves behind his siblings Jennie Wilson, Rosemary Litton, Connie Valles, Julia Nazario, Clara Lopez-Celani, Gloria Garcia, Manuel Lopez and John Lopez.

Visitation will be held at Lifepointe Worship Center on Saturday, March 7, 2020 from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. A celebration of Willy's life will follow at 10:00 a.m. Interment will follow at Belmont Memorial Park.

# Cemetery Details

## Belmont Memorial Park

201 N. Teilman Avenue  
Fresno, CA 93706

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 7. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (PT)

Lifepointe Worship Center  
3159 W. McKinley Ave.  
Fresno, CA 93722  
<http://www.lifepointefresno.com/>

## Celebration of Life

MAR 7. 10:00 AM (PT)

Lifepointe Worship Center  
3159 W. McKinley Ave.  
Fresno, CA 93722  
<http://www.lifepointefresno.com/>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Rev. William "Willy" Lopez*

September 15, 2022 at 09:34 PM



“ *Healing Tears - All White was purchased for the family of Rev. William "Willy" Lopez.*



March 06, 2020 at 06:49 PM



“ *Our condolences to the Lopez Familia, you will be missed my friend .*

*Valles familia*



**Jose Valles Jr** - March 06, 2020 at 12:21 PM



*Willy showed up when I needed a friend.....He gave me work and friendship.....i am grateful for both....He was the best of us...my condolences to his beautiful family*

**Roger Perry** - March 07, 2020 at 03:10 PM



“ *Pink & White Sympathy Basket was purchased for the family of Rev. William "Willy" Lopez.*



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March 06, 2020 at 12:14 PM



“ *Your Friend and Brother Joseph Conroy purchased the Lavender Dreams for the family of Rev. William "Willy" Lopez.*



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**Your Friend and Brother Joseph Conroy** - March 04, 2020 at 11:16 PM



“ *Blue & White Standing Open Heart was purchased for the family of Rev. William "Willy" Lopez.*



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March 01, 2020 at 05:23 PM

FV

“ Being a youth with his boys Willy Jr and David I would go visit them when they lived right off McKinley when he had the little Chevy luv. David and Willy abandoned me for thier PS 1(blitz). I was left alone with thier dad Willy and I can remember him asking me "mijo what do you want to do for God? And the church? You are young and you have a full life ahead of you. You don't have to answer but just think about it". I often would because of that particular convo I had with him. I'm going to miss him talking trash on the 49ers and the nice conversations I would have with him. Praying for the Lopez family.

Frank Villagrana - February 29, 2020 at 01:06 AM

GC

“ I met Willie when we moved to Fresno in 1980 and started attending Bro. Fair's church in Pinedale. It would be impossible to forget that friendly smile nor would I want to!! My wife and I spent lots of time with him and Gloria and I never questioned his choice for her as a soulmate, but I often questioned hers!! He was a good friend and always the same every time you saw him. He was one of the good guys. This is such a tragic loss and way too soon.

Gregg Curtis - February 28, 2020 at 10:17 PM

MA

“ Pastor Lopez welcomed my son and I to his church. I will always remember how much he was always willing to give to others. His love for the Lord was strong and he shared it with so many. He was a blessing in our lives. My deepest condolences to his family. Thank you, Pastor for all you did. You will be so very missed.



Monica Alvarez - February 28, 2020 at 08:02 PM

RO

“ My heart is broken to know that I have lost my little brother Willy or Bill has he called himself at one time yes you will be truly missed by your brothers your sisters your wife and your children I can still remember us being small and doing mischievous things as children do I just want to tell you that I know you are in a Better place and no more pain and sorrow I love you with all my heart say hi to mama daddy Bill Lily Steve Walker Joe until we meet again little brother I love you rest now for you have finished a good fight.

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**RoseMary** - February 28, 2020 at 01:05 PM

FC

“ Willy was such a special person. My husband Emilio and I loved him and his wonderful sense of humor. The world was a better place with Willy in it, and heaven is more joyful now. RIP!

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**Florence celani** - February 28, 2020 at 07:44 AM

LJ

“ My condolences to the family. I remember meeting Bro. Willy, on my first trip to Fresno. He told me all the funny embarrassing stories about Jessica growing up like a member of his loving family. His love was inviting and generous. my wife and I are still in shock. We know times like this words ring hollow but we pray that the Lord will comfort in this time of grief.

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**Leo and Jessica** - February 28, 2020 at 07:25 AM

  
Pancho  
Ortiz

“ 1 file added to the album *Memories Album*



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**Pancho Ortiz** - February 28, 2020 at 12:11 AM

PG

“ *Our most heartfelt Condolences to Sister Gloria & there sons David, willie Jr. Stephanie and there wonderful grandchildren Bro.Willy will be Truly missed by many of that enjoyed his always positive spirit and kind heart I was blessed to hear about his desire to have a camp reunion at donkey Rock never did I dream that he wanted me to be a part of the reunion he called me and asked me if I would preach for him at that camp I was so blessed to spend a few days with him and Gloria and his kids he treated me and the family that joined me like royalty we bunked together and shared our hearts and blessed the lord for everything in our lives, blessing to you all Lopez family. A.gallardo & family*

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**Pastor Art Gallardo** - February 27, 2020 at 05:19 PM

JC

“ *Paying Tribute and honour to a LIFE WELL LIVED! You don't get to really KNOW many giants in life, but Willy was one of those great men of God that don't get a lot of recognition while they are with us, but when the Lord comes and says " Okay Willy , Time to come home !" they leave such a gap , one that is bittersweet , filled with so many wonderful memories.*

*The best years of my life were spent as Willy Lopez friend and brother ! I know you are supposed to be terribly SAD when someone passes away, but oddly enough so many goofy moments, laughing til your sides hurt, and at the same time HOLY memories of reaching out for the lost there in Pinedale just make it like One minute you are laughing, then crying, then laughing again.*

*The old song says MAS ALLA DEL SOL... MAS ALLA DEL SOL....  
YO TENGO UN HOGAR, HOGAR BELLO HOGAR MAS ALLA DEL SOL...*

*I can almost see good old Willy, healthy, happy surrounded by so many of those who have gone on before, Lily Castro, Brother Fair, Steve Walker, Sister Lopez, Brother Avila, on and on and on maybe having a barbecue like we used to have in Pinedale, catching up, waiting for the rest of us who have made Jesus our choice.*

*Like the old song says THAT will be a GREAT REUNION DAY !*

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**Joseph Conroy** - February 27, 2020 at 03:48 PM

SN

“ *Pastor López was my first Pastor that I met when first came to Fresno. He allowed us to open the our first outpatient aftercare clinic for Alcohol and Drug Addiction and Mild Emotional issues at his church David’s House of Worship. So all the people we helped there are part of the jewels in his crown. That’s a heavy crown Pastor López. I am so glad to have known you. Save us a spot and if you run into any of my family tell them I am continuing the work. We loved you and will continue to pray and love up on your family.*

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**Sandra Nelson** - February 27, 2020 at 03:24 PM

JS

“ *On behalf of the Soto family, we offer our sincere condolences to Sis, Gloria and the entire Lopez family. May God shower you with peace and comfort. God bless.*

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**Joel Soto** - February 27, 2020 at 02:57 PM

RE

“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



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**Robert Escobedo** - February 27, 2020 at 02:39 PM

RE

“ A memory of Willy is when both James and I went to Fresno for a couple of weeks during the summer when we were kids. We used to go swimming in the pool across the street and in the Reservoirs. He also used to tell us scary stories about a Weeping Willow tree that scared the crap out of me.

We went to church with Willy and he received, I think 3 live goldfish because Willy brought the most visitors to the church that summer. Those 2 weeks were fun and a special memory.

There are many memories of my cousin, almost too many to list.

I will miss you, from your cousin, Alex Escobedo

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**Robert Escobedo** - February 27, 2020 at 02:38 PM

CB

“ I grew up next to the Lopez Family in Pinedale and i Love his mother so much. My condolences to all the Lopez Family!

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**Caroline Barboza** - February 27, 2020 at 02:14 PM

 Arturo  
Alejandro  
Moreno

“ My sincere condolences to Willy’s Family, special to his lovely wife Gloria. I’m still on disbelieve of this sadness news. I just saw him last week on my best friend funeral and we chat like we always do. I see him full off life. The Lord has a different plan for him. It was an honor to know him. Brother Willy thank you for your invaluable friendship. Your Friend Alejandro Rodriguez at Cherished Memories Chapel.

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**Arturo Alejandro Moreno** - February 26, 2020 at 08:14 PM

WJ

*Thank you. My dad was definitely a great character to talk to. Could always make a situation brighter with his personality.*

**Willy Jr** - February 27, 2020 at 10:13 AM

JN

*Oh my brother Willie we're going to miss your alto singing we What are we going to do without you were the only boy who would sing in our family no one's going to be able to replace you left an empty spot in my heart.*

*But God had other plans for you but it brings me joy to know that you're no longer in pain but your Christian race is now over and now you are rejoicing with our mom.*

*Love you and miss you things will never be the same until we meet again.*

**Julia (Lopez) Nazario** - February 27, 2020 at 01:49 PM

JL

*Amen 🙏*

**Jonathan A Lopez** - February 27, 2020 at 06:44 PM

JL

*I remember as a kid man this lovely man was are camp counselor an my tia he would always make us laugh 😂 such a good personality an a tru man of god you will be missed deeply*

**Jonathan A Lopez** - February 27, 2020 at 06:46 PM



*I have such fond memories of Brother Willie while attending Pinedale. Apostolic Church. He was always so energetic and supportive as a minister and fundraiser. He truly blessed my family with his kindness and he will always hold a place in my heart. My condolences to his lovely family.*

**Bob Licon** - March 01, 2020 at 06:39 PM

JC

*From all the Staff at Jay Chapel. Willy was a true gentleman also so helpful. May his memory be eternal.*

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**Jay Chapel** - March 02, 2020 at 06:56 PM