



Andres Gilberto Velazquez Sr

February 4, 1931 - May 28, 2025

It is with heartfelt sadness that we announce the passing of Andres Gilberto Velazquez, Sr., who entered eternal rest on May 28, 2025, at the age of 94 at the Jerry L. Pettis Memorial Veterans Hospital in Loma Linda, CA.

Andres was born in Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas Mexico, on February 4, 1931. At age 18, he moved to Chicago in search of opportunity and a better life. It was there he met his beloved wife, Theresa. The two were married on April 29, 1951, beginning a lifelong journey rooted in love, family, and faith.

He proudly served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War, where he was part of the Engineer Division and worked in the machine shop on the Air Force base. He was honorably discharged in 1956 and was awarded the National Defense Service and Good Conduct medals. After his service, Andres built a long and successful career as a mechanic and welder—respected for his skill and admired for his work ethic.

Andres loved pier fishing, tending to his plants, and watching John Wayne Westerns. His homemade salsa and perfectly barbecued meats were family favorites, and his easy laughter and warm smile could light up any room.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Theresa, and is survived by his children Gloria, Diana, Andres Jr., Maria, and Daniel, as well as 12

grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Andres once said about his own funeral that he “just wants everyone to be together after he closes his eyes.” We honor his wish by gathering to celebrate a life well-lived and a man deeply loved.

Funeral Services

Rosary: 10:30 AM | Funeral Mass: 11:00 AM

Monday, June 23, 2025

St. Vincent Ferrer Catholic Church

Sun City, California

Burial with Military Honors

1:30 PM – Riverside National Cemetery

Riverside, California

Please share your memories, stories, or condolences with the family.

Previous Events

Rosary

JUN 23. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (Pst)

St Vincent Ferrer Catholic Church
27931 Murrieta rd
Sun city, CA 92586

Mass

JUN 23. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (Pst)

St Vincent Ferrer Catholic Church
27931 Murrieta rd
Sun city, CA 92586

Burial

JUN 23. 1:30 PM - 2:00 PM (Pst)

Riverside National Cemetery
22495 Van Buren Blvd
Riverside, CA 92518

Tribute Wall

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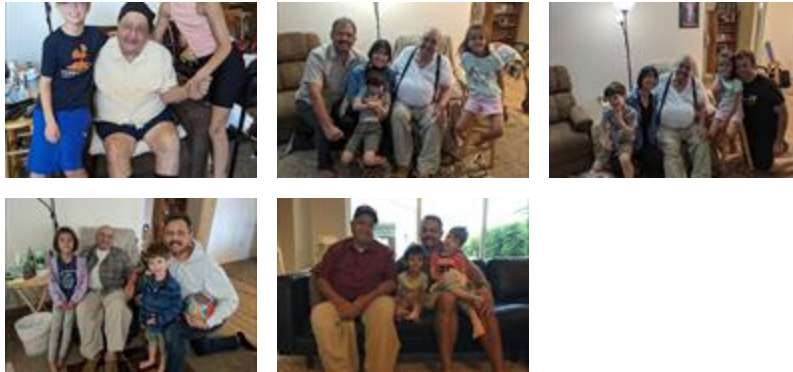
“ His wit and humor kept me rolling. He had so much wisdom to share. From making tortillas from scratch down to self defense. From the watermelon seed in your stomach to the cook outs. The baseball games. The speed racer we could never be on the highways. I love you.. I'll miss you, but I know I'll see you again when I get home.



Laura Fay Fritz - June 23, 2025 at 11:29 AM

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“ 10 files added to the tribute wall



Tina - June 16, 2025 at 03:37 PM

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“ 7 files added to the album *Memories of Grandpa*



Tina Hays - June 16, 2025 at 03:06 PM

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“ From Andres' son, Daniel: "Andres Gilberto Velazquez Sr. was a great man, a great dad and a great friend. He was kind and compassionate. He would protect you from whatever it was you were afraid of. He would do that by 1st not being afraid of anything or anyone. He led by example. He was respected by his whole family and those people he associated with either through work or a mutual acquaintance. He was one of a kind, for his bravery and strength plus his ability to always remember his humble origins. He let you grow and be yourself, accepting you as you are. Always there, but never saying I told you so when you failed or fell short. For those qualities and many more but similar to those mentioned here- admirable all. He was a leader through and through because he always found a way to keep moving through- car repair, home repair, large or small, bicycle or basketball hoop. He was never annoyed or put off about helping out, even if he didn't have the time, he found it without complaining. Then to top it off he would cook the best Mexican food plus BBQ all perfect, never over or undercooked. He never bragged on himself not once. All in-laws and immediate family choose him at their side in a scrap. He was an exceptionally great street fighter and boxer. He was fun to watch fights with, boxing matches and cowboy movies... And baseball for sure. Always going to see the Chicago White Sox vs Angels in the 1970's as we are Sox fans with Chicago roots to say the least. I loved him for that and some. He took us to the beach a lot and fished the pier while we went to swim below in sight of him. Feeling good knowing he was gonna be among the ones to watch and catch fish with the best of them. I was proud many too many times to count throughout my life. I believe he knew. For all who wonder if someone you love knows how you truly love them, chances are they may not. So speak up now and say it. Because they deserve to know! Andres Gilberto Velazquez deserved to know! "

Tina Hays - June 16, 2025 at 03:01 PM

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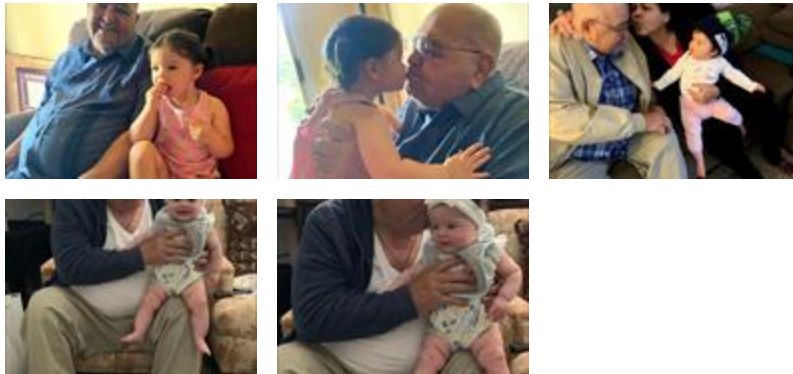
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Paul Nieves - June 08, 2025 at 07:55 AM

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“ 8 files added to the tribute wall



Paul Nieves - June 07, 2025 at 03:02 PM

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“ Gloria Nieves lit a candle in memory of
Andres Gilberto Velazquez Sr



Gloria Nieves - June 06, 2025 at 09:45 PM