



Fernando Vela

May 30, 1946 - December 13, 2024

Fernando Vela, Beloved Husband, Father, Brother and Grandfather of Riverside, CA passed away at 78 on Friday, December 13th, 2024, at home surrounded by family. “My” father was born on May 30, 1946, and grew up in Riverside California with his mother and father along with his 7 brothers and 4 sisters.

Married to the love of his life Celia Vela for 57 years, he was the most amazing, loving and caring, husband, father and brother.

He held a cosmetology license from RCC before starting a career of over 40 years in flooring by obtaining a contractor’s license and later opened a business with his brothers.

However his greatest achievement and joy if you asked him are his 4 daughters, Sheila Varela, Linda Vela, Isabel Vela and Estella Vela-Briney. To us he was beyond the best Father and Grandfather of 12 grandchildren and 27 great grandchildren. Our father was an amazing hardworking Man, who loved the Lord, his life and his family. He laughed and played with vigor. Just ask any of his grandchildren or great-grandchildren about “the claw”.

When “my” father gave his heart to the Lord he shared his faith with all his family and friends and never missed an opportunity to share with strangers. He will forever be OUR Hero and The Wings in which will hold us up.

Services will be held at Preston’s & Simons Mortuary on January 2, 2025, start time is 10:00am. Viewing will take place between 10-11:00am actual chapel service will be at 11:30am burial to be held at Olivewood Memorial

Park at 1:00pm with Celebration of Life to follow

Previous Events

Viewing

JAN 2. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (Pst)

Preston and Simons Mortuary
3358 Mission Inn Ave
Riverside, CA 92501
(951) 683-7410
<https://www.preston-simonsmortuary.com/>

Service

JAN 2. 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM (Pst)

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Burial

JAN 2. 1:00 PM - 1:30 PM (Pst)

Olivewood Memorial Park
3300 Central Ave
Riverside, CA 92506

Tribute Wall

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“ *Sending prayers and love for my Mother Celia Vela, and sisters Linda, Isabel and Estella.
From daughter-Sister Sheila.*



Sheila Varela - December 29, 2024 at 05:19 PM