



Juan Antonio Vallejo

Our beloved Juan Antonio Vallejo joined our Lord, Jesus Christ on August 11, 2020 at the age of 69 and reunited with his mother, Hortencia Cuellar, Father Jose Vallejo, brothers Jose and Lamberto Vallejo. Our sweet Angel was born on October 25, 1950 in Nuevo Laredo, Mexico; he is the 2nd born of 18 children. As a child, Juan Antonio loved tinkering in his uncle Ramon Cuellar's workshop with his best friend, brother, Lamberto Vallejo, while his mother worked and grandmother, Antonia Cuellar, and his older sister, Maria Alma Vallejo took care of his younger siblings and prepared meals. Life in Mexico was difficult but our family's hope, faith and love made life worth living. As an eight year old, he learned the value of the greenback dollar as he taught himself how to repair machines. With his inquisitive mind, creativity, and entrepreneurial skills, he was able to earn a living in his uncle Ramon's workshop. Parking cars at the neighborhood's Rincon del Viejo restaurant, selling newspapers, changing flat tires and repairing broken vehicles provided money for his siblings and parents.

At the age of 16, he moved to San Antonio and worked as a mechanic and later became a roofer. He met a beautiful senorita, Guadalupe Hernandez and married her at San Fernando Cathedral on December 27, 1969 at the age of 19. They had 6 beautiful, strong children: Rosisela, Esmeralda, Guadalupe, Juan Manuel, Priscilla and Jose Antonio Vallejo. As a young parent, he moved his family to Long Beach, California where he managed a Roofing Company and spent his time at the beach, parks, movies, drive-ins and Las Vegas with his family. Life was beautiful, fun, and peaceful in California. Mexican food and cigarettes were his favorite. Juan taught his children how to live a life full of laughter, joy, warmth, hope and Love. He worked hard and played like a child, never ceasing to help others on the way.

He is survived by his wife, Guadalupe Vallejo; his children Rosisela, Esmeralda, Guadalupe, Juan Manuel, Priscilla, and Jose Antonio Vallejo; 21 grandchildren, 15 great grandchildren; his siblings Maria Alma Castaneda, San Juana Hernandez, Maria Ester Reyes, Hortencia de los Santos, Johnny Contreras and Maria de Jesus Hernandez.

He was patient, loving, selfless and always sacrificing for others. We will always remember his smile that lit up any room; his charisma that inspired and encouraged; his strong bear hugs that

gave us warmth and comfort; his laughter that brought us joy and hope; his compassion that helped anyone in need and his Pure heart that accepted everyone and never judged. All children loved and adored him; his beautiful soul was always radiating light. He is the epitome of great goodness and grace. His generosity and respect has tremendously impacted all. He will forever live within our hearts and his beautiful smile will always be etched in our soul. God has opened up Heaven's gates to him. We love him and will miss him.

First John 4:7-8 says, "Beloved, let us love one another, because love is of God, and everyone who loves has been begotten of God and knows God. He who does not love has not known God, because God is love." Our treasured Juan Antonio Vallejo embodies this Holy Commandment. May he Rest in Peace.

