



## Elias "Leo" Botello

April 23, 1950 - September 13, 2024

Elias Flores Botello of Toppenish passed away after a short illness on Friday, September 13, 2024, at his home surrounded by his loving family.

Elias, also known by the name of Leo, was born on April 23, 1950, in Eagle Pass, Texas, to Jesus Maria Botello T. and Manuela Flores Botello. He grew up in Eagle Pass until the age of six when the family moved to Toppenish.

On February 14, 1975, he married Rosa (Rosie) M. Ramirez in Toppenish where they made their home and were married for 49 years.

In his younger years, Elias and his family moved to Washington State in 1956 in support of the agricultural work in the Yakima Valley. His family settled in Toppenish and migrated to Montana, Idaho, Texas and then back to Washington to follow the work in various crops. While living in Toppenish, his family lived at the Yakima Golding Farms with his family until he married Rosa. After leaving school, he worked at the Yakima Golding Farms for about 12 years after which time he began servicing trucks at Lee Gomez Trucking and later at Pistoressi Livestock Hauling. Elias then worked at Howard's Tire Factory for 25 years, specializing in front end and brake work on vehicles until his retirement in December 2014. Not content to be a man of leisure during his retirement, Elias began working for his brother Alfonso at Valley Auto Center where Leo worked until 2022. Elias enjoyed helping others in any way

he could, but mostly he loved helping his family and friends by servicing their vehicles replacing brakes, rotors, calipers, etc.

Elias enjoyed accompanying his wife to the meetings of Jehovah's Witnesses at the Kingdom Hall and he also attended assemblies and conventions helping him to have a Bible-based hope for the future.

Elias is survived by his wife Rosa of Toppenish. He is also survived by his sisters Nohemi Sanchez of Toppenish and Maria de los Angeles Velasquez of Castroville, Texas; brothers Antonio F. Botello of Toppenish, Emanuel F. (Maria) Botello and Alfonso F. (Refugia) Botello of Yakima; many nieces and nephews, cousins, in-laws and friends.

Elias is preceded in death by his parents, sisters Mercedes Garibay and Elma Cervantes; and a brother Jesus Botello, Jr.

Rosa would like to thank Rita Anaya, Johnny Sanchez, Lito Ramirez and Oscar Ramirez for their assistance in caring for Leo, which meant a lot to him and allowed him to be able to stay in his home.

A memorial service for Elias will be held on Saturday, September 21, at 1:00 p.m. at the Toppenish High School Performing Arts Center. A private burial will be held at the Elmwood Cemetery in Toppenish.

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

SEP 21. 11:00 AM (PT)

Elmwood Cemetery  
Elmwood Road  
Toppenish, WA

## Memorial Service

SEP 21. 1:00 PM (PT)

Toppenish High School Performing Arts Center  
141 Ward Rd  
Toppenish, WA 98948

# Tribute Wall

KN

“ Leo was one of my favorite employees at the tire store. Such an awesome couple to know. I'm so sorry Rosa. Kris (Walker) Nau

Kris Nau - September 22, 2024 at 10:21 PM

AM

“ Rip in peace tio Leo. You will be greatly missed



Autumn Ramirez Mansfield - September 21, 2024 at 12:56 AM

RN

“ Rodriguez Family (Former neighbors). purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Elias "Leo" Botello.



Rodriguez Family (Former neighbors). - September 20, 2024 at 11:24 PM

RN

“ Rodriguez Family (Former neighbors). planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elias "Leo" Botello.

Rodriguez Family (Former neighbors). - September 20, 2024 at 11:24 PM

JB

“ Jesus O. Botello and Mark Botello purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Elias "Leo" Botello.



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**Jesus O. Botello and Mark Botello** - September 20, 2024 at 09:36 AM

JB

“ Jesus O. Botello and Mark Botello planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elias "Leo" Botello.

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**Jesus O. Botello and Mark Botello** - September 20, 2024 at 09:36 AM

RF

“ Sincere condolences to Rosie and all of the family on behalf of my mother (Nellie) and the Flores Family (Ramona, Patricia, and Mary)



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**Ramona Flores** - September 19, 2024 at 11:48 AM

MA

“ Margie, Crystal, Michael, Anthony&Domani purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Elias "Leo" Botello.



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**Margie, Crystal, Michael, Anthony&Domani** - September 18, 2024 at 02:40 PM

SO

“ Susan, Amador, Danielle & Orlando purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Elias "Leo" Botello.



Susan, Amador, Danielle & Orlando - September 18, 2024 at 02:18 PM

HS

“ Hilda S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elias "Leo" Botello.

Hilda S. - September 18, 2024 at 12:45 PM

JZ

“ 🙏🏻🥲 RIP Tio Leo 🙏🏻🥲



juanita zepeda - September 17, 2024 at 07:14 PM

KL

“ Rosa- Our condolences are being sent to you on the loss of your husband and dearest friend.

Leo was always a perfect gentleman. Quiet but very refined and knowledgeable. He worked on our car (Rosealee) many a time. She always came home in better shape than when left at Howard's for maintenance. Thank you , Leo, for your loving care of our automobile. We still operate this vehicle... twenty- four years and counting! Amazing! Much credit to Leo and his skills.

On a personal note: I enjoyed visiting with Leo whenever he came in the pharmacy. I also saved a yearly pocket calendar book for him as he liked to write information (notes) and place it in his shirt pocket. Richard, too, enjoyed visiting with your husband. Such a wonderful man.

Prayers and blessings,  
Richard and Karen Lommers



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**Karen Lommers** - September 17, 2024 at 06:09 PM

GF

“ Gerardo Botello y familia purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Elias "Leo" Botello.



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**Gerardo Botello y familia** - September 17, 2024 at 03:47 PM

JZ

“ Love you Tio we are going miss you so much. 😞



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**juanita zepeda** - September 17, 2024 at 03:24 PM

MC

“ Rest in peace Tio.



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**Martin S Cervantes** - September 17, 2024 at 10:53 AM