



## Francisco G. Mendoza

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Francisco Guerra Mendoza, born on April 1, 1937, in Irapuato, Guanajuato, Mexico, passed away on July 26, 2024, in Yakima, Washington.

In 1954, Francisco came to the United States to work as a farm worker through the Braceros Program, designed to address the agricultural labor shortage during World War II. For several years, Francisco migrated between Washington State and Irapuato, where he met and fell in love with Rosa Rodriguez Pina. They married in their hometown on February 12, 1955.

Francisco continued to work as a migrant farm worker, sending money home to support Rosa and their three daughters, Juana, Ana, and Julia.

Francisco's determination and hard work eventually allowed him to bring his family to the Yakima Valley in the United States, where they began a new life together. Over the years, their family grew to include Francisco Jr., Rosalva, Margarita, and Cristina. Francisco taught himself English and worked tirelessly to become a U.S. citizen and provide a permanent home for his family. His dedication and resilience were evident in every aspect of his life.

Affectionately known as “Papa Pancho,” Francisco was known for his love of soccer, singing with mariachis at their Catholic church, and his sense of humor. He had a unique ability to make people laugh and brought joy to all those around him.

Francisco is survived by his wife of 69 years, Rosa P. Mendoza, and their

children: Juana P. Mendoza, Ana Maria Mendoza, Julia Mendoza, Francisco Jr. Mendoza, Rosalva Navarro, Margarita Vega Mendoza, and Cristina Chavez. He is also survived by 30 grandchildren and 32 great-grandchildren. Francisco's life was a testament to hard work, love, and dedication to family. He will be deeply missed by all who knew him and were blessed to experience his kindness and humor.

Viewing services will be held at Heggies Colonial Funeral Home in Toppenish, WA on July 31, 2024 from 11 am to 3pm. A memorial service will be held at St. Aloysius Catholic Church in Toppenish, WA on August 2, 2024 at 11 am.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 31. 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM (PT)

Colonial Funeral Home  
228 S. Alder  
Toppenish, WA

## Memorial Mass

AUG 2. 11:00 AM (PT)

St. Aloysius Catholic Church  
213 N. Beech Street  
Toppenish,, WA

# Tribute Wall



“ With love, Melina Norma Patricia purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Francisco G. Mendoza.



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With love, Melina Norma Patricia - July 30, 2024 at 10:18 PM



“ With love, Melina Norma Patricia planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Francisco G. Mendoza.

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With love, Melina Norma Patricia - July 30, 2024 at 10:18 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Francisco G. Mendoza.

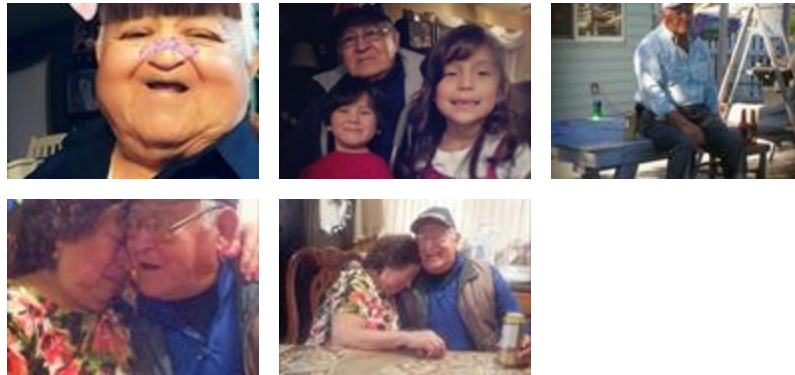


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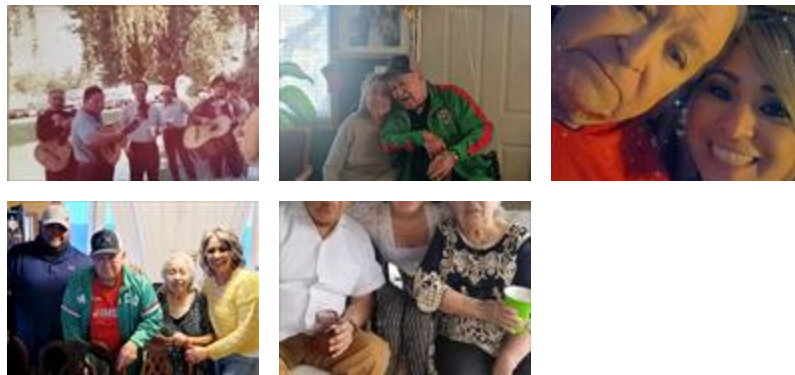
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MARGARITA - July 30, 2024 at 05:26 PM

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“ Love and miss you papá pancho ❤️



Cristina Chavez - July 30, 2024 at 04:28 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Francisco G. Mendoza.



July 30, 2024 at 03:52 PM

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“ *Forever in our hearts.*



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**Marissa Gonzalez** - July 30, 2024 at 02:49 PM

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“ *3 files added to the album Francisco "Papa Pancho" Mendoza*



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**Olga Gutierrez** - July 30, 2024 at 02:27 PM

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“ *Sending our condolences to the Mendoza Family. May God bless you all during this difficult time. - Fernando & Alida Estudillo*

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**Fernando Estudillo** - July 30, 2024 at 01:46 PM