



Juan DeLeon

March 8, 1939 - July 24, 2022

Pasco – Juan De Dios De Leon Guerra, 83, passed away peacefully in Vancouver, WA, surrounded by his loving family. Our loving father was born in Marin, Nuevo Leon, Mexico. He lived in Toppenish, WA, and worked for 40 years in the trucking industry. Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Adalia De Leon; four daughters, Juanita Vargas of Mesa, Arizona, Rosalva Halley of Wenatchee, Roselia Godoy of Merced, California, and Rebecca Slone of Kentucky; three sons, Federico De Leon of New Mexico, Arnulfo De Leon of Yakima, and Juan Jr. De Leon of Vancouver. Also surviving are two sisters, Cruz Viscalla of Mt. Vernon and Eva Hernandez of Yakima. In addition, he has 23 grandchildren and 29 great-grandchildren. Our father left a legacy of profound love for his family.

Services will be held Friday, August 5, 2022 at Colonial Funeral Home at 11 AM burial to follow at Elmwood Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Elmwood Cemetery

Elmwood Road
Toppenish, WA

Previous Events

Funeral Service

AUG 5. 11:00 AM (PT)

Heggie's Colonial Funeral Home
228 S. Alder Street
Toppenish, WA 98948
(509) 865-3222
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Tribute Wall



“ *Juan DeLeon*

October 05, 2023 at 11:22 AM



“ *Sandra lit a candle in memory of Juan DeLeon*



Sandra - August 02, 2022 at 02:39 AM



“ *Yolanda Garcia lit a candle in memory of Juan DeLeon*



Yolanda Garcia - August 01, 2022 at 06:42 PM



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Yolanda Garcia - August 01, 2022 at 06:40 PM

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“ Joey And Kathy Nelson lit a candle in memory of Juan DeLeon



Joey and Kathy Nelson - July 30, 2022 at 09:08 PM

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“ SUZIE ZUNIGA lit a candle in memory of Juan DeLeon



SUZIE ZUNIGA - July 28, 2022 at 12:21 PM

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“Gone from our sight, but never from our hearts.” RIP Tio Juan ❤️

SUZIE ZUNIGA - July 28, 2022 at 12:25 PM



“ Roselia Godoy lit a candle in memory of Juan DeLeon



Roselia Godoy - July 28, 2022 at 12:37 AM

“Dad, The blindfold that shielded your eyes has been removed, allowing you to now know the secrets of the world's wonders. I remember you once saying, go around the world and tell me if the world is flat. I remember replying. Come on, dad. You know the world isn't flat; it's round. You then replied, “I know this, but I want you to experience it and see the world for yourself.

You always emphasized the importance of an education by urging us to stay in school, so I understood its significance to you. And because of you, dad, you made me believe that anything is possible, that I could change the world. So, because of you, dad. I became confident, independent, and self-reliant; I became competitive, not hesitating to any challenge. I also learned to respect my elders, never to talk back, and work hard because life didn't come easy.

I grew up during a time when it was frowned upon for a Hispanic woman to pursue an education. A woman's place was within the home, caring for her husband and children. Because of the person you taught me to be, strong-minded and goal centric, throughout my life, I have stood on many platforms with my hand reaching up in the air, holding onto the many certificates, degrees in Associate's, Bachelor's including a Master's Degree, and shouting to the world, THIS IS FOR YOU DAD!!! I am saddened because the person I imagined cheering me on has left the stadium. The pain in my heart is too unbearable. There are no words to adequately describe the pain that I feel.

But I am Juan DeLeón's daughter, Roselia, who remained in school her entire life to please her father and to demonstrate that the impossible is possible. I enjoyed acquiring new knowledge and embracing a challenge. Nevertheless, there was one thing he never did: he never told me to stop, so I continued. My father only knew me as the daughter who continued her education. I am so fortunate to have had such a wonderful father who instilled in me at a young age the importance of staying in school.

I was fortunate to be by my father's side during his final moments of life. I held him so tightly, never wanting to let go, as I expressed my love for him. I finally whispered into his ear, "Dad, I'm finished with school; no more late-night studying," and felt his hand squeeze my hand even more tightly, indicating his approval and allowing me to stop.

Dad, I will miss your words of wisdom. I will pass down to my children the knowledge that you have instilled to me. I will always emphasize the value of education and remind others that it is never too late to pursue one, no matter what stage of life they are in.

*Every breath I take, every step I take, and every beat of my heart is for you, dad. I will never stop loving and missing you. I love you,
Roselia De Leon Godoy, your daughter from California.*

Roselia De León Godoy - July 28, 2022 at 12:29 AM