



## Saturnino L. "Pancho" Alvarez

February 13, 1944 - October 16, 2015

Saturnino L. "Pancho" Alvarez (71) of Toppenish passed away peacefully at his ranch west of Wapato on Friday October 16, 2015. He was born in Jalisco, MX on February 13, 1944. Pancho moved to the Yakima Valley in the mid 1970's and worked as a migrant worker. He later worked for Del Monte for 25 years where he retired. In his retirement he started his own ranch west of Wapato where he raised pigs and other livestock. He loved ranching and teaching his grandchildren the importance of hard work taking them to the ranch any time he could. Pancho will be remembered as a loving father that provided for his family and enjoyed helping his friends. He was a member of St. Aloysius Catholic Church. He is survived by his wife, Maria; four sons, Juan Jose (Maria) Alvarez of Wapato, David (Emma) Alvarez of Toppenish, Jorge Alvarez of Spokane and Vicente Alvarez of California; one daughter, Laura (Grover) Escobar of Spokane; eleven grandchildren and one great grandchild. Visitation will be held on Tuesday October 20, 2015 at Colonial Funeral Home from 4-7PM with recitation of the rosary at 5:30PM. Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10AM Wednesday at St. Aloysius Catholic Church. Interment will follow at Elmwood Cemetery. Friends can send condolences at [www.toppenishfunerals.com](http://www.toppenishfunerals.com). Colonial Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

**City of Toppenish**

(509) 865-2080

# Tribute Wall



“ *Saturnino L. "Pancho" Alvarez*

October 05, 2023 at 11:22 AM



“ *We are going to miss Pancho even though we only met him a few times-once when he first helped Alejo buy the property next to us and a few times at his ranch. He was a very interesting man, plus very friendly my husband enjoyed talking to him. We planned on being at his funeral, but got confused about the date-thought it was today ( Thurs.) but reread the obit and found it was (Wed.). Accept our apology for missing it. We still have the dog he gave Alejo-we call her Red-Alejo couldn't be her master because of driving truck so we took her-she will be a reminder of Pancho to us as long as we have her.-he had really nice dogs-Thank you and condolences to the family*

*Jr. and Sally Ford on Tecumseh Road*

*Strange how he impacted us in a round about way-guess we all do in our li9ves*

Sally Ford - October 22, 2015 at 09:54 AM

RC

“ Time goes by so fast and you don't realize that until someone is gone.No matter how prepared you think you are for death of a loved one, it still comes as a shock. I am so sorry to learn that my padrino has passed away. May your fond memories bring you comfort during this hard time . Look back on all the good memories you were able to have and smile at the fact that you were able to share these before he passed away. Our hearts and prayers go out to you all and my madrina.

-Raquel (Rosas) Cervantes, Sofia Rosas, Angel Rosas

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**Raquel (Rosas) Cervantes** - October 21, 2015 at 01:39 PM

JS

“ My condolences to the Alvarez family, I have known him ever since I was a young boy, he was a friend of the family always polite ,soft spoken and funny ,I remember thinking when I was little ,wow this is a big scary man ,but he wasn't he was a very kind person. my prayers go out to the Alvarez family .

Joe Sanchez & family

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**Joe Sanchez** - October 21, 2015 at 10:02 AM

RO

“ Alvarez Family, Sorry for your loss, my thoughts and prayers go out to you.  
Rosie Ramirez and Family



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**Rosie** - October 20, 2015 at 09:17 PM

KJ

“ Dearest Saturnino,



*The day I met you for the first time in my office I felt your kindness of spirit and I remember being happy to have helped you with your insurance policy. I enjoyed your monthly visits to pay your premium and catch me up on the activities of your ranch. You gave me several tiny piglets to nurture - two of which I am raising now. We became friends. You joined my husband and I in our home for a Thanksgiving meal. You left too soon and my heart is greatly saddened - but I know you are at peace with God in Heaven and with your loved ones who were waiting for you.*

*Kind, Sparkly Eyes  
Wide, Happy Smile  
Warm, Soothing Soul  
Funny and Laughing  
Genuine Gentlemen  
Truest Friend to So Many  
Lover of Animals  
Hard Working Family Man  
Positive Spirit  
Integral, Honest, Beloved  
Heart of Gold  
Irreplaceable*

*You will sincerely be missed in this world..... Rest in Eternal Peace  
My Dear Friend.*

*--Kelli Johnson*

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**Kelli Johnson** - October 20, 2015 at 06:42 PM

DM

“ *David Morse lit a candle in memory of  
Saturnino L. "Pancho" Alvarez*



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**David Morse** - October 20, 2015 at 03:08 PM