



Eladio Cervantes Ayala

March 28, 1945 - March 13, 2026

Eladio Ayala passed away peacefully on March 13, 2026, surrounded by his loving family. Born on March 28, 1945 in Aguililla, Michoacán, Mexico to Antonio and Elvira Cervantes Ayala. He was the third of eight children. As a young man, he loved living in Mexico. He raised cattle, grew corn, and went deer hunting. He immigrated to the United States in the 1970s and settled in the Livingston area where he raised 10 children.

Eladio loved enchiladas, going to the casino, playing cards, boxing, and his family. Over the years, he collected nicknames; Dad, Grandpa, GG, Wito, Camaron, Tonche, Froggy, Tonio, Jodeis, and King Kong. Each nickname was tied to different times and groups of people who loved him. No matter what name you knew him by, you knew the same man: stubborn in his own charming way, full of life, and always ready with a story. He truly believed that at 80 years old, he was physically stronger than a 30-year-old.

He leaves behind a family who adored him, laughed with him, and sometimes shook their heads at him—but wouldn't have changed a thing. His spirit, his humor, and his larger than life presence will be missed more than words can say.

Eladio is survived by his ten children: Rosa Pimentel of Ceres; Isabel Naranjo of Ceres; Ana Villaseñor of Tualatin, Oregon; Jose (Zorayda) Ayala of Mexico; Efrain (Lori) Ayala of Turlock; Armando (Heather) Ayala of Hughson; Efren “Guero” (Deihcy) Ayala of Atwater; Ofelia “Candy” (Pedro) Ortega of Ceres; Robert (Veronica) Ayala of Patterson; and Eladio “Lalo” (Theresa) Ayala, Jr of

Modesto. He is lovingly remembered by his 41 grandchildren, 28 great grandchildren, and one more great grandson on the way.

He is also survived by five siblings—Florita Martinez, Ramon Ayala, Federico Ayala, Eva Ayala, and Grace Ayala—all of whom carry their own memories of growing up alongside him. He leaves behind numerous nieces and nephews as well.

Eladio is preceded in death by his parents, Antonio and Elvira, and by his brothers Antonio and Adan Ayala.

Visitation from 8:00-10:00 AM with Rosary and services starting at 10:00 AM on March 26th at Turlock Funeral Home in Turlock, CA.

Eladio would do anything for his family, and he spent his final years cherishing every visit with his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. He leaves behind a remarkable legacy of love, strength, and devotion, and he will be deeply missed.

Eladio Ayala falleció pacíficamente el 13 de Marzo de 2026, rodeado de su amorosa familia. Nació el 28 de Marzo de 1945 en Aguililla, Michoacán, México, hijo de Antonio y Elvira Cervantes Ayala. Fue el tercero de ocho hijos. Cuando era joven, le encantaba vivir en México. Criaba ganado, cultivaba maíz y salía a cazar venados. Emigró a Estados Unidos en la década de 1970 y se estableció en el área de Livingston, donde creó a 10 hijos.

A Eladio le encantaban las enchiladas, ir al casino, jugar cartas, el boxeo y su familia. Con los años, acumuló apodos: Papá, Abuelo, GG, Wito, Camarón, Tonche, Froggy, Tonio, Jodeis y King Kong. Cada apodo estaba ligado a diferentes momentos y grupos de personas que lo querían. No importaba por qué nombre lo conocieras, conocías al mismo hombre: terco a su manera encantadora, lleno de vida y siempre listo con una historia. Realmente creía que, a los 80 años, era físicamente más fuerte que un joven de 30.

Deja atrás una familia que lo adoraba, reía con él y, a veces, negaba con la cabeza ante él, pero no cambiaría nada. Su espíritu, su humor y su presencia

más grande que la vida serán extrañados más de lo que las palabras pueden expresar.

Eladio deja en vida a sus diez hijos: Rosa Pimentel de Ceres; Isabel Naranjo de Ceres; Ana Villaseñor de Tualatin, Oregón; Jose (Zorayda) Ayala de México; Efraín (Lori) Ayala de Turlock; Armando (Heather) Ayala de Hughson; Efrén "Guero" (Deihcy) Ayala de Atwater; Ofelia "Candy" (Pedro) Ortega de Ceres; Robert (Verónica) Ayala de Patterson; y Eladio "Lalo" (Theresa) Ayala, Jr de Modesto. Es recordado con cariño por sus 41 nietos, 28 bisnietos y un bisnieto más en camino.

También le sobreviven cinco hermanos y hermanas: Florita Martínez, Ramón Ayala, Federico Ayala, Eva Ayala y Grace Ayala, todos los cuales llevan sus propios recuerdos de haber crecido a su lado. Además, deja numerosos sobrinos y sobrinas.

Eladio es precedido en la muerte por sus padres, Antonio y Elvira, y por sus hermanos Antonio y Adán Ayala.

Visita de 8:00 a 10:00 AM con Rosario y servicios comenzando a las 10:00 AM el 26 de Marzo en Turlock Funeral Home en Turlock, Ca.

Eladio haría cualquier cosa por su familia, y pasó sus últimos años valorando cada visita con sus hijos, nietos y bisnietos. Deja atrás un lellenda notable de amor, fuerza y devoción, y será profundamente extrañado.

Cemetery Details

Turlock Memorial Park

575 N. Soderquist Rd.
Turlock, CA 95380
(209) 632-9111
<http://turlockmemorialpark.com>

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 26. 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM (PT)

Turlock Funeral Home
425 North Soderquist Road
Turlock, CA 95381
(209) 632-9111
<https://turlockfuneralhome.com>

Recitation of the Rosary

MAR 26. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (PT)

Turlock Funeral Home
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Funeral Service

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Interment following Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

JD

“ John and Janet DeBoard purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Eladio Cervantes Ayala.



John and Janet DeBoard - March 25 at 04:00 AM

JM

“ I only met him a handful of times but he was always kind, funny and a pleasure to be around. The language barrier might of been a challenge but I knew if he was anything like his son Mondo he was a wonderful man. Praying for the family during these hard times ☐

Julie Massone - March 24 at 10:05 PM

FP

“ Familia Gomez Peñaloza purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Eladio Cervantes Ayala.



Familia Gomez Peñaloza - March 24 at 08:28 PM

RY

“ Wishing all the Ayala families all the best through their hard times. may God give you strength to go on without your Dad . We didn't get the chance to meet him Mr ,Eladio he seemed like he was a great and an amazing man .Robert and Veronica are our nephews and wish you all the best. Love you and God Bless you all ❤️

Rosie Ysais - March 24 at 07:13 PM