



Felix Ocaranza

July 10, 1922 - January 14, 2012

Felix Ocaranza passed away on Jan. 14, 2012 after a lifetime of family devotion. He was born in Gomez Palacio, Durango, Mexico on July 10, 1922, but lived most of his life in California where he enjoyed a 52-year marriage to his beloved Carmen until her death in 1998. Felix and Carmen raised six children in Tulare.

Surviving children are daughter Mary Burnett, and sons Alfred Ocaranza and his wife Linda; Alonzo Ocaranza and wife Vicki; David Ocaranza and wife Donna; Michael Ocaranza, and daughter-in-law of his late son Joe, Dana Ocaranza.

Surviving grandchildren are Rodney Combs; Phillip Ocaranza and his wife Marcie; Donald Ocaranza; Jinger Gori and her husband Frankie; Timothy Ocaranza; Tony Ocaranza and Skye Ocaranza. Great grandchildren are Marcus, Felix and Karmen.

In both work and leisure, Felix had many interests and talents. In his early adult life he worked as a ranch foreman, later assuming duties as supervisor for American Building Maintenance, a position he held for over 30 years. His love of nature and a talent for growing exotic plants bode well for him as the owner of a landscaping business in Tulare, an endeavor he established to supplement the family budget. His backyard in Tulare was filled with fruit and nut trees, an always abundant vegetable garden, topiaries and tropical plants he carefully cultivated.

Felix moved to Turlock in 2005 to be closer to family. He lived independently

and loved taking walks around California State University Stanislaus in Turlock, enjoying the beauty of the redwood trees and waterfalls on campus. He spent a lifetime camping both in the mountains and at the beach. He and Carmen spent many vacations visiting national parks and the California coast. When his kids were younger he took the family camping every summer to Yosemite, Kings Canyon and Pismo Beach. However, he didn't stop experiencing the great outdoors as he aged. Felix tent camped several times in the last few years with his sons at Kennedy Meadows, Pinecrest Lake, and Lake Don Pedro. He also hiked to the top of Vernal falls in Yosemite when he was 83! He was happiest when with his family and in nature.

A lifelong learner, Felix loved reading National Geographic and Sunset magazines and watching the Discovery and History channel on television. He would read the morning newspaper front to back, keeping up with national and local events.

Felix was a devout Catholic during his lifetime.

Tribute Wall



“ *Felix Ocaranza*

January 28, 2023 at 09:01 AM



“ *Felix was the only father figure I ever had....I loved him very much. He called me sweetheart and I loved hearing those words. Some of the plants in my home and yard are from his guidance. He was a strong, gentle man. I glad to have been part of his family, he and Carmen always made me feel like their daughter. I truly loved them both.*

Sheri Leal

Sheri Leal - February 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *My father-in-law Felix and I went out to lunch together this past December to his favorite Huckleberry's restaurant in Modesto -- as we exited he turned and said, "thank you for being my friend". This was a great compliment to me. I see Felix's quiet strength and constant perseverance in Alonzo and Skye everyday. It's been a long good walk on earth and you left a beautiful legacy. You are loved and we miss you, my friend.*

Vicki Ocaranza - February 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *My dad's passing is still so fresh in my mind.Having had my dad live walking distance from me and hanging out with him these past 7 years were a blessing for my dad, Skye, Vicki and myself.I sure miss him already.*

Alonzo Ocaranza - February 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dear ocaranza family I got to meet FELIX THROUGH LANZO AND VIKKI. hE WAS A VERY NICE MAN ALWAYS INTERESTED IN WHAT WE WERE DOING WITH MUSIC. i WILL MISS HIM

Fred and Beatriz Romero - January 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ We will always love you Grandpa Felix, and will miss you so much!
xoxo

Marcie Ocaranza - January 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ The beautiful words written here bring comfort in this sad time with the passing of my Grandpa. I was his only Granddaughter and he was my only Grandpa. I had the joy of having my own daughter which my husband Frankie and I happily named after Felix's wife, my Grandma Carmen. RIP Grandpa Felix I love you and miss you everyday. My thoughts are with everyone who is mourning the loss of a great man.

Love,

Jinger, Frankie & Baby Karmen

Jinger Ocaranza Gori - January 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CA

“ *Felix will be sorely missed. He had a beautiful soul. He leaves a legacy of love. He enjoyed life. Godspeed, Felix.*

Cheryl Avent - January 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ *What a pleasure it was to meet Felix and his family. I am sorry that we had to meet while we were all at hospice. I remember being in the "living room" at hospice and saw Felix enjoying a meal with his family, it warmed my heart to see them all together. I know that he is in the presence of God and from reading this, it seems he lived a full life. Thank you fMary, Alonzo and Vicki for sharing Felix with us for that time. Senor, we shall meet again.*

Tara Correa - January 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM