



José Luis Montañez

August 14, 1962 - November 2, 2021

José Luis Montañez, a resident of Livingston, CA, passed away on Tuesday, November 2, 2021, in Modesto, CA. He was 59 years young.

Luis was born in Dos Palos, CA, to Crispin and Ofelia Montañez. Raised in Livingston, he attended Livingston Union School District from Kindergarten through Eighth grade and attended Livingston High School, graduating with the Class of 1981. Luis began working at the age of 16 for a local supermarket, Serve All Market, and learned the trade of meat cutting. He later worked at a restaurant wholesale meat service warehouse, eventually becoming a meat cutter supervisor. In 1987, Luis was the co-founder and former co-owner of Javi's Mexican Restaurant in Turlock, where he continued as a general manager overseeing all four restaurants, including food research and development.

Luis enjoyed restoring cars, watching sports and Fox News. He was a lifelong fan of the Minnesota Vikings, a devotion he discovered as a child. Luis was a great cook and would often cook and barbeque for family and friends, bringing the family together on the weekends and for holiday get-togethers. Luis enjoyed the simple things in life, spending time with family. A man of faith, he was a member of St. Jude's Catholic Church in Livingston.

Luis is survived by his parents, Crispin and Ofelia Montañez; sister, Maria

Montañez; brother, Javier (Laura) Montañez; sister, Ernestina (Tony) Zambrano; brother, Robert (Robin) Montañez; sister, Stella Montañez; brother, Jesse (Rebecca) Montañez; first cousin, Manuel López; and 11 nieces and nephews.

If you knew Luis, you knew how much he loved his family, his mother and father, his brothers and sisters, his nieces and nephews, and his brother and sisters-in-law. He was the best son, brother and uncle that anyone could ask for. He was supportive, generous, hardworking, and had a wonderful combination of quiet strength, dignity, and duty to others. Luis was loved very much by his family and he will be greatly missed.

A viewing will be held from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., followed by the Rosary at 6 p.m., on Tuesday, November 16, 2021, at Turlock Funeral Home, 425 N. Soderquist Rd., Turlock. A funeral Mass will be held at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, November 17, 2021, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 1200 Lyons Ave., Turlock. Following the Mass, Luis will be laid to rest at Turlock Memorial Park.

Cemetery Details

Turlock Memorial Park

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

Previous Events

Viewing

NOV **16**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (PT)

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

Recitation of the Rosary

NOV **16**. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (PT)

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

Funeral Mass

NOV **17**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (PT)

Sacred Heart Catholic Church
1200 Lyons Ave
Turlock, CA 95380

Interment Following Funeral Mass

NOV **17**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (PT)

Turlock Memorial Park
575 N Soderquist Rd
Turlock, CA 95380-3749
(209) 632-9111

Tribute Wall



“ *José Luis Montañez*

January 28, 2023 at 09:01 AM



“ *The Girls at Javis Restaurant purchased the Majestic Heart for the family of José Luis Montañez.*



The Girls at Javis Restaurant - November 15, 2021 at 11:32 AM