



## Salvador Cuenca

February 12, 1952 - September 4, 2015

Salvador C. Cuenca — a loving husband, father, grandfather, son and brother — went to heaven on Friday, September 4, 2015 in Turlock, California.

Sal was born Feb. 12, 1952 in Gonzales, California. Sal attended Gonzales High School, where he met Nancy Perez, the love of his life. Sal had an affinity for working with his hands and became a mechanic, starting a career that would eventually take him to Frito Lay, from which he retired in 2014.

In 1972 he married his high school sweetheart, Nancy, and the two started a life together that would last 42 years. They raised two children and celebrated the birth of four beautiful grandchildren, who lovingly called him “Tata.”

Sal appreciated the simple things in life — a good action movie a hot cup of coffee, carne asada and cold beer. He enjoyed visiting coastal towns like Monterey and Ventura, and photographing travels with his kids and grandkids.

Sal was a talented craftsman – he enjoyed working in his shop at home. He undertook a large extension on his house in Turlock, building a room that would be home to many family gatherings and holiday parties.

Sal had a close relationship with his godson Andre Mattson, serving as a father figure to him. One of his joys late in his life was watching Andre

graduate from Sonoma State.

Sal was a man of high character, integrity and generosity. He also had a big heart, which was evident as he helped care for his elderly father in Turlock during his dad's final years of life. Sal also had a unique sense of humor — he always seemed to laugh hardest at his own jokes.

Sal enjoyed a special relationship with God, which allowed him to face death with peace in his heart. He looked forward to reuniting with his parents, Aurora C. Cuenca and Salvador M. Cuenca, in heaven. Two brothers, Alfonso Cuenca and Joel Cruz, preceded Sal in death.

Survivors: Wife, Nancy Cuenca; Daughter, Desiree Cuenca Silva; Son, Salvador Cuenca (Shelley); and Godson Andre Mattson; Brother, Rudy Cruz; and his sisters, Linda Cuenca Torres, Olivia Serrato and Gloria Bravo.

Sal was devoted to his grandchildren, Matthew Silva, Noah Cuenca, Paige Silva and Sarah Cuenca; and godchildren, Madison and Mason Moreno. Sal also leaves behind many wonderful friends and loving family members.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, September 12 at 10 a.m. Turlock Memorial Park, 425 N. Soderquist Rd., Turlock.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

SEP **12**. 10:00 AM (PT)

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

# Tribute Wall



“ *Salvador Cuenca*

January 28, 2023 at 09:01 AM



“ *Nancy and family,*

*I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Sal, I remember him as a young man in Gonzales always had the time to stop and ask "how are you doing" very respectful to us senior citizens. I will cherish that memory of him. May God Bless the whole family.*

*Lupe Gutierrez  
Salinas, Ca*

lupe gutierrez - September 12, 2015 at 10:48 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Salvador Cuenca.*



September 11, 2015 at 09:51 PM



“ *Always had a smile on his face. He understood how to handle stress as well as anyone I've ever met! One of my favorite coworkers , one of my favorite friends!! Miss you sal.your fan,joethepmo.*

Joe lozano - September 10, 2015 at 06:17 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Salvador Cuenca.*



September 10, 2015 at 12:19 PM



“ *Mark and Terri Belmont and Grandma Soares purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Salvador Cuenca.*



**Mark and Terri Belmont and Grandma Soares** - September 10, 2015 at 01:35 AM



“ *Sal will live in our hearts forever. He was family to us. He was the epitome of a great man! Mark and I will think of him always.*



**Terri and Mark Belmont** - September 09, 2015 at 11:14 PM



“ *Sal you are and allways will be my friend, i will cherish all the memories and will miss the wonderful stories you told you lived life just the way it should be lived with family and friends , i will miss you my friend.*



**bob I** - September 09, 2015 at 10:32 PM

Mary Sawyer

“ *Praying for peace for all of you during this time. My heart goes out to you. What an amazing man he was and role model to all.*



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**Mary Sawyer** - September 09, 2015 at 09:35 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Salvador Cuenca.*



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September 09, 2015 at 07:56 PM

Cynthia Cruz

“ *Cynthia Cruz lit a candle in memory of Salvador Cuenca*



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**Cynthia Cruz** - September 09, 2015 at 07:26 PM