



Ygnacio Molina Esquer

September 11, 1928 - December 15, 2011

Ygnacio (Nash) Molina Esquer was born in Peoria, Arizona to Jose Angel and Amelia Esquer on September 11, 1928. He was the eldest son of four and helped move his family to California in 1942. They were farm laborers and lived in the Madera and Los Banos area for many years. At 21, he married, Josephine Raya and they lived in Los Banos where they had three children (Gil, Linda and Diane). During this time, Nash enlisted and was a proud member of the United States Army that served our country during the Korean War. After his honorable discharge he had a difficult time finding work in the area so the family split up and he moved to the San Jose area where he lived over 40 years and retired as a printing specialist from United Growers Cannery. While living in San Jose, Nash met his second wife, Amelia Ochoa Marichalar, and they celebrated 29 years of marriage before he lost her to a heart attack. In 1999, Nash moved to Turlock and lived here the remainder of his life.

Nash was a survivor that understood the importance of faith-based living and served many organizations as a volunteer. He was a member, officer and President of St. Justin's Guadalupano Society in Santa Clara for several years. He became an active member at Sacred Heart Church in Turlock and rarely missed his Sunday morning services. Nash was proud of his family and was very proud to tell anyone that would listen that his "baby girl" was a school principal in town. He was observed helping at various Turlock schools chaperoning school dances, carnivals, counting coins, etc. Nash also became a known entity and loved assisting at the Turlock Together event for over 10 years. He shared his love of the slot machines on the 15th of every month at Black Oak Casino with his adopted daughter, Edwina, and any other family or friends who chose to join them. Nash loved to sing and dance no matter where he was. He was always humming a tune and dancing a little jig.

Nash was a "what you see is what you get" kind of man. If you asked, he told you what he thought and he lived his life that way. His faith and love of our Lord allowed him to overcome the death of his parents, siblings, wife and many other friends and family members but his heart truly broke last month when he lost his son-in-law, Richard Lopes. Nash is survived by his brother Manuel Esquer (Esther), sister, Angie Zepeda, son, Gilbert Esquer (Rosa), and daughters Linda Murphy-Lopes, Diane Jimenez (Clemente) and

Edwina Damas. Step children: Dan Raya (Maria Elena), Phil Delgadillo, Shirley Siler (Ron), Robert Marichalar (Sylvia), Armie Costello and Ana Marie McCallister. In addition, he had 27 grandchildren, many great-grandchildren and numerous nephews and nieces. His character will be missed immensely by those that knew and loved him, especially his beloved companion and confidant Peanut (his dog)!

Special thanks to the Turlock Rural Fire Department, Dr. Lew Barker, the staff at Emanuel Hospital and Emanuel Hospice for their efforts and support to his medical needs. Nash was a simple and honest man that loved and honored learning. In lieu of flowers, the family requests you give to an organization that supports faith, learning and children.

Tribute Wall



“ Ygnacio Molina Esquer

January 28, 2023 at 09:01 AM



“ Nash qlways brought a smile for me at Linda's and my dads family gatherings. I missed alot of the family gatherings at my dad and Linda's house because Linda would lie to my dad and tell him I guess she didn't show up and the truth is Linda lied and never called me. I am sorry that me and Nash never got to go and see the 49ers play football, Nash wanted to go badly but Linda wouldn't let him go, nor did she let him go to the casino. My thoughts are with Nashes family I know it must be super hard to not see him when the family is all together. Imiss Nash he was great and now he is like my dad is in heaven, spirit and soul is shared to all that love and miss him. I went out to Linda's house the morning of Nash's passing away and I took some donuts and cried with Linda. Linda has not called to see how I am doing since her husband Richard (my dad) died Linda has only continued to sell and give my dads belongings to others and not my family. If you read this please inform Linda that Nash as wellas my Dad would not be happy with her actions and that I would like our family pictures Linda has taken away even all my baby pictures and family pictures of my mom (carolyn) and my dad (Richard) while growing up with them. Linda emptied my mom and dads house on south orange street and my dad trusted her because she used god against him instead of honestly. Linda isn't who she wants people to believe she is and me and Nash would talk about it sometimes he wasn't happy about her fakeness and how she lied and control him. god bless the hearts and help us heal.

laurie (Richard Lopes daughter) - November 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ i will always love you tio, YOU ALWAYS LOVED MY MOTHER. LUPE.GIVE HER A BIG KISS FOR ME . FROM CARLOS GODOY CASTILLO

carlos castillo - December 21, 2011 at 12:00 AM