



Gilbert Portillo Orozco

October 19, 1930 - March 26, 2018

On March 26th, 2018 Gilbert joined the Lord with his loving family at his side at Kaiser in Fremont, CA. Survived by his wife of 67 years Paula Galvan Orozco; sons: Larry, James & his wife Debbie, and Jeff & his wife Susie; grandchildren: Jennifer (Amit), Anthony, Danielle, Katie, Jeffrey Jr., Lauren, Thomas, and Matthew; and great grandson Angel Jr. Also survived by his brother Ernie, and many nieces, nephews, and cousins. Preceded in death by his son Gilbert D. Orozco on January 9th, 2018.

Gilbert was born on October 19th, 1930 in Carpinteria, CA to Jose J. Portillo and Margarita Orozco. At an early age Gilbert moved with relatives to Decoto, CA. In his youth, he excelled in football (his nickname was "Snags"), basketball, and track. In 1949 he graduated from Washington Union High School in Centerville, CA. After high school he went on to play semi-pro football with the Hayward Raiders. He worked for Alameda County Public Works Dept. for 34 years and retired as a traffic painter supervisor. Gilbert was a little league coach and adult sports coach to many teams over the years, and he was the co-founder of the Union City Athletic Club.

Gilbert's hobbies included leather crafts, and beautification projects at his home. He enjoyed bus trips with Paula to Reno, Tahoe, Laughlin, and Las Vegas. He also enjoyed family vacations to Pinecrest, Yosemite, Nor Cal, So Cal, and to his dad's ranch. He was fond of big band music and country

music. He was keen on reading almost every day whether it was the newspaper, magazines, or novels, especially when the topic pertained to California history. Gilbert loved family gatherings such as birthdays, graduations, reunions, and the holidays. He also loved sports and was THE #1 fan for all of his sons and grandchildren. He relished in their sporting events, extracurricular activities, and special life events. The sharing of real life stories with his family was a very special gift of his that we all will hold dear to our hearts forever!

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, April 4th, from 5-8pm with a Vigil at 6:30pm at Fremont Memorial Chapel, 3723 Peralta Blvd., Fremont, CA 94536. A final viewing will be held on Thursday, April 5th at 12:30pm and a Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 1pm, all at Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church, 703 C St., Union City, CA 94587. Burial will follow at Chapel of the Chimes Memorial Park in Hayward, CA 94540.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 4. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (PT)

Fremont Memorial Chapel
3723 Peralta Boulevard
Fremont, CA 94536
1-510-793-8900
fremontchapeloftheroses@yahoo.com
<https://www.fremontmemorialchapel.com>

Vigil

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Burial

APR 5 (PT)

Chapel of the Chimes Memorial Park
32992 Mission Boulevard
Hayward, CA 94544

Viewing

APR **5**. 12:30 PM (PT)

Our Lady of the Rosary Church
703 C Street
Union City, CA 94587

Tribute Wall

BM

“ *Our Prayers are with you and Family. From The Mota Family.*

Beatrice Mota - April 05, 2018 at 08:46 PM

BM

“ *To my wonderful cousin, many great memories of you and your family. Our prayer are with you and family on this sad day.*

Beatrice Mota - April 05, 2018 at 08:39 PM

LA

“ *Little Angel lit a candle in memory of Gilbert Portillo Orozco*



Little Angel - April 03, 2018 at 12:23 PM



Dorothy Montano

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Dorothy Montano - April 02, 2018 at 05:08 PM

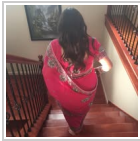


Katie
Orozco

“ *For my Granpa, I love you forever.
--From one of your nine sacks of potatoes*



Katie Orozco - April 02, 2018 at 11:46 AM



“ *I'll never forget all of the stories that you told
me, everything you taught me, and all of the
songs that we sang together. From hanging
out in your backyard and front yard to eating
snacks at home or eating out...thanks for
everything and being you! I love you!!*” — *With Love Always,
Pumpkin*



Jennifer Orozco - April 02, 2018 at 03:28 AM

KF

“ *Kenita Ferguson lit a candle in memory of
Gilbert Portillo Orozco*



Kenita Ferguson - March 31, 2018 at 12:55 AM