



Frank Clement Delgado

November 23, 1946 - May 6, 2025

Our loving husband, father, grandfather, and great grandfather, Frank Clement Delgado, courageously faced the departure from his earthly body to join our Lord in eternal rest. Daily, over the past few months, with his family by his side and his outer self wasting away he realized his inner self being renewed, fully committing to be with the Lord on May 6, 2025.

Frank was born on November 23, 1946, in Scottsbluff, Nebraska to Frank and Carmen Delgado. His family farmed in the Scottsbluff and Gering area of Nebraska but realized their dream of owning their own farm when in 1963 they acquired land as part of the Columbian Basin Federal Reclamation project in Royal City, Washington. Along with his parents and numerous siblings, they cleared the land of its native sagebrush to raise sugar beets and later alfalfa proving dreams can be reality through hard work and dedication.

Frank graduated from Othello High School in 1964. Encouraged by his older brother, Pete and Pete's wife, Linda, he moved in with their family and attended college nearby in York, Nebraska, where he met his future wife, Sherry. They married on October 18, 1969, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in York, Nebraska and settled in the Columbia Basin. Left to cherish his memory is his wife, Sherry, of 55 years and their children. He is survived by his son Frank D. Delgado and his children Brandon (Molly) parents to great-grandchildren, Callie and Flynn; Noah (Meghan), Ethan, and Addyson; daughter Kyla Delgado (Clayton Powell) and their children Cameron (Maria) Powell parents to great grandchildren Claysen and Casey, Caden (Deja

Hankins), and Caleb; daughter Carmen Delgado; son Anthony Delgado and his daughter Taylyn; daughter Jessica (Dustin) Gerber and their children Maxwell and Tyler. In addition, he is survived by three sisters, Mary (Bob) Hesting, Lola (Richard) Monroe and Lydia Mullineaux. He will be remembered by sister-in-laws Kathy, Selma and Linda Delgado, Vicky Nienhueser and Jeanette Wittgren. Brother-in-laws Jack Petree and Terry Wittgren and his numerous nieces and nephews, a special friend of the family, Tom Shimura, and his adopted grandchildren Julio, Julie and Brandon, Eddie, and Jaqi. He was preceded in death by his parents Frank and Carmen Delgado, his brothers; Joe, Leonard, Pete and Simon Delgado and sisters Nellie (Sister Francesca) Delgado, Francis Shipe and Sally Petree. Sister-in-law Elvita Delgado and brothers-in-laws Gary Nienhueser, Michael Shipe, and Rodney Mullineaux.

Frank spent 30 years with the State of Washington Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS). During his tenure with DSHS, he was twice honored to receive the Governor's Lifesaving Award for his quick actions to save the lives of others or bravery in an emergency. After retiring from DSHS in 2002 he was not content being an idle man and decided to spend the next five years as a para-educator at Moses Lake High School (MLHS) assisting in the ESL program. Many of his students whom he greatly influenced have kept in contact with him for his commitment to aid them in learning the English language and transitioning to a new culture in America. After his time at MLHS Frank tried to retire a second time and failed when he was called upon by the state of Washington to assist at the WorkSource office in Moses Lake. When the office closed during the COVID-19 pandemic he was forced to retire and kept himself busy with his church community.

Frank was a devout Catholic and dedicated himself to serving the parish community at Our Lady of Fatima. He taught CCD classes and volunteered many hours grooming and trimming the parish grounds or planting flowers to beautify the landscape. He also served as a lector, eucharistic minister, a member of the Hope and Remembrance Committee, and occasionally

volunteering in the church office. Frank's habit was to pray daily, both in the morning and evening, and often would add on a Rosary or Mass for good measure. Following the advice of St. Padre Pio, he enjoyed spiritual reading and found a habit that had the power to direct a change of course and enter into the way of perfection. Frank took his faith seriously but not without a sense of humor as was evident by his feigned irritation that the Pope beat him to Heaven.

While Frank was admired and respected for his work ethic professionally and service to the parish community he will be remembered for his friendly and welcoming demeanor. Friends and acquaintances were many and he always greeted others with a smile and a hug and if you were lucky enough a jar of salsa. However, it was his family that took priority. Family dinners were a weekly occurrence at the Delgado household with all the kids, grandkids, great grandkids and family friends. Special holidays such as Easter, Christmas, Thanksgiving, Mother's and Father's Day, 4th of July, and birthdays were a requirement. Not wanting to miss his final Easter egg hunt he rallied everyone to rearrange the furniture and move his hospital bed front and center of the windows. He did not want to miss seeing the kids while enjoying one last view of his lawn and the Saddle Mountains, which he loved.

His final wishes were few. To hear his Harley one more time; thank you Uncle Terry for riding it out of the garage and to his window. To see his Mustang leave the garage. Somehow, together we got the seats back in it, the engine started, and you to the driveway so we could reminisce as it idled nearby. However, his greatest wish was to remain at home, and he remarked more than once how grateful he was to have all his children home and caring for him. It was remarkable how we became a household of seven again as we were all together over the last few months of your life. It has been an honor to love and serve you Dad during our final journey as a family. Your death a lesson in the joy found through service to others and the power of faith. You will be greatly missed but your legacy of love and family will live on. Our belief

that we will be together again with you and our loving God the Father, the Lord Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit and all the angels and saints lessen the loss we feel at your passing.

On Monday, May 12, 2025 a Rosary will be held at 10 a.m., followed by a Mass at 10:30 a.m. at Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church, 200 N. Dale Rd., Moses Lake, Washington. Please join the family for a luncheon immediately following Mass in the Fatima Center. The burial will be held at 3:30 p.m. at Royal Memorial Garden in Royal City, Washington. Arrangements are under the care of Kayser's Chapel of Memories, Moses Lake, Washington.

Memorials may be made in Frank's name and memory to Our Lady of Fatima Building Fund.

Previous Events

Rosary

MAY 12. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (PT)

Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church
200 N. Dale Road
Moses Lake, WA

Mass

MAY 12. 10:30 AM (PT)

Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church
200 N. Dale Road
Moses Lake, WA

Luncheon reception

MAY 12. 11:30 AM (PT)

Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church
200 N. Dale Road
Moses Lake, WA

Graveside Service

MAY 12. 3:30 PM (PT)

Royal Memorial Gardens
900 Apple Ave NE
Royal City, WA

Tribute Wall

LA

“ I just saw that Frank has passed to his Heavenly home. God be with you all. What a very very dear man. He will be greatly missed.

Laurie Ahmann - June 16, 2025 at 10:23 PM



“ I left home almost 10 years ago and I've yet to find that best jar of homemade salsa yet. I can't remember where i met Frank but he always made sure he made a jar of salsa with extra garlic special for my husband. He always had a smile on his face and a hug to top it off. Thank you for the hugs and constant smiles Frank. Rest easy.

Robin Lynn - June 13, 2025 at 07:32 PM

JW

“ Sherry and family - so sorry for your loss. I just saw this today. Frank was so full of life and always had a smile. He will be greatly missed.

JULIE WEISENBURG - May 28, 2025 at 03:06 PM

SS

“ Sherry and family, I just heard today of Frank passing. I am so sorry and saddened by this news. Frank and I had a lot of fun and laughs working together for many years. I will miss his smile and hugs. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and family.

Sherry Smith - May 18, 2025 at 06:54 PM

RR

“ Frank and I were class mates in Othello for many years and friends for many more. His death is a huge surprise to me as we just had a little reunion at the Safeway courtesy counter. Gave no hint of sickness at that time. Will always remember my visits to their family farm in Royal and Frank as a true friend.

Rick Rietz - May 13, 2025 at 11:19 PM

RR

“ Dear Sherry and family,

So sorry to hear of Frankie's passing. We just heard today (Feast of Our Lady of Fatima). We had been keeping Frankie in our prayers. Surely Our Lady and Our Lord are smiling on him now. Our deepest sympathies to you and yours.

Hugs and blessings and much love,
Terry, Rose, and Jennifer

Rose Russell - May 13, 2025 at 10:05 PM



“ My deepest condolences to all the family Prayers for all

Raquel Gonzales - May 13, 2025 at 01:12 PM

PC

“ Perla p castro lit a candle in memory of Frank Delgado



Perla p castro - May 12, 2025 at 11:21 PM

TA

“ Sherry and family, our deepest condolences to you and your family. You are all in our thoughts and prayers. Love you all! Luis, Trina, Carlos and Louie Alfaro



Trina Alfaro - May 12, 2025 at 06:25 PM

IG

“ Sherry and family our most sincere condolences, I work with Frank at DSHS fir many years, will miss his big smile and big hugs, prayers for all if you during this difficult time, may he Rest in Peace Iliana Garza

Iliana Garza - May 12, 2025 at 02:57 PM

SM

“ Sherry and family, My thoughts and prayers are with you all. I always liked Frank. He always had a hug and a smile, every time I'd see him.

Sue McCargar - May 10, 2025 at 08:39 PM

BB

Sherry and Family, I just learned of Frank's passing. We worked together at DSHS for seventeen years. He always had a smile on his face and could say a kind word or joke to put a smile on other faces. He always made great salsa. I'm sure his laughter, smiles, and kindness will be missed. May God be with his loved ones. Blessings to all.

Brenda Barnecut - May 28, 2025 at 04:49 PM

KL

“ So sorry to hear of his loss. Frank was a special man to many but always a beloved father figure to me. Always a hug and a smile with his warm laugh. His deep faith was always present. His earthly loss is hard but I am sure heaven is better with him there! Hugs and prayers to Sherry and the Delgado family during this difficult time.
Kari Perrault Laywell

Kari Perrault Laywell - May 10, 2025 at 12:15 AM

FG

“ Sherry & family, I am so sorry to hear of Frank passing. He was a great guy & all the years we worked together at DSHS we had lots of laughs.
Prayers to all the family during this difficult time. Fran Grant

Fran Grant - May 09, 2025 at 05:35 PM

TW

“ Frank met alot to me I remember attending a concert with him and Sherry in 1974 he was best man at our wedding. I was not very good at showing or telling feelings but as I look at his family the closeness the Love you easily see Frank and what he believed and meant prayers and Love for him and the whole family Terry Wittgren.

Terry wittgren - May 08, 2025 at 10:19 PM