

Hector R Hernandez

December 5, 2022

Hector R Hernandez, 72, passed away peacefully surrounded by his wife and children on Monday, December 5, 2022. He lived in Moses Lake, WA for 57 years. Viewing in repose will be Tuesday, December 13 from 12:00-4:00 pm at Kayser's Chapel 831 S Pioneer Way. Rosary followed by mass will be held at 10:00 am Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church 200 N Dale Road. Interment to follow at Guarding Angels Cemetery 2595 Rd L NE, Moses Lake, WA 98837

Hector was born in 1950 in Hereford, TX, son of the late Gregorio A Hernandez and Genoveva Hernandez. Both parents passed away before he was two so he and his siblings were raised by maternal grandmother, Martha Rodriguez. They lived in Mathis, TX for 10 years. Hector went to school and learned to speak English there. A terrible hurricane named Ella hit the region in 1958. The family had to evacuate to the school for 3 days along with about 300 people. After his grandmother's death in 1960, he went to live with his uncle Florentino and aunt Juanita Rodriguez. In 1963 when Hector was in 6th grade the family moved to Washington. He went to school in White Swan and Wapato. He worked in various agricultural fields including hops, beets, strawberries, and whatever was in season. He loved the Native American culture and was sometimes mistaken as a native but never denied it.

In September of 1964 the family was traveling for work in California. There were 12 of them in a truck with a covered bed. A semi hit them from behind, killing 4 cousins and his brother, Lico. Hector sustained a broken back and

spent 2 months in the hospital recovering. God in His divine intervention spared Hector's life because He had greater plans for him. The family returned to Washington and Hector graduated from Moses Lake High School in 1971 at the age of 20. It took him longer because he missed so much school from the accident. He valued education and never missed an opportunity to attend the graduation ceremonies of all his children and grandchildren of whom he was extremely proud.

In 1972 Hector met the Love of his Life, Margarita Garcia. She invited him for coffee, and he wasn't going to say "No"! She had 5 children from a previous marriage: Debbie, Bonnie, Danny, Leland, Jr "Noonie" and Mary. They got married after just 6 months on November 4th, 1972. Hector completely loved the children and never made a distinction between them and his own. Little Noonie was diagnosed with leukemia in 1969 and bravely battled for 8 years. Hector's quiet strength, patience and unconditional lovingkindness led the family during this difficult time. On January 15, 1976 Little Noonie went home to the Lord. Hector always kept his memory alive, demonstrating his deep love. Hector and Margarita added Genoveva to their family in 1974, Florentino in 1977 and Isidra in 1984.

Hector worked in the agricultural industry all his life. He loved his job at Willow Drive and worked there for 35 years. He was loved by all and given the nickname El Cowboy, probably because he looked so handsome in his cowboy hat. Hector and Margarita had their marriage consecrated by the Catholic church on March 26, 1977. Their spiritual journey was inspired by Noonie's death and led them deeper in their faith. They made their first Cursillo in 1977. Hector continued ministering to others through the Cursillo movement. He was involved in planning and serving on many retreats during his life. He was active in the Ultrea meetings where members would pray and study the bible. He enjoyed visiting lifelong friends he met through the church. Hector was presented a Key Award recognizing 40 years of service in the

Cursillo movement. He was a faithful member of Our Lady of Fatima Catholic church, served on the Columbarium committee with Don Adolphson, assisted with funerals, and was a choir member under the direction of Johnny Joe Rodriguez. He played the tambourine, rattle percussion and a little guitar. He was known for being a handyman who learned to do most anything from fixing cars, painting houses, installing underground sprinklers and building decks and sheds. Over the years, Hector's generous spirit brought countless people joy.

In 2010 Hector suffered a major cardiac arrest and was blessed to survive. He retired and had more time to enjoy the things he loved; family celebrations with his large extended family and cheering on the Seahawks and Mariners. He kept his yard beautifully trimmed and grew flowers for his wife to enjoy. Despite his heart trouble, he was able to stay active by creating bead rosaries and crosses for people. Every year he showed his joy through decorating for the holidays with lights and his famous creepy pumpkin scarecrow. He was known for his lively storytelling and ability to put people at ease and make them laugh. Hector's unique gift to love unconditionally was his strength and will live forever in the hearts of all those who knew him.

Survivors:

Wife- Margarita G Hernandez, Children- Debbie (Gerardo) Perez, Bonnie (Rey) Rodriguez, Danny (Jennifer) Jones, Mary (Eric) Hatfield, Genoveva (Robert) Ambris, Florentino G (Chrissy) Hernandez, Isidra Hernandez (Jason Tusa), Brothers- Domingo Rodriguez and Luke Medlin, Sister- Josie Stevens. 16 grandchildren, 13 great grandchildren, 2 great great grandchildren and numerous sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law, and many special nieces and nephews,

Preceded in death: Children- Leland, Jr. (Little Noonie), Cindy Jones, Parents-

Gregorio and Genoeva Hernandez, Grandmother- Martha Rodriguez,
Brothers: Gilbert (Virginia) Hernandez, Lico Hernandez, Nephew: Gilbert
Hernandez, Sister: Rosita (Angel) Perez, Grandson: Juan M Vasquez (Pooky)

Cemetery Details

Guarding Angels Cemetery

2595 Road L N.E.
Moses Lake, WA 98837
(509) 765-7848

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **13**. 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM (PT)

Kayser's Chapel of Memories
831 S. Pioneer Way
Moses Lake, WA

Rosary

DEC **14**. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (PT)

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

Mass

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Tribute Wall

RJ

“ Love U Grandpa-pa-pa if there's one thing I'll never forget is when i handed you the beaded cross necklace I made and the joy it brought to you when I said it's for you, then to seal the deal you said you wouldn't take it off ever, you stuck to your word and not once did I ever show up to say hi or visit that I didn't see you wearing it. Knowing that you put so much loving energy into that necklace has brought me the most joy I could say I ever have had. If I only knew that you loved things like that beaded cross way sooner I probably would have made you more beaded gifts. I'll never forget you grandpa but I'll surely miss you and the way you made me smile.



Reynaldo L. Rodriguez Jr - December 10, 2022 at 09:42 PM

BL

Mary and Family. I never met your dad but if he's the kind of loving parent like you are his impact will be with you always. You will see your papa again. {Betty Leadon}

Betty Leadon - December 14, 2022 at 03:53 PM

TA

“ Maggie and family, we are so sorry for the loss of Hector. You are all in our thoughts and prayers. Love, Luis and Trina Alfaro



Trina Alfaro - December 09, 2022 at 02:10 PM

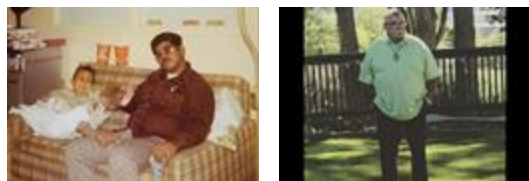
NI

“ *Danny & Jennifer,
I am so sorry for the loss of your Father. Know my prayers are with
your family.*
NikieAnn Mandelas Smith

nikieann - December 09, 2022 at 10:25 AM

GA

“ *LOVE You Always and Forever Sweet Daddy our Golden Heart
Angel* 🙏🏻🌈🥰



Genoveva R. Ambris - December 09, 2022 at 01:48 AM

MG

“ *Manuel Gloria Gomez lit a candle in memory
of Hector Hernandez*



Manuel & Gloria Gomez - December 08, 2022 at 09:46 PM