



Jose "Pete" Gamboa

December 22, 1934 - December 9, 2016

Jose Demetrio "Pete" Gamboa passed away on December 9, 2016 at the age of 81. He was born to Paula and Gumecindo Gamboa on December 22, 1934 in Edinburg, Texas. Jose grew up with 8 brothers and 4 sisters. At a young age his family migrated across the United States following the agricultural seasons. Jose loved to share with others many fond memories of his travels through, Arizona, New Mexico, California, Louisiana, Oregon and Washington. The Gamboa family made their final move from Tejas to the lower valley (Sunnyside, Washington) in March of 1947. Days were filled with long work hours and many family memories were made. Jose taught his family the importance of taking pride in a day's work. He frequently shared with his children the value of hard work and what it was like to pick cotton, grapes, and strawberries, cut asparagus, and work in the hops and papas. His military experience and continued self-education led to sharpening his skills for employment as a mechanic and truck driver for John Deere and Massey Ferguson in Moses Lake.

Jose was drafted into the Army in September of 1958. He was stationed in Fort Gordon, Georgia, and honorably discharged in 1964. Jose was proud to have served his country. He took pride in raising the United States flag at his home every national holiday.

In 1960 Jose married Delia Lopez in Sunnyside, Washington. They had three children, Debra, Sandra, and Ross. Making their home in Moses Lake.

In 1979 Jose remarried to Salome "Sally" Cantu in Mabton, Washington.

Together they made their home in Moses Lake for 37 years.

Jose decided retirement wasn't for him. Pete and his son, Ross started Moses Lake Lawn Enforcement as a way to keep busy. This hobby grew from a few residential lawns to commercial and real-estate properties. Pete reminded his customers that "Our roots run deep in Grant County."

In August of 2016 Jose temporarily relocated to Seattle while undergoing treatment for cancer. During these past few months Jose was cared for by his family and he had many opportunities to engage in memorable conversations with family members. Many conversations were from the past and many new ones were made. On October 18, 2016 Jose returned to Moses Lake to enjoy the comfort of his home and spend his final days close to family and friends.

Jose is survived by his wife, Sally Gamboa; his children, Debra Ruiz (Orlando), Sandra Martinez (Erasmus), and Ross Lee Gamboa; nine grandchildren; twenty great grandchildren, and two great great grandchildren. Jose also leaves behind 4 brothers, Magdaleno Gamboa, Erasmo Gamboa, Luis Gamboa and Ernesto Gamboa. We will all truly miss his sense of humor, companionship, generosity, and most importantly his love.

Holy Rosary will be prayed at 10:30 a.m. and Mass of Christian Burial at 11:00a.m. on Friday, December 16, 2016 at Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church, 200 N. Dale Rd., Moses Lake.

Sign online guestbook at www.kayserschapel.com Arrangements are in care of Kayser's Chapel & Crematory.

Cemetery Details

Our Lady of Fatima Columbarium

200 N Dale Road
Moses Lake, WA

Previous Events

Service

DEC 16. 10:30 AM (PT)

Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church (Holy Rosary)
200 North Dale Road
Moses Lake, WA

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Tribute Wall



“ Terri Garcia lit a candle in memory of Jose
"Pete" Gamboa



Terri Garcia - December 16, 2016 at 01:00 AM

VG

“ I will never forget the *BEST* memories my grandpa Joe gave me
and my kids! You will never be forgotten grandpa, love you always
and forever! #Gamboa strong



Veronica his granddaughter - December 14, 2016 at 06:28 PM

DD

Love this photo mija!

Debra Gamboa his oldest daughter - December 15, 2016 at 05:19 AM

Jennie
Ross

“ Jennie Ross lit a candle in memory of Jose
"Pete" Gamboa



Jennie Ross - December 13, 2016 at 03:05 PM

MG

“ I love you grandpa. You're missed beyond words could ever express. We love u so very much. We will keep the love you gave us & your memories alive. Fly with the angels. please give my love to my dad Mayo & my baby boy damian. This isn't goodbye, it's I'll see you later in my dreams. Xoxoxo 💕💕 your Lester forever & Angelina Francesca



Miranda Castro his granddaughter. - December 13, 2016 at 02:30 PM



So sorry for your loss! Prayers for you and your whole beautiful family.

Candy Rada - December 15, 2016 at 08:14 PM

MC

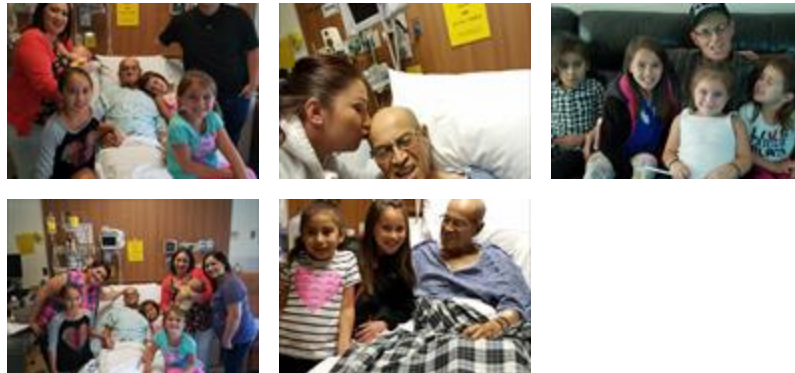
“ Miranda Castro lit a candle in memory of Jose "Pete" Gamboa



Miranda Castro - December 13, 2016 at 02:18 PM

MC

“ 8 files added to the album Grandkids



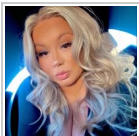
Miranda Castro - December 13, 2016 at 02:17 PM

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“ Debra Gamboa His Oldest Daughter lit a candle in memory of Jose "Pete" Gamboa



Debra Gamboa his oldest daughter - December 13, 2016 at 12:11 PM



“ Grandpa Joe you are missed dearly . Your presences on earth has touched me forever. I will never forget the memories and the bond we created. Heaven gained another Angel. I love you forever and always .

Love your smoochie



Ra'Quel Gamboa - December 13, 2016 at 11:33 AM

DD

“ *My sweet Dad, I miss you already so much! Big thank you for all your love, companionship , and all your unconditional generosity that you have given to me and my children and great grandchildren! Your absence is already hurting us. Your willingness to fight your battle of cancer was a challenge to all of us, but you showed us your will power to fight.*

Thank you for being the brother, cousin,uncle,friend, grandpa,& Dad to all of us. I enjoyed our journey together in Seattle. My most memorable time spent with you will forever be in my heart as we held hands during your journey to your heavenly home. Tremendous amount of love sent your way until we meet again.

Debra Ann Gamboa -Ruiz

Debra Gamboa his oldest daughter - December 12, 2016 at 02:31 PM

EG

Debbie, Ross and Sandy sorry for your loss. prayers sent your way.

Elvia Martinez Garcia - December 14, 2016 at 03:06 AM

DD

Thank you so much, its truly amazing how much lives he touch.

Debra Gamboa his oldest daughter - December 15, 2016 at 05:18 AM

AH

It is with sadness that we express our love and sympathies to the Gamboa family. We shall forever cherish our memories with Joe . With love and our sincerest respect. Alicia & Reynaldo Hernandez & family.

Alicia Hernandez - December 15, 2016 at 04:57 PM

DC

Thank You so much, loosing Dad is the hardest challenge of my life. Thanks for your continued friendship!

debra Castro - March 08, 2017 at 08:03 PM