



Justino Hernandez

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Justino “El Gatillero” Hernandez, longtime Moses Lake resident and patriarch of one of the largest farm-labor families of Eastern Washington, was peacefully serenaded home through the lyrics of his favorite song, “Que Me Entierren Con La Banda”, whilst surrounded by the unconditional love of all his family. Our father fought with integrity, courage, and humility up until his last breath.

Justino migrated to “El Norte” from Michoacan Mexico in 1979 to provide for his growing family who still lived in Mexico. Several years later, he was reunited with his wife and children in Kettleman City, California. Eventually, He and his family made their way to Washington State where he chose Moses Lake as a permanent home for his family.

Justino believed that progress was not possible without hard work and so he and his family spent many years working the fields and orchards of Washington State, Montana, and Wyoming. These were some of the best years of his life as Justino took pride in teaching his children about the value of hard work and spending time with family.

Justino was innately adventurous and outgoing making friends wherever he went. He often traveled back to Mexico to visit his many siblings, extended family, and friends. They loved him dearly and will feel his absence as well.

Together he and his wife of thirty-eight years, Imelda Hernandez, raised nine children: Martina Chichowicz (Brian) of Spokane, WA, Gricelda Oliva (Andres) of Moses Lake, WA, Araceli Hernandez (Rey) of Ephrata, WA, Ismael Hernandez (Mirabel) of Othello, WA, Justino Jr. of Los Angeles, CA, Azucena Halmsteiner (Sunny) of Moses Lake, WA, Carlos Hernandez (Claudia), Tijuana, MX, Darlene Chavez (Sergio), Connell, WA, Angela Hernandez (Javier) of Wenatchee, WA.

Justino is also survived by 27 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren who live within Central and Eastern Washington.

He will also be dearly missed by his loving siblings, nieces, nephews, extended family, and friends who all reside within the United States and Mexico.

Justino will leave a legacy for the love of music, dancing, parties, spending time with family, traveling, exploring, love of nature and backyard bar-b-ques of carne asada and chiles asados.

Our father loved to laugh, tell stories of his adventures and life, he could sit and talk for hours. Anyone who had the honor of meeting our father could agree. He will forever be missed by all whose lives he touched. A man with a personality larger than life with the most contagious laugh ever. We will all miss you "Deri", until we meet again.

"Aqui se acabo el corrido del Gatillero" – Justino Hernandez

Cemetery Details

Guarding Angels Cemetery

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

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 17. 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM (PT)

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

Mass

JAN 18. 10:00 AM (PT)

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

Tribute Wall

CH

“ *Carlos Hernandez lit a candle in memory of Justino Hernandez*



Carlos Hernandez - June 16, 2022 at 12:35 PM

CH

“ *Hola Daddy, siento que por aqui es el iniquo lugar por donde hablar contigo. Aunque se que no lo puedas leer aqui. Estoy escuchando tus favoritas rolas de Ramon Ayala y Los cadetes de linares. Te extraño bien mucho Daddy. Me haces un monton de falta. Nunca dejo de pensar en ti. Siempre se me vienen los tiempos que pasamos en Reynosa, Minnesota y Michoacan. Fuiste el mejor padre del mundo. I love you daddy! Te extraño mucho!*



Carlos El Kittie Hernandez - May 03, 2022 at 05:23 PM

CH

“ *Carlos Hernandez lit a candle in memory of Justino Hernandez*



Carlos Hernandez - April 14, 2022 at 01:24 PM

IH

“ Dad,
I know you can't read this but I want you to know that I will always hold very close to my heart, Our conversations, our moments together while drinking a cup of coffee and our trips cruising around town. I will cherish those moments forever. I take great comfort in that you will be waiting for me when my time on this earth comes to an end. We will see each other again, Until then, I will carry your spirit, strength and courage everywhere I go. I Love you Deri..
Tú Mayito



Ismael Hernández - January 16, 2022 at 08:13 PM

PM

To the Hernandez family my condolences it's a blessing to have known your father I'm truly sorry from your neighbor

Paul Martinez - January 19, 2022 at 06:15 AM

DM

Rest Easy Mr.Hernandez thank you for always asking about your grandchild,when I would see you.

Denise Moncada - January 29, 2022 at 12:13 AM

CH

Hi Daddy, Hoy es tu cumple y me duele mucho no poder llamarte y desearte un feliz dia. Pero estes donde estes quiero que sepas que nunca dejo de pensar en ti. Que te extraño, hecho de menos tus palabras, chistes, riza y tus llamadas. Happy birthday Daddy. Siempre te extranare. I love you daddy!!

Tu Kitt,
Charlie Brown

Carlos Hernandez - April 14, 2022 at 01:20 PM

IH

“ Deri,
Yo sé que no puedes leer esto pero quiero que sepas que siempre guardaré en mi corazón nuestras conversaciones, nuestros momentos juntos, los momentos cuando nos echábamos una tacita de café juntos e cuando íbamos “cruising around”. Teníamos una relación como padre e hijo pero también como muy buenos amigos. Una relación especial. Te quiero mucho Deri y nunca te olvidare, Sé que me estarás esperando cuando Diosito me recoja ami. No hasta siempre, Sino hasta que nos vuélvanos aver de nuevo. 🙏😔 Tu Mayito...

Ismael Hernández - January 16, 2022 at 07:49 PM

DC

“ My Deri, siempre siempre vas a estar en mi corazón ❤️. Diosito te tenga en su Santa Gloria ✨✨. “Hold on mi Awin, Hold on mi Awin”! Nunca se te olvide que tu Awin te quiere muchísimo y que Diosito nos dará licencia de vernos otra vez.



Darlene Hernandez Chavez - January 12, 2022 at 08:44 PM

DC

“ My Deri, siempre siempre estarás en mi corazón. Diosito te tenga en su santa gloria ✨ “Hold on mi Awin hold on mi Awin” nunca se te olvide que tu Awin te va extrañar muchísimo y Dios nos de licencia de vernos otra vez.



Darlene Hernandez Chavez - January 12, 2022 at 08:15 PM