



David Edwin Salazar

March 12, 1944 - April 3, 2021

David Edwin Salazar died peacefully surrounded by family on April 3, 2021 in American Fork, Utah. He will be remembered as a husband, Army veteran, beloved brother, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather.

David was born on March 12, 1944 in Los Angeles, California to Jesus “Jesse” Nevarez Salazar, a native of San Luis Potosi, Mexico, and Clara Pauline Ventris, from Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. At the young age of 17, he joined the U.S. Army and was stationed in Berlin, Germany’s American zone during the cold war beginning in 1961. After serving his country, he married Rosemarie Gonzales after telling family they were “going out for chili dogs” on December 14, 1964 in Los Angeles, California. Together, they had four children: David Jr. (Millcreek, UT), Jeanette (American Fork, UT), Loretta (Taylorsville, UT), and Marilyn (Taylorsville, UT). In 2000, he later married Diane Lares of Madera, California.

Dad will be remembered for the many talents he shared with his family, friends, and neighbors. He created many handcrafted wood projects, maintained and repaired autos, and remodeled our family home including the addition of a 4-car garage where he enjoyed spending time on hobbies and home projects after work and on weekends. He even ambitiously trained as a pilot and flew a two-seater airplane, which he built from a kit!

Among the things he loved, Dad enjoyed going to the movie theater, sitting with a buttered popcorn and watching sci-fi movies. But family, above all else, was the most precious and important thing to him. He was a good listener and later in life ended each phone call saying: #SayHiToTheGang & #LoveYouAll. Other favorite sayings his children and grandchildren will remember hearing include: #NoCuttinUp #ReadTheManual #HeyKid

David is preceded in death by his parents; sister, Jeanette; and, brothers, Jimmy, Ray, and Jesse. He is survived by siblings Carol, Kathleen, Mary, Vicky, and Paul; children: David Salazar, Jr., Jeanette Albers (David), Loretta Brazelton (Wade), Marilyn Tuivaiti; nine grandchildren, Michael, Andrew, Catherine, Penina, Daniel, Caleb, Coy, Bronson, and Collin; five great-grandchildren, Henry, Jack, Elowyn, Iris, and Astro; wife, Diane, and stepsons, Johnny and Raymond.

WE LOVE YOU DAD! We'll see you, and say "hi" to the gang on the other side.

SERVICE INFO: A private service will be held for the family.

SPECIAL THANKS: We are grateful to the doctors and several staff who provided care at Huntsman Cancer Institute, hematologist/oncologist Dr. Karen Lin (St. George, UT), and the nurses and medical support staff with Intermountain Home Health and hospice care services.

Tribute Wall



“ *David Edwin Salazar*

October 05, 2023 at 07:49 PM



“ *Missing you a little extra today Grandpa! Yesterday there was a rainbow and no matter what way I turned I could see it. Thank you for showing me you are still here with me* 🤍



Penina Valenciano - May 11, 2021 at 09:07 AM



“ *I love you Daddy!*



Jeanette Albers - April 08, 2021 at 05:09 PM

RH

*I'm so sorry fir your loss..
I been searching for your dad..
We were neighbors in tracy..
Your dad was the happiest. Kind.person..
He always talk about his kids and family..
Was awesome he build a kit plabe in the back yard..remember his dog Bert..
I'm so heart broken I didn't talk with your dad..he is a good man..
I also been looking for you..
God bless you all ..
Rose Hernández*

Rose hernandez - July 01, 2021 at 10:27 AM

JE

*Thank you Rose. I would love to chat with you.
- Jeanette*

Jeanette - August 18, 2021 at 11:14 PM

LB

Rose, Thank you for reaching out. I remember you and your little girl. So cute! I'm sure she is all grown up now. My dad was able to spend his last few months with us. He was such a fighter. He fought until the end. He was able to help the hospital out with one last bone marrow sample. I was with him when they did it. He was determined to get results. The treatment worked was for his acute case of Leukemia. Unfortunately for him, his chronic case of leukemia ramped up and that is what ultimately took him. He was surrounded by all of his kids and some of his grandchildren when he passed. We miss him everyday. The time we got with him was priceless. Thank you for thinking of him.

Loretta Brazelton - August 25, 2021 at 04:45 PM

JE

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Jeanette - August 31, 2021 at 05:52 PM

JA

“ *More than anything Dad, I'm so grateful you allowed me to serve you! Within myself, it has changed me; I view life a little differently now. As I walk through my home, there's more I appreciate because David & I were given the opportunity to share our home with you. It gave me peace knowing you were just a door away. You'll always be my daddy - the first man I loved! Thanks for all the pep talks, and much more; you helped me heal from so much. Til we meet again...*

Jeanette Albers - April 08, 2021 at 02:48 PM

 David Salazar

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David Salazar - April 08, 2021 at 11:32 AM

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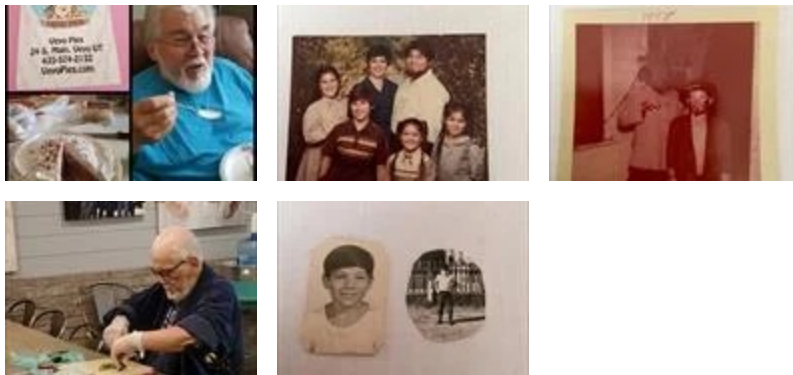
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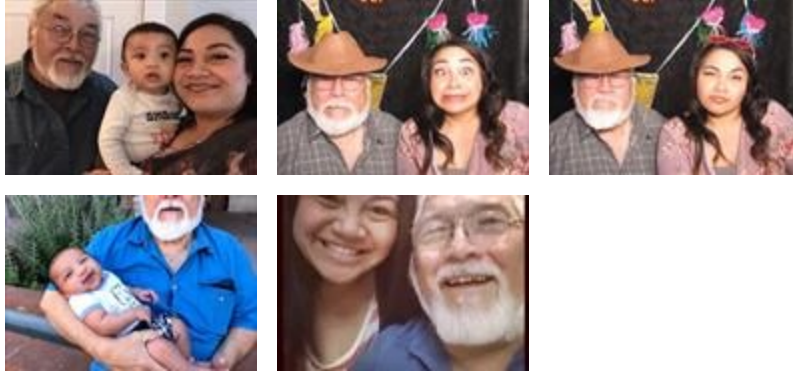
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#favoritedaughter#4 - April 08, 2021 at 01:09 AM

PV

“ Still in shock you're gone and my heart is broken but, I know you're free of pain and are still watching over us. We love you more than words will ever describe!! Thanks for being the best grandpa and papa to me and Jack. Till we meet again, xoxo



Penina Valenciano - April 08, 2021 at 12:15 AM

LN

Dave we will miss you dearly thank you for bring such a great part of our family. Diane loves you dearly & will miss you forever.

Lita Nava - April 08, 2021 at 12:54 AM

MM

“ If you were ever lucky enough to have a brother like David that you could count on,it was David. He always made sure his sisters were ok. And never asked for anything in return. Jeanette,Carole, kathleen, Vicky and me were very lucky to have a brother like you. You will be missed very much. Tell our brothers Jesse,Ray and Jimmy and sis Jeanette will see them one day. Love and miss you all.

Mary Moya - April 07, 2021 at 10:45 PM

BM

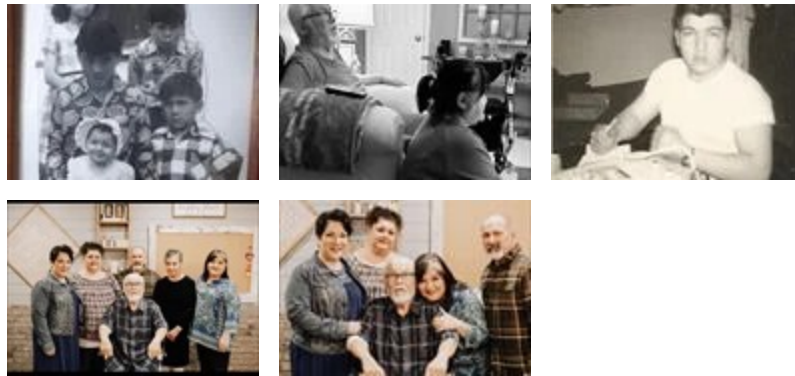
“ Bobby Moya sent a virtual gift in memory of David Edwin Salazar



Bobby Moya - April 07, 2021 at 09:19 PM

LB

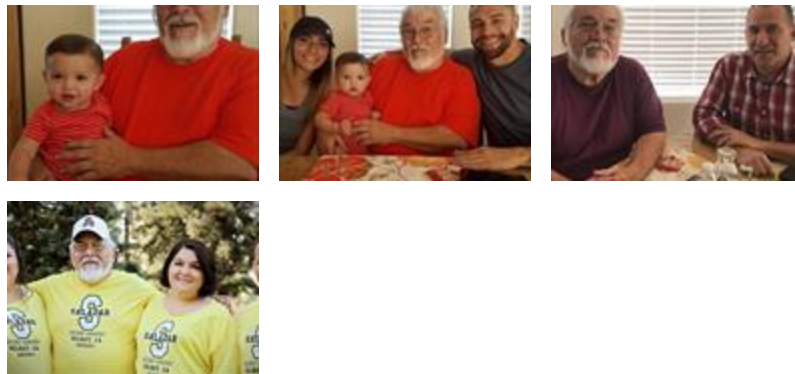
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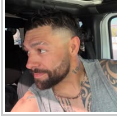
Loretta Brazelton - April 07, 2021 at 09:13 PM

David Salazar

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David Salazar - April 07, 2021 at 07:48 PM



*I still am accepting that you left us and went to heaven grandpa. I know you are soaring up in the skies watching over us we all love you so much and miss you. Rest easy Grandpa
Andrew*

Andrew Salazar - April 07, 2021 at 09:20 PM

JA

Andrew, it means a lot, and says a lot about you, to come see him. Thank you for coming to celebrate him for his birthday, AND to pay your respects after his passing. Sending a BIG [air] hug your way!

Jeanette Albers - April 08, 2021 at 02:38 PM

DJ

“ Love and miss you, Dad. It's still hard to believe you're no longer with us, but you'll always be in our hearts.

DAVID SALAZAR, JR. - April 07, 2021 at 07:44 PM