



## Cosme R. Oropeza

September 27, 1942 - August 30, 2019

Cosme Oropeza, 76, of Corning, California, passed away peacefully on August 30th, 2019, surrounded by family. Cosme was born to Francisco and Paula Oropeza in the town of El Palmito, Durango, Mexico. He was the third oldest of fourteen children. He is survived by his loving wife, Marlene Oropeza, and his children; Diana Morrow (Ray), Gabriel Oropeza (Angie), Louie Oropeza, Marisol Hairston (Jeffrey), and Ashley Oropeza, and his grandchildren Wesley Spuehler, Haley Morrow, Hannah Morrow, Eva Hairston, Jeffrey Jr. Hairston, Cruz Oropeza, and Luca Oropeza. He is the beloved brother to Andy (Liz), Felipe (Wanda), Olga (Don), Memo (Gloria), Cuco (Jessie), Manny (Linda), Susana (Jeff), George (Kristie), Emma (Roger), Lupe (Dan), and a Tio to over forty nieces and nephews. Preceding Cosme in death are his son Ricardo, brothers Francisco Jr (Yolanda), David, sister Bertha (Milo), and parents Francisco and Paula Oropeza.

Cosme lived in Mexico until the mid 1950's, when he and his family moved to Gridley, California. From the Gridley area, he later moved to Red Bluff, where he and some of his brothers started the family restaurant, Francisco's, in 1975. They opened restaurants in Northern California and Idaho. In 1990 he settled in Corning and retired from the restaurant business ten years later. Cosme was an amazing cook, and he continued to share his talent long after closing his restaurant.

Cosme enjoyed working on his cars while rocking out to the oldies in his garage. He cared for an abundance of plants around his home and took great pride in his work. He was an avid runner, running a few miles every week. He was a collector of treasures, repeating the mantra of 'why toss something if it could be fixed'? Cosme enjoyed his trips back to Mexico, soaking up the sun and appreciating the beautiful world in front of him. His less extravagant pastimes were falling asleep to the news, tinkering around on his property, and watching his weeknight novelas. He denied he had a sweet tooth but he was a sucker for Dairy Queen Blizzards (cheesecake), and would "taste" any sweets you left unattended.

Cosme will be dearly missed.

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“ So glad that I had the last couple years to get to know Tio Cosme better. Since my dad passed away Cosme shed a lot of light on my fathers upbringing. Thank you tio I will truly miss you.



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**Javier Oropeza** - September 13, 2019 at 09:46 PM

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