



Carlos Pineda Zamora

December 4, 1957 - February 17, 2023

(English)

Carlos Pineda Zamora, age 65, of North Hollywood, California passed away on Friday, February

17, 2023 after a battle with pancreatic cancer. He died surrounded by his family and in the

comfort of his own home. He was born in Jalisco, Mexico on December 04, 1957 to parents

Felix Zamora and Amalia Pineda Zamora. Carlos was predeceased by his two parents and

three brothers Rafael, Eliseo and Antonio Pineda Zamora. He is survived by his wife of 38 years

Rubidia Vasquez Zamora of Santiago Nonualco, El Salvador; his daughter Candy Najera and

his grandson Rafael Najera; his sons Carlos Zamora Jr. and Jose Luis Zamora; his sisters

Socorro Zamora, Maria de Jesús "Chuy" Zamora Barrios, Ana Maria "Cleta" Zamora Rivas; his

brother Raúl Zamora; and many beloved aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews and friends.

Carlos grew up with his siblings in various pueblos of Jalisco, and fondly called "El Palmar " his

hometown. He had a childhood filled with the hard work of tending to farms,

ranches and fields alongside his father and brothers. He carried this early introduction to physical labor well into his adult career as a small business owner dedicated to the creation of tools that literally help people move. He and his brothers Rafael & Eliseo Pineda Zamora formed Ezee Manufacturing CO., INC., and they successfully ran a family business that has been a staple of the North Hollywood community since 1994 with clients ranging from moving companies such as Hertz rentals, United rentals, and various film and music studios in the San Fernando Valley.

Carlos was introduced to his future wife, Rubidia, by his mother while they all waited to ride the bus to Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Catholic Church in Sun Valley for Sunday service. Carlos and Rubidia were wed in 1984 in Saint Patrick's Catholic Church in North Hollywood, where they both have been life-long laity community members and have sponsored several extended family members in their religious sacraments such as baptisms and first communions.

Carlos was an avid barbecue cook, and frequently hosted backyard "carne asada" feasts in the company of his siblings, friends and their children. He was a proud handyman who built his own grill and several pieces of backyard playground equipment for his family such as a see-saw, tetherball stand, and swing set. He was an avid 8-ball pool player,

and enjoyed playing
in the many pool halls that have come and gone in the local North Hollywood
area; his favorite
hall was Million Dollar Billiards where he leaves several close friends. He was
also a fan of slot
machines and would frequently play his luck (occasionally winning a jackpot)
at the many
casinos in the Southern California region.

We, the Zamora-Vasquez family, appreciate your time in reading the story of
our beloved Papá
Carlos. We also thank you for your prayers and stories about Dad that show
how important he
was in your lives - you have been a great support during these difficult days
we are going
through. Carlos was a great father to us, and he will be greatly missed. May
you rest in peace,
Papá Carlos.

(Spanish)

Carlos Pineda Zamora, de 65 años, de North Hollywood, California, falleció el
viernes 17 de
febrero de 2023 después de una batalla contra el cáncer de páncreas. Murió
rodeado de su
familia y en la comodidad de su hogar. Nació en Jalisco, México el 04 de
diciembre de 1957 de
padres Félix Zamora y Amalia Pineda Zamora. Carlos falleció después de sus
padres y sus tres
hermanos Rafael, Eliseo y Antonio Pineda Zamora. Le sobreviven su esposa
por 38 años

Rubidia Vásquez Zamora de Santiago Nonualco, El Salvador; su hija Candy Nájera y su nieto Rafael Nájera; sus hijos Carlos Zamora Jr. y José Luis Zamora; sus hermanas Socorro Zamora, María de Jesús “Chuy” Zamora Barrios, Maríana “Cleta” Zamora Rivera; su hermano Raúl Zamora; y muchas amadas tías, tíos, primos, sobrinas, sobrinos y amigos.

Carlos creció con sus hermanos en varios pueblos de Jalisco, y cariñosamente llamaba a “El Palmar” su ciudad natal. Tuvo una niñez llena del arduo trabajo de cuidar fincas, ranchos y campos junto a su padre y hermanos. Llevó esta temprana introducción al trabajo físico hasta bien entrada su carrera adulta como propietario de una pequeña empresa dedicada a la creación de herramientas que literalmente ayudan a las personas a moverse. Él y sus hermanos Rafael y Eliseo Pineda Zamora formaron Ezee Manufacturing CO., INC., y dirigieron con éxito una empresa familiar que ha sido un elemento básico de la comunidad de North Hollywood desde 1994 con clientes que van desde empresas de mudanzas como Hertz Rentals, United Rentals , y varios estudios de cine y música en el Valle de San Fernando. Carlos fue presentado a su futura esposa, Rubidia, por su madre y su hermana Cleta mientras todos esperaban para tomar el autobús a la Iglesia Católica Nuestra Señora de el Santo Rosario en Sun Valley para el servicio dominical. Carlos y Rubidia se casaron

en 1984 en la Iglesia Católica de San Patricio en North Hollywood, donde ambos han sido miembros de la comunidad laica de toda la vida y han patrocinado a varios miembros de la familia extensa en sus sacramentos religiosos, como bautizos y primeras comuniones.

Carlos era un ávido cocinero de barbacoas y con frecuencia organizaba banquetes de "carne asada" en el patio trasero en compañía de sus hermanos, amigos y sus hijos. Era un hombre humilde que usaba su don de trabajo para construir su propia parrilla y varias piezas de equipo de juegos para el patio trasero de su familia, como un balancín, un soporte para pelotas y un columpio. Era un ávido jugador de billar y disfrutaba jugando en los muchos salones de billar que han ido y venido en el área local de North Hollywood; su sala favorita era Million Dollar Billiards, donde deja varios amigos cercanos. También era fanático de las máquinas tragamonedas y con frecuencia jugaba a su suerte (ocasionalmente ganaba un premio mayor) en los muchos casinos de la región del sur de California.

Nosotros la familia Zamora-Vasquez agradecemos tanto su tiempo en leer la historia de nuestro querido Papá. También les damos gracias por sus oraciones y cuentos de Papá que demuestran lo importante que fue en sus vidas - por cierto, han sido un gran apoyo durante

estos días difíciles que estamos pasando. Carlos fue un gran padre para nosotros, y lo extrañaremos mucho. Que descanses en paz, Papá Carlos.

Cemetery Details

San Fernando Mission Cemetery

11160 Stranwood Ave.
Mission Hills, CA 91345

Previous Events

Viewing and Visitation

MAR 2. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (PT)

Utter McKinley San Fernando Mission Mortuary
11071 Columbus Avenue
Mission Hills, CA 91345
(818) 361-4751
<https://www.uttermckinley.com/>

Funeral Mass

MAR 2. 12:00 PM (PT)

San Fernando Mission Rey Church
15151 San Fernando Mission Blvd.
Mission Hills, CA 91345

Burial

MAR 2 (PT)

San Fernando Mission Catholic Cemetery
11160 Stranwood Ave
Mission Hills, CA 91345
(818) 361-7387

Tribute Wall



“ *Carlos Pineda Zamora*

October 07, 2023 at 09:33 AM



“ *Carlos Pineda Zamora*

October 05, 2023 at 03:41 PM



“ *It is with a fatigued body, grief-stricken spirit, and impossibly heavy heart that I share with everyone that my Papá Carlos has passed away and gone to heaven on Friday, February 17 at 1:07AM. He was 65 years old, and is survived by my Mamá Rubidia, big sister Candy, myself, and younger brother Jose.*

My family shares in this heartbreak as we've been caring for Papá at home these past 2 months while he ailed from pancreatic cancer. The illness metastasized and it very quickly wrecked havoc throughout his body. During those 8 weeks we went through 6 visits to the Emergency Department, palliative care and finally hospice care at home at a furious rate.

Despite all the pain and suffering, I am eternally grateful for the time I was able to spend with Papá Carlos, and the rest of my family as a rag-tag team on the war effort that is caregiving to a cancer patient. It has truly been an honor to support Dad through this tragically long and bewilderingly brief marathon that ended with his passing in the comfort of his home, surrounded by his loved ones.

Along with the outpouring of support we received from our extended family and friends, we rallied together to attend and focus on Dad's health, hygiene, emotional, and spiritual needs. My siblings and I exercised the talent and character we've been gifted from Dad and Mom's parenting, performed the skills and utilized the learning we developed through their sacrifice to help us live a better life with the education and opportunities they were not afforded in their home countries of Mexico and El Salvador.

Now will come the challenging task of adapting to a life that is bereft of his fatherly advice, silly Dad jokes, contagious laughter, and ever hard-working spirit that encompassed his life.

Thank you Papá, for the amazing life you provided us. I love you and miss you terribly. We will get through your passing because you raised us right and we will take care of mom and each other in your

stead until we meet again. May you rest in peace.



Carlos Zamora - March 03, 2023 at 04:42 PM

“Living in my parent’s household, there are various routines one gets used to, such as waking up shortly after a parent does and sharing brief words before partaking in the workday or coming home and enjoying dinner with them. These are routines that I was so used to sharing with my father and actions that I thought I’d be able to share for many years to come.

However, on Friday, February 17th, our father, Carlos Zamora, peacefully passed away in his home and was surrounded by family as he departed our world.

Many of my recollections of my father are that of a hard worker who showed his love to his family through his actions, such as working tireless hours at his welding shop alongside his brothers (may they rest in Peace). However, in his later years, I was very fortunate to see other aspects of my father, such as him opening up to me, asking how my time in graduate school was going, and expressing how proud he was of my passion for college counseling. Rather than reprimanding me for my first car accident, my father expressed a calmness and patience that helped me come to peace with it and even helped rebuild my confidence in driving. We shared many bonding experiences, such as watching films together at home or at the local theatre, where we shared laughs, sadness, and genuine memories. Though my dad was exceptionally busy with his work, he always managed to find some time with his family.

His battle with pancreatic cancer was quick, from being diagnosed on January 8th to passing on February 17th. Though his loved ones surrounded him till the very end, I wish we had more time together, so I could tell him that I love him every day and share more moments. I am thankful and honored to have been part of his hospice care team and that he is no longer suffering. The first thing he said after his cancer diagnosis on January 8th was that he would “take it like a man,” In many ways, he did just that, even visiting his welding shop one last time a week before his passing.

It's still surreal and hurts to realize that my father isn't physically here and that I won't be able to greet him with a good morning every day or share a meal with him in the evenings with his hilarious sayings mixed in and the walks we went on. However, I am thankful to have been raised by him and instilled with so many of his values that I take with me every day I interact with the world.

I love you, Papa, and I miss you. May you rest in Peace.



Jose Zamora - February 26, 2023 at 07:11 PM

“ Just about every daughter’s first love is her father. I know that mine was. I was daddy’s little girl from the get-go.

My mom and dad would recount stories of their sleepless nights when they first brought me home; I wouldn’t sleep unless I was cradled in my father’s chest, being lulled to sleep.

Being a metal manufacturer, my father decided to build me a baby swing from scratch. That’s just the type of man he was, when a need presented itself, he would find a solution.

This approach that my father had to life’s problems is what made it so difficult for us to accept that his pancreatic cancer was “unfixable.” We were in disbelief.

Upon his diagnosis we searched high and low, scrambling to find a ray of hope, but the cancer was growing and spreading so incredibly fast. Unfortunately, his condition was terminal. 💔

We watched him go from being an independent business owner, running the family metal-shop, to being bed-bound and on his death bed in a literal matter of weeks. If we had not been there to witness his daily, and sometimes even hourly, changes we would’ve never believed how quickly he was deteriorating. He went so incredibly fast. 😞

As painful as my father’s last days of life were, my family and I are consoled by the fact that he is no longer suffering, and that he is now resting with almighty God.

My father was diagnosed January 8th, 2023 with metastatic pancreatic cancer and he took his last breath in our arms on Friday, February 17th, at 1 am.

In the aftermath of his death we have learned just how much of a humble servant he was, so many folks in our community have come

forward to share how much my father has helped them by building something for them or by simply listening and giving them sound advice, by being a friend.

We will never forget him, our father has left an irreplaceable impression in our lives. Even to his dying day “he took it like a man” just as he stated to my younger brother Jose that he would. And not in a negative machista-type way, no, our father took his diagnosis and his decline with as much honor and dignity as he could.

Carlos Zamora Sr. was a son, a brother, a husband, a father, a grandfather, an uncle, a cousin, a friend, and a business owner with an incredible work ethic. In fact, one of his last wishes was to be at his shop, because he loved that place so much.



You’ve left the world a better place Dad, and we will forever Love you and miss you.


We will make sure to look out for one another, particularly for Mom.

Rest In Peace and know that we will see you again.

Your daughter,

Candy ❤️





Candy Z. Najera - February 24, 2023 at 09:09 PM