



Valentin Villarreal

January 11, 1928 - January 25, 2010

LANSING – Valentin “Val” Villarreal, 82, formerly of Adrian, passed away January 25, 2010 in Lansing.

Val was born January 11, 1928, in Mexico, the son of Pedro and Guadalupe (Herrevia) Villarreal. He was married to Nieves Banda who preceded him in death.

Val raised his family in the Adrian area. He will be sadly missed by his children:

Cruz, Valentin Jr., David, Edna, Deborah, Roverta, Michael, Dora, Tim, and Anna; 31 grandchildren and 37 great grandchildren. In addition to his wife, he was preceded in death by a son, Juan.

A memorial service for Val will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Friday, January 29, 2010 at Wagley Funeral Home. Friends may visit the family from 1:00 p.m. until the service. You may also send condolences to the family at www.wagleyfuneralhome.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Valentin Villarreal*

January 28, 2023 at 12:24 PM



“ *Anna, Joey & Valentin's other family members, We are so sorry to here of your loss! Just know that you are thought about and you are in manys thoughts and prayers, but especially at this difficult time. Anna you were there for me at a very difficult time when my sister passed away and all of your help, care and concern was deeply appreciated. If there is anything that we can do to help please let me know. With sincerest sympathies, Shelby & Micah :)###imported-begin##Shelby & Micah Aniol###imported-end##*

February 07, 2010 at 07:41 AM



“ *I want to say to my friend Cruz Villarreal that I'm sorry for his lost and that his dad will be with god for be a good father, husband, grandpha and a good friend rest in peace MR. Villarreal from the Martinez Family.###imported-begin##Jorge Martinez###imported-end##*

February 01, 2010 at 06:09 PM



“ Even though we had a bit of a language barrier, I am very confident grandpa knew how much he meant to me. I have never seen him without a smile on his face, which always put one on mine. I know he loved it when the family could get together to play cards after dinner, mostly because he enjoyed taking our money, but it was a small price to pay to have the chance to spend more time together. I want to thank those who gave words of comfort both to my family and to myself, it means alot for me to know there are people who can be there for us.##imported-begin##Nevin Villarreal##imported-end##

February 01, 2010 at 05:14 PM



“ Sorry For Your Loss Being Your Father He Must Of Been A Great Guy.

Russ @ Laurie Ayers##imported-begin##Russell@ Laurel Ayers##imported-end##

February 01, 2010 at 02:08 PM



“ i just want to say to all the loving peopel who have left all those messages thank you everyone very much grandpa see how much he was loved with his family and friends he was a bless man and we was bless to have him in our lifes. so thank you all, i ask please dont ever forget grandpa.##imported-begin##Renata villarreal-banks##imported-end##

January 31, 2010 at 02:16 PM



“ To his son Cruz and family I would like to extend my most sincere condolences. To lose such a treasured family member and father is devastating. But you must not dwell on the pain of your loss or the pain of his death, instead dwell on the joy of his life; how he lived and the times you shared with him. These are the memories that will endure and keep him alive in your heart and mind. You Cruz have been blessed with the privilege of having had a great father! Count yourself as one of the lucky ones. Not every one has that blessing! May the Lord comfort you in this time of loss and bring you joy through the sweet memories of the great times you shared in life with your Dad. In parting I hope these few words may bring some peace to you and yours as you continue your journey through life. God Bless!###imported-begin###Ray Miranda & Family###imported-end##

January 31, 2010 at 10:50 AM



“ I had the pleasure of attending a pork roast at Valentines son's (Cruz)home. There I met Valentine and we shared some jokes and great food. He was a very kind and caring father. I feel priveleged to have had the pleasure of meeting and sharing some good times with this man. I am sure he will be remembered and loved by friends and family forever. May God continue to bless his famly.###imported-begin###Ray Miranda###imported-end##

January 31, 2010 at 10:34 AM



“ Even though most of the time I didn't know what he was sayin. I still loved him very much.:):)###imported-begin###Alexia villarreal###imported-end##

January 30, 2010 at 05:53 PM



“ We are very sorry for your loss. Our love and prayers are with you and your family.

If we can be of any service, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Love

*Marlon & Sherrie###imported-begin###Mr. & Mrs.
Fairweather###imported-end###*

January 30, 2010 at 09:31 AM



“ *i will miss my grandpa but he will always live in my heart.. i was lucky to have him in my life growing up.. grandpa lived in a lot of his kids home.. ill always remember grandpa and his gardens.. when he lived wit us he had a big garden on tha lot next to our house.. we loved to help him..even if we was doing it wrong he would just say its ok mija keep going.. so like your garden grandpa my love for you will keep growing and ill do my best to keep a smile on my face just like you had on yours when ever we seen you... and yes grandpa we know you lovea everybody! and we all love you...###imported-begin###Rachel Villarreal###imported-end###*

January 30, 2010 at 03:02 AM



“ *I'm so sorry Anna, my condolences go out to the rest of the family as well.###imported-begin###Alyssa benzinget###imported-end###*

January 29, 2010 at 04:54 PM



“ wito was a very nice great grandpa and I will always miss him and I remember how every time we came over he use to find a stuffed animal to give to us. I'll always miss how he use to yell whenever we came and give us big hugs. He'll never be replaceable and I'll never forget him.###imported-begin##Samantha Villarreal###imported-end##

January 29, 2010 at 02:40 PM



“ I would first like to thank everyone for the most heartfelt and kind words of comfort and sympathies to father and my family. It is very comforting to see everyone gathered together putting any indifferences aside to come together as family should be, in an encouraging and strengthing mannor. We all will miss our dear departed father, grandfather, and even great grandfather Valentin, he meant so much to so many and will always be remembered as a man who loved life, enjoyed every day he was given and a man who truely knew and understood the meaning of family, he loved us all. On behalf of me and my wife Nicole, once again thank you for the support many of you have given the family and to my father Cruz, I love you very much and am always here for you just as you have always been there for me.
Love,
Davin y Nicole Villarreal###imported-begin##Davin y Nicole Villarreal###imported-end##

January 29, 2010 at 02:28 PM



“ Grandpa ill miss u, and never forget about u or the memories.###imported-begin##Aaron Kendra ###imported-end##

January 29, 2010 at 02:25 PM



“ Grandpa ill miss u, and I will never forget you or the memories.##imported-begin##Aaron Kendra##imported-end##

January 29, 2010 at 02:18 PM



“ daddy this is me edna you leieveing me is so hard to bear daddy why did i stay away so long in between visit i need you to say hello to momma juan daddy i love you see you soon EDNA##imported-begin##Edna Villarreal##imported-end##

January 29, 2010 at 02:02 PM



“ Grampa your my heart my life a part of me and my family i will miss seein your smily face and your comfort of pure love each time i see you. Youll always will be with your family watching us..Words just cant explane how i feel but We love you for always...I LOVE YOU##imported-begin##kayla bullock##imported-end##

January 29, 2010 at 01:52 PM



“ Cruze,
So sorry for the loss of your father. My prayers are with you and your family during this difficult times.##imported-begin##Audrey @ Gadaletto Ramsby & Associates##imported-end##

January 29, 2010 at 11:25 AM



“ Having met Mr. Villarreal a few times in the office, I know that he was quite the character. The loss of him in your life will be greatest these next few months as you learn to carry on without him. But know that he is whole and healthy where he is now and watching over you all. My thoughts and prayers are with you all at this difficult and sad time.##imported-begin##Lena Zamora ##imported-end##

January 29, 2010 at 10:45 AM



“ we will miss grandpa. His smile and laughter warmed our hearts whenever we saw him. I thank grandpa for excepting me (jonita)as his own grandchild. We love you and miss you already##imported-begin##Eric And Jonita Villarreal##imported-end##

January 29, 2010 at 10:25 AM



“ mis mas sentido pesame para todos ustedes. la perdida de un ser querido no es facil, la tranquilidad que nos queda es que el se encuentra en la compania del senior, dios nuestro.
frank sr.##imported-begin##frank cervantes sr.##imported-end##

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“ to my loving and smiley grandpa. i will and do miss you greatly i wish u could have had time with my new son oliver but we will soon get that chance i know ur looking down on all of us and i hope everyone remembers all the good times you brought to our lives im so sorry i didnt spend as much time with you as i would have loved to, im just glad that ur children took very good care of you in ur last days u never lets us see ur hurt always your smile instead im so thankful to be one of the many grand children god has blessed us all. and give my grandma and tio a kiss and hug for me until we see each other again. i love you with all my heart and i will tell my son how great of a man his grandfather was u will live in our hearts and thoughts forever. thank you to all the family for being there for grandpa when u could and i love you all.##imported-begin##veronica rodney and oliver##imported-end##

January 29, 2010 at 10:10 AM



“ We are saddened to hear of your father's death. We are unable to attend the Memorial Service today but want to send our love and caring thoughts. The wonderful hope of a resurrection in Jehovah's new system to come is certainly comforting when our dear loved ones fall asleep in death. We look forward to meeting your father at that time.##imported-begin##Ron and Kay Leonard##imported-end##

January 29, 2010 at 08:19 AM



“ Cruz and Families- My thoughts are with you as you go through this difficult time. I'm sure you all have some very special memories that will help face the days ahead.
Pat##imported-begin##Pat Chapman##imported-end##

January 29, 2010 at 08:03 AM



“ Con dolor en mi corazon mi mas sentido pesame. Por mi cunadito que se nos a ido pero no de nuestros, recuerdos. Lo llevaremos siempre en nuestro corazon. Compartimos tiempos felices. Porque para nosotros su papa siempre sera alguien muy especial. Que dios los bendiga y les fortalezca en su dolor.###imported-begin##Enedina Villarreal###imported-end##

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“ May God give you the strenth and peace you need. I wish I could be there to give you some comfort and to say good bye to him. Mi corazon esta con ustedes. When you feel sad always remember that you had a great father, grandfather.

Mi viejito lindo ese es mi tio Valentin Villarreal. Llegaste a nuestras vidas cuando mas te necesitabamos. Tu presencia ayudo a sanar nuestra herida. Cada ano por un mes tuvimos la dicha de compartir momentos bonitos que siempre llevaremos en nuestro corazon. No fue dificil quererte porque siempre nos demostraste afecto de tu parte. Nunca olvidare las horas que pasabamos platicando de historias de tu vida. Especial mente de mi abuelita. Pero como te reganaba cuando andavas de coqueto. Me decias ay mija. Te gustaba que te dijera " Puro Villarreal "mi tio y te echavas un gritito. Algund dia estaremos todos juntos mi tio lindo.

Te queremos tus sobrinos Felipe, Rogelio, y tu sobrina consentida Linda H. Villarreal###imported-begin##Familia Villarreal, San Juan Tx.###imported-end##

January 29, 2010 at 12:42 AM



“ This are hard time but they are also times to rejoice. We all know that his journey with our Lord is about to begin. What a wonderful though to have of him. We will keep him in our prayers.##imported-begin##David Martinez and Family##imported-end##

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“ Sorry for you and your family's loss, mi amigo. Que le vaya con Dios. Dave##imported-begin##David Caszatt##imported-end##

January 28, 2010 at 11:20 PM



“ would like to thank all who have signed in the guestbook either it be a relative, friends, & those who took care for my dad till the end. will miss him playing cards with some of his kids & grandkids and beating them. he sure loved his tamales or when i had brought him empanadas he surely loved that. i will always love & remember him and all he did for me from infancy.##imported-begin##anna ra[mona] leonard##imported-end##

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“ Grandpa, we remember you most when you stayed with us for awhile. You made us laugh everyday. We always smile when we think of how you sat in the shade and told us how to take care of your garden. To this day we hate weeds!! LOL. It was also fun making your breakfast in the morning and eating breakfast with you. Grandpa we love you and will miss you.##imported-begin##Monica and Andrea##imported-end##

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“ Grandpa you always called me apple because when I was little you tried to get me to say Grandpa. But I thought you said apple. So I ran and got you one from the frig. You laughed so hard that you called me your apple from then on. I love you apple, and I'll miss you. ##imported-begin##Brandon Kendra##imported-end##

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“ Why do we hurt the ones we love? But sometimes we don't really want to, it has to happen. We all hurt from our great losses. But it gets better when you see that others care to help the hurt go away, we'll really hurt less. Thank you all for your loving thoughts. And to my loving daddy I can say I'm so glad that God in his infinite wisdom allowed me to belong to you, to be your child and friend. More than anything, I'm so thankful to have been given the honor to love you and call you my daddy. ##imported-begin##Roverta Mckinsey##imported-end##

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“ i am one of the grandchildren i want to thank all the people that left nice messages for grandpa villarreal he is reading them one by one i will miss grandpa alot. Grandpa was a real nice man that always kept a smile on his face and who always love to take my money in cards. he will be missed on this earth but how i see is that he will be taken care of by his wife and son. grandpa we will always remember all the good things you have done for us on this earth you was a hard worker and love your family. Thank you for being in our hearts love and miss you. DeMarq and Renata ##imported-begin##Demarq banks (Renata) ##imported-end##

January 28, 2010 at 09:09 PM



“ I had the pleasure to meet Val and take care of him. Val was a very cheerfull man no matter how bad of a day I was having it just seemed to brighten when I would see him. He was such a kind man. He always had a smile on his face. I will really miss him.##imported-begin##Melissa Dolman##imported-end##

January 28, 2010 at 06:57 PM



“ Que Dios traiga la paz y la resignacion para su familia en estos momentos. Nuestras mas sentidas condolencias de parte de Jesus y Fernando Torres.##imported-begin##Familia Torres##imported-end##

January 28, 2010 at 06:15 PM



“ I may have not had so much time knowing my uncle Val but with all the stories my mom Ameila and my Grandpa Ramon Rodriguez would tell me...down deep inside my heart i knew him but i know is that we didn't lose an uncle or a father but we r gaining a great angel up in heaven with all of our love ones...we will soon some day be all together again and then we can rejoice all as one in the gates of heaven.##imported-begin##ANGELICA BANDA CANTU##imported-end##

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“ As I read all these wonderful sentiments my heart wells up with comfort and joy, and as my eyes tear with sorrow, I rejoice in the knowledge that Dad had such wonderful friends that cared so much for him. That his children also have good friends that care for them and how they feel at this time. I only had the blessing of having Dad in my home for a few years, it felt good to have him. Love to all my family and friends.##imported-begin##Cruz Villarreal##imported-end##

January 28, 2010 at 05:05 PM



“ I'm going to miss Wito very much... as will everybody. His optimism was contagious as was his laugh. I'd greet him with a hug and ask how he's doing, and he never told me what ailed him, only that everything was "Good, good".
He loved going to the Tiger's baseball games, and I'm so happy that we were able to get one last game in last year.
He never made fun of my spanish, and loved telling stories.
The kids loved him, and miss him already.
I am so grateful for the time he spent living here in the Lansing area, giving me an opportunity to know him better and grow closer to him. I offer my condolences to all the rest of the family too, as everybody is hurting from this loss.
I don't know if Wito was aware of how many lives he touched and affected, but we who live on can see that he was a man loved by many, many people.##imported-begin##Jamin Villarreal (Flako)##imported-end##

January 28, 2010 at 04:41 PM



“ My wife and family would like to thank all for your words and thoughts of kindness.

My Father was a proud and hard working man though times have changed so much in his lifetime,he knew what he wanted to do for himself and others .His family was all he had ,and that was dear to him.he lived with my family for the last 18 years he seen my children grow and they came to love him and now he reminds a big part of thier lifes. I loved my Father very much and he will be missed .##imported-begin##MICHAEL VILLARREAL##imported-end##

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“ Cruz and Mary: may the good memories of your father sustain you and may you say his name often so that his legacy transcends life itself.

To all the children, grandchildren and great grandchildren: ask many times, over and over, for your parents, grandparents, and great grandparents to tell their story of Sr. Villarreal because this is your story!!

Sr. Villarreal is the very substance of what this country is made of. The hardships that he endured as an immigrant to make the struggles of his brood less severe, and the pride of heritage and culture he sustained throughout his years, is what has brought greatness to all he touched.

May he rest in peace.##imported-begin##Eugenia Zacks-Carney##imported-end##

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“ I adored Wito. I wish I could have seen him in his last days. He always was very warm to me and had a smile. Frisky old man too and loved Flaco (sp)....he will be missed.##imported-begin##Shelly Stoddard/Villarreal##imported-end##

January 28, 2010 at 04:27 PM



“ Sorry to hear of your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. If there is anything we can do to help you through these tough times, please let us know. Your friends at Hidy's.##imported-begin##Dave and Deb and the Crew at Hidy's##imported-end##

January 28, 2010 at 03:52 PM



“ Although I have never met Valentin Villarreal, I have heard so much about him through his son Cruz whom I work with. I know that he was his own man, courteous, thoughtful of others and very well loved. He is at peace and with our Lord which is a good place to be. Please know that my thoughts, heart, prayers and love go out to the Villarreal family. Please know that time will heal the pain you feel for your loss.##imported-begin##Dottie Johnson##imported-end##

January 28, 2010 at 03:49 PM



“ My condolences to the Villarreal family and friends. I had the honor of meeting your father at the insurance agency. He was quite the pistol! May you be comforted with fond memories of Val.##imported-begin##Sally Curtis##imported-end##

January 28, 2010 at 03:47 PM



“ I am saddened to hear of the loss of your father, but I like to think he is at peace now.

Although I never met Mr. Villarreal, I work in the insurance office with Cruz and know that Valentin was loved very much. From what I have gleaned from Cruz's conversations, it sounds like Mr. Villarreal was a man who knew his own mind and wanted to do things his way. I also know that Cruz has been a concerned and faithful son to his father over the years.

Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you all. I hope that your love for your father and the memories you shared will be a source of comfort for you now and in the years to come.

Sincerely,

Susan Vice in East Lansing##imported-begin##Susan Vice (FSC)##imported-end##

January 28, 2010 at 03:34 PM



“ Our Thoughts and Prayers go to Cruz and the entire Villarreal family on the loss of your father.

Your Friends at Regal Financial Group##imported-begin##Larry Taunt##imported-end##

January 28, 2010 at 03:21 PM



“*Val will be dearly missed by his family at ALFA. Val was a very unique and loving person who touched the hearts of many. He was cheerful, kind, energetic, and never without a smile. Val could brighten any room he entered and he loved to laugh and joke around.*

Each day that Val came to visit, he arrived with his Tiger's baseball cap on his head, a big smile on his face and, most of the time, packages of cookies to share with his ALFA family. He never failed to greet the nurse with “Good morning, honey” and produce a hug to back it up.

Val loved to play bingo with his friends at ALFA. It was not an activity we had every day he came, but he would always check with our Activity Coordinator, Alison, saying “Honey, we play bingo today?” When she had to say “No, not today.” He would teasingly say “You're not my friend”.

One of his friends at ALFA, Don McMann will remember Val as “a good friend, a real jokester, and someone who liked to sing and play bingo with him.” Other participants with fond memories of Val include Eva, Linda, Lucille, and Virginia.

We send our heartfelt condolences to your family. And, we thank you for allowing us to have Val as a part of our family, too.

Margie & David Houseman - Joyce Breedlove, RN - Alison Sarkozy - Doug Ervin - Sue Collette - David Wheeler##imported-begin##Val's 'familia' at ALFA##imported-end##

January 28, 2010 at 02:10 PM



“ I wish I could gather the right words to make your pain less and offer you some comfort.
Words cannot heal the pain of losing someone so dear. May god give you the strength to overcome the pain. Please accept my sincere condolences on your loss. May God be with you in this hour of grief. Remember his presence can be felt through the memories. May you find peace and love in the memories you cherish.

Con el pésame mas profundo y las bendiciones de Dios por la perdía de alguien tan querido para ti. Tu familia ha sufrido la perdida de alguien muy especial. Alguien que siempre ocupara un lugar importante en los recuerdos y corazones de tu familia.

*La Familia Villarreal de Weslaco, TX y Lansing, MI
Fred, Yolanda & Children###imported-begin###Fred and Yolanda Villarreal###imported-end##*

January 28, 2010 at 01:02 PM



“ We enjoyed having him part of our team!!
Carrie###imported-begin###Home Care Alternatives###imported-end##

January 28, 2010 at 12:50 PM



“ He was my buddy...I'm going to miss him!!###imported-begin###Olga###imported-end##

January 28, 2010 at 12:46 PM



“ *Dad worked hard, played hard, and loved everyone unconditionally. His time on earth has ended, but he lives in all our hearts, and in the memories we share. Rest in Peace dad you earned it.*##imported-begin##*Dora J. (Villarreal) Black*##imported-end##

January 28, 2010 at 12:30 PM



“ *i am one of the grandchild of valentin and he will be miss we love you grandpa love nana*##imported-begin##*renata villarreal-banks*##imported-end##

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“ *U WILL BE GREATLY MISSED VAL.*##imported-begin##*AMELIA BANDA BOWERS*##imported-end##

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“ *God Bless*##imported-begin##*Juan and Helen Banda*##imported-end##

January 27, 2010 at 08:37 PM



“ *Nuestros pensamientos y oraciones más profundo salen a la familia. Dios bendiga A. Nos encantará siempre le.*

Our deepest thoughts and prayers go out to the family. God Bless. We will always love you.##imported-begin##*John C. Banda y Familia*##imported-end##

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