



Mr. Francisco Garcia Vargas

January 9, 1944 - June 25, 2021

It is with great sadness that the family of Francisco G. Vargas announce his passing. The son of Porfirio and Andrea Vargas, he was born in Jalisco, Mexico on January 9, 1944 and died on June 25, 2021 after battling a serious infection in Palm Springs, CA at the age of 77. He is survived by wife Roberta and his nine children: Francisco, Carlos, Maria, Roger, Darlene, Jennifer, Andrea, Yolanda and Trevor.

Francisco immigrated to the United States in his late teens, settling in Los Angeles. With little more than an elementary education, he mastered the auto mechanic trade and eventually became a small business owner. He was affectionately known as "Dr. Frank" for decades as the owner of "Dr. Frank's Auto Body Shop." He served generations of customers in the communities of Eagle Rock and Highland Park.

Frank was warm and gregarious, always ready to greet a customer with a hearty handshake and welcoming smile. Guided by the unmatched work ethic he built growing up on a farm, he took great pride in providing for his family and helping others. When not working, he spent his free time gardening and reading. Frank believed in the power of education and the endless opportunities it provided. Pressing upon his children, grandchildren and any youngster he came across that a college education wasn't an option, but a required step in life.

Frank was a devout Catholic that relied on his faith to carry him through some of the more difficult times in his life. It was his belief that death was not the end, but a new beginning. He would not want us to wallow in our sadness, but celebrate his life by sharing memories and laughs. On this memorial page, we ask that you share your happy stories and pictures of Dr. Frank.

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Francisco Garcia Vargas*

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“ *To my cousins, i want to express my deepest condolences. Tio Pancho stood apart from all of my uncles and not just because he settled so far from us. He had such a great outlook on life. My interactions with him were too few, but in that time, he always a wore a smile, offered a joke and empathized with my teenage plight no matter how trivial it was to everyone else. I will miss his bigger than life presence in our family reunions. Rest in peace Tio.*

Roberto Mendez - August 17, 2021 at 12:00 AM