



Abelardo DeLeon

July 4, 1934 - January 22, 2025

In Loving Memory of Abelardo De Leon Sr.

Abelardo De Leon Sr., affectionately known as Lalo, passed away peacefully at the age of 90 on Wednesday, January 22, 2025, surrounded by his family and close friends. Lalo lived a life marked by hard work, resilience, and deep love for his family.

Born on July 4, 1934, in San Isidro, Nuevo Leon, Mexico, Lalo's early years were spent helping support his family, working to care for his younger siblings. He embraced every challenge, never shying away from hard labor, adversity, or a tough fight. His work ethic was unparalleled, whether he was employed as a bracero, farm laborer, cowboy, or shepherd. Over the years, he traveled throughout Northern Mexico, Texas, Colorado, and Arizona, before settling in Kingsburg, California, in the heart of the San Joaquin Valley.

In Selma, California, Lalo met his future wife, Lupita. The two married in 1967 and made their home in Kingsburg, where they raised their family. Lalo continued to work on farms and ranches in the area, gaining the admiration and respect of those who worked alongside him for his dedication, skill, and unwavering commitment to his craft. He worked in agriculture until his retirement at the age of 65.

Outside work, Lalo enjoyed spending time with his beloved pet cat, Feather,

his faithful companion Blue his dog and tending to his garden. He cherished his time with his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. Lalo was a passionate sports fan, especially of boxing and his beloved Los Angeles Dodgers.

Lalo was preceded in death by his wife, Guadalupe, and his cherished pet Feather. He is survived by his daughters, Lorena Ramos and Linda Appleby; son, Abelardo De Leon Jr.; son-in-law, Julian Ramos; daughter-in-law, Magdalena De Leon; grandchildren, Julian, Jordan, Jared, and Jade Ramos, Roberto, Sofia, and Cristian De Leon, and Jonah and Kiley Appleby; great-grandchildren, Oliver, James, Jack, Khloe, Kassidy and Cristian Jr. He is also survived by his brothers, Santos De Leon (Texas), Alfredo De Leon (Utah), Amado De Leon (Nuevo Leon, MX), and Angel De Leon (Nuevo Leon, MX).

A viewing will be held on February 5, 2025, Wednesday, from 4:00-6:00 PM at Salser & Dillard Creighton Chapel in Kingsburg, CA.

On February 6, 2025, Thursday, a Rosary will be held at 10:00 AM immediately followed by a Mass of Christian Burial 10:30 AM at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Selma, CA, followed by graveside services at Kingsburg Cemetery.

Lalo's legacy of hard work, love for his family, and quiet strength will continue to inspire those who know him. May he rest in peace.

Services have been entrusted to Salser & Dillard Creighton Chapel. Memorial Tributes and condolences may be offered by logging onto www.salseranddillard.com.

Cemetery Details

Kingsburg Cemetery

12782 E. Clarkson Avenue
Kingsburg, CA 93631

Previous Events

Viewing

FEB 5. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (PT)

Salser & Dillard Creighton Chapel
1588 Lincoln Street
Kingsburg, CA 93631
(559) 897-2908
<https://www.creightonchapel.com>

Viewing

FEB 6. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (PT)

St. Joseph Catholic Church
2441 Dockery Avenue
Selma, CA 93662

Rosary

FEB 6. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (PT)

St. Joseph Catholic Church
2441 Dockery Avenue
Selma, CA 93662

Mass of Christian Burial

FEB 6. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (PT)

St Joseph Catholic Church
2441 Dockery Avenue
Selma, CA 93662

Burial

FEB 6. 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM (PT)

Kingsburg Cemetery
12782 E. Clarkson Avenue
Kingsburg, CA 93631

Tribute Wall



“ *Salser & Dillard Creighton Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Abelardo DeLeon*



Salser & Dillard Creighton Chapel - February 03, 2025 at 01:28 PM

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“ *MOBILE WEBCAST of the (Funeral Service) - the Rosary at 10am and Mass at 10:30am from St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Selma.*

<https://www.viewlogies.net/salser-and-dillard/WeR3WiTQT?pin=081541>

Salser and Dillard Funeral Chapel - January 30, 2025 at 04:23 PM

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“ *Familia Aranda y Andrade purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Abelardo DeLeon.*



Familia Aranda y Andrade - February 03, 2025 at 10:31 PM

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“ Jim Rodriguez purchased the *Beautiful in Blue* for the family of Abelardo DeLeon.



Jim Rodriguez - January 31, 2025 at 08:05 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes* was purchased for the family of Abelardo DeLeon.



January 31, 2025 at 05:07 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Abelardo DeLeon.



January 31, 2025 at 03:17 PM