



## Leo "Elias" Gonzales

March 2, 1930 - February 13, 2021

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3/2/1930-2/13/2021

Born to Wbileado & Maria de Jesus Gonzalez on March 2, 1930 in San Gabriel, California. Elias joined the United States Army in 1948. After basic training he graduated the Basic Airborne Course in Fort Benning, Georgia and was a Paratrooper in the 82nd Airborne Division. He was eventually sent to Germany where he served in the occupational forces of WWII.

He settled in Visalia, CA after 9 years in the military where he worked as a barber and sold real estate. He later returned to Kingsburg and worked as a real estate broker and bartender at his brother Ray's restaurant, The Valley Inn. He became the Manager at the Kingsburg Cemetery where he retired after 20 years.

Elias was proud of his Military service. He loved music and playing the guitar. He enjoyed golfing, and attending any sporting event supporting his many grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his Daughter, Debra Gonzales and survived by his wife Donna Gonzales, daughter Dolores Hauck (David), son Rick Gonzales (Terri) and Daughter Elicia Ribeiro (Matt) along with 12 grandchildren, 24

great-grandchildren and 14 great-great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be held from 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM Thursday, February 25th, 2021 at Salser & Dillard Creighton Chapel, 1588 Lincoln Street, Kingsburg and the Rosary will immediately follow at 7:00 PM also at Salser & Dillard Creighton Chapel.

A Mass of Christian Burial service will be held at 10:00 AM Friday, February 26th, 2021 at Holy Family Catholic Church, 1275 Smith Street, Kingsburg, immediately followed by interment at the Kingsburg Cemetery.

Services have been entrusted to Salser & Dillard Creighton Chapel. Memorial Tributes and condolences may be offered by logging onto [www.salseranddillard.com](http://www.salseranddillard.com).

# Previous Events

## Viewing

FEB **25**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (PT)

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

## Rosary

FEB **25**. 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM (PT)

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1588 Lincoln Street  
Kingsburg, CA 93631  
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## Mass of Christian Burial

FEB **26**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (PT)

Holy Family Catholic Church  
1275 Smith Street  
Kingsburg, CA 93631

# Tribute Wall



“ *Salser & Dillard Creighton Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Leo "Elias" Gonzales*



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**Salser & Dillard Creighton Chapel** - February 23, 2021 at 07:46 PM



“ *Salser & Dillard Creighton Chapel created a Webcast in memory of Leo "Elias" Gonzales*



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**Salser & Dillard Creighton Chapel** - February 18, 2021 at 05:12 PM

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“ *Rebecca Rodriguez lit a candle in memory of Leo "Elias" Gonzales*



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**Rebecca Rodriguez** - February 22, 2021 at 08:53 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Leo "Elias" Gonzales.



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February 20, 2021 at 05:14 PM



“ *Donna and Elicia, my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Leo was a good man, and I know he will be greatly missed. Love you all, Aunt Jeanette*

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**Jeanette Faria** - February 17, 2021 at 08:34 PM