



Sammy Tafoya Avila

February 6, 2013 - February 22, 2025

Samuel "Sammy" Tafoya Avila, 12 of Oroshi, California, died on February 22, 2025, in Madera, California. Samuel was born to Samuel Tafoya Campos and Maria Elena Avila Garcia on February 6, 2013 in Visalia, California.

Sammy grew up in Seville where he attended Stone Corral Elementary School. Like all kids he enjoyed playing with his friends and had a love of sports playing football, baseball and basketball. When he wasn't running around with his friends he also enjoyed playing Minecraft and Fortnite online with them.

Sammy loved traveling with his family and spending time outdoors. As a family they loved to take trips to the national parks even though the ride there was their least favorite part, once they were there they loved taking in the sights, also taking trips to Utah, Mexico and his favorite which was the beach.

Sammy always had his family laughing with all his silly faces and jokes. No matter what he was always happy and smiling.

He is survived by his mother, Maria Elena Avila Garcia; his grandparents: Cipriano Avila, Elena Avila, Adolfo Tafoya, and Aurora Tafoya; four siblings, Mari Tafoya Avila, Noe Avila, Andrea Tafoya, and Anthony Tafoya; and his three uncles, Gerardo Avila (Maribel Martinez), Gilberto Avila (Paola Avila),

and Freddy Avila (Kristin Gonzalez).

Taken far too soon, Sammy will truly be missed by all who loved him.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Monday, March 3, 2025 at St. Mary's Catholic Church, 12588 Avenue 407, Cutler, California, with burial to immediately follow at Smith Mountain Cemetery 42088 Rd. 100, Dinuba, California.

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

Previous Events

Mass of Christian Burial

MAR 3. 10:00 AM (PT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church
4636 W. Dakota Avenue
Fresno, CA 93722

Graveside

MAR 3. 11:00 AM (PT)

Smith Mountain Cemetery
42088 Rd. 100
Dinuba, CA 93618

Tribute Wall



“ *Salser & Dillard Creighton Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Sammy Tafoya Avila*



Salser & Dillard Creighton Chapel - February 25, 2025 at 07:20 PM

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“ *Millie and Paul Dinh purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Sammy Tafoya Avila.*



Millie and Paul Dinh - March 04, 2025 at 07:30 PM

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“ *Millie and Paul Dinh planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sammy Tafoya Avila.*

Millie and Paul Dinh - March 04, 2025 at 07:30 PM