



## Obituary

**Born:** Tuesday, July 12, 1932

**Died:** Thursday, February 6, 2020

Benito De La O Valdez went to be with our Savior and his beloved, Veronica on February 6, 2020.

He was born on July 12, 1932 to Paulidor Valdez and Manuelita De La O Valdez in Ignacio, Colorado but was raised in Cuba, New Mexico in a family of Shepherds. At the age of 20 he was called to duty and fought for our country as a Corporal in the 31st Ordinance Welder in the Korean War stationed in Seoul, Korea. He received the Korean Service Medal with 1 Bronze Service Star, Meritorious Unit Commendation, Good Conduct Medal, United Nations Service Medal and National Defense Medal.

After returning from Korea he worked as a member in the Carpenters Union Local 383 for over 30 years and then worked for FUSD as a custodian at MEMS for 10 years and known by all as "Tata".

Our Dad was one of the strongest men we ever knew. We all looked up to him. He always had something to teach us. He gave us strength to get through the hard times and taught us to enjoy the good times. We learned to respect, love and cherish. We learned to be generous and giving to all around us.

Our Dad loved to stay busy, whether he was working or fixing something. He loved to be outside enjoying the weather, walking the neighborhood and talking to his friends in the community. Visits from his family were something he looked forward to and cherished.

He was predeceased by his wife Veronica of 55 years, his parents Paulidor and Manuelita Valdez, his brothers, Reynaldo and Philip Valdez, his sister Erma Hernandez, a granddaughter Angel Thomas and Son-in-Law Richard Canizales.

He is survived by his children he loved and was so proud of Julia Canizales, Paul Valdez, Dolores Valdez, Theresa (Marshall) Munoz and Elena Valdez. Also survived by his grandchildren Gabriel and Joe Canizales, Evy Salyers, Alejandro Valdez, Feliz and Peter Martinez, Joshua Macias, Jaime Delgadillo, Benito Thomas, Jessi Thomas and Noelle Acuna and 35 great-grandchildren.

Daddy, we will love you and miss you forever. Our hearts are broken with you leaving but also so happy to know you are with Momma and all our family who have gone before us.

Services will be held on Thursday, February 13, 2020 at San

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## Service Summary

### Rosary

9:30 AM Thu Feb 13, 2020

### San Francisco de Asis Catholic Church

1600 Rte 66 E  
Flagstaff, AZ 86001

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### Funeral Mass

10:30 AM Thu Feb 13, 2020

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Francisco de Asis Catholic Church beginning with the Rosary at 9:30 a.m. and the Mass at 10:30 a.m. Burial will follow at Calvary Cemetery. Arrangements are by Lozano's Flagstaff Mortuary, [www.FlagstaffMortuary.com](http://www.FlagstaffMortuary.com).