



## Mr. Raul Velez

June 1, 1926 - December 16, 2014

### Raul Velez

Born in Puerto Rico, June 1, 1926, Raul died at home in San Francisco on December 16, 2014, at the age of 88. He grew up in Puerto Rico and served honorably in the United States Army. He came to California in 1951 with his wife, Ligia and their first daughter. They lived in San Jose before relocating to San Francisco, where he retired from State of California after 22 years with the Employment Development Department serving as a Veterans Services Representative. An active parishioner at Church of the Epiphany for over 47 years he was a founding member and past president of the Grupo Hispano-Americano Iglesia de la Epifania. He was deeply committed to the Hispanic community. He loved singing and playing the “guiro” and “castanuelas” with the church choir, attending a prayer group on Thursday evenings for over 40 years and celebrations of all kinds with family and friends. Throughout the years, Raul travelled to Puerto Rico to visit family members and enjoy the tropical climate and island lifestyle. He is survived by his wife of 66 years, Ligia Velez and his children: Iris (Tony) Hidalgo, Elba (George) Selby, Edna Velez, Gladys (Jesus (D)) Huerta, Raul (Kimberly) Velez. He was a proud grandfather of nine and a great-grandfather of nine. He is also survived by one sister, two brothers and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Visitation will be held on Friday, December 26, 2014, from 1PM to 4PM at

Valente Marini Perata and Co., 4840 Mission St., San Francisco and from 5PM to 6:30PM at Church of the Epiphany, 827 Vienna St., San Francisco. A Rosary will be held also on Friday at 6:30PM at Church of the Epiphany. A Funeral Mass will be held on Saturday, December 27, 2014 at 1PM at Church of the Epiphany, 827 Vienna St., San Francisco. Interment will be private.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **26**. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (PT)

Valente Marini Perata & Company  
4840 Mission Street  
San Francisco, CA 94112  
(415) 333-0161  
funerals@vmpandco.com

## Visitation

DEC **26**. 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM (PT)

Church of the Epiphany  
827 Vienna Street  
San Francisco, CA 94112  
(415) 333-7630

## Vigil Service

DEC **26**. 6:30 PM (PT)

Church of the Epiphany  
827 Vienna Street  
San Francisco, CA 94112  
(415) 333-7630

## Funeral Mass

DEC **27**. 1:00 PM (PT)

Church of the Epiphany  
827 Vienna Street  
San Francisco, CA 94112  
(415) 333-7630

# Tribute Wall

 Linda Emerson

“ Our condolences to our old Vienna Street neighbors. We wish we could have attended the services but are sending our thoughts. Mr. Velez was always such a kind soul.

*Linda Emerson (Legaspi)*

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**Linda Emerson** - January 04, 2015 at 01:34 PM

MR

“ My condolences and prayers to all the Velez family at this difficult time. I am so sorry to have heard this only today. I wish I could have paid my respects at Epiphany. Mr. Velez was a kind man and will truly be missed.



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**Monina Ramos** - December 31, 2014 at 04:49 PM

ML

“ Sympathy and prayers to all the Velez family at the loss of your dad, especially my ICA Class of '68 classmate, Iris. It is clear that Raul was a man of faith and a wonderful parishioner at Epiphany. I'm sure he is brightening heaven with his spirit.  
*Sincerely, S. Mary Virginia Leach (MSJ Dominican)*

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**Mary Virginia Leach** - December 28, 2014 at 01:30 PM

IB

“ *Irma, Wilson, Elba and Mirta Vélez Barbosa purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mr. Raul Velez.*



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**Irma, Wilson, Elba and Mirta Vélez Barbosa** - December 26, 2014 at 06:08 PM

JV

“ *José Abelardo Vélez purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Mr. Raul Velez.*



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**José Abelardo Vélez** - December 26, 2014 at 04:31 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mr. Raul Velez.*



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December 26, 2014 at 03:39 PM

SC

“ *Stephen C. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mr. Raul Velez.*



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**Stephen C.** - December 26, 2014 at 02:56 PM

JF

“ *My condolences love and blessing to my extended family in San Francisco. My prayers are with you all in this difficult time. Tio Raul was an extraordinary man and I will miss him dearly.*

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**Jose Benjamin Velez & Family** - December 26, 2014 at 02:35 PM

TF

“ *The Allan Family purchased the Let It Snow for the family of Mr. Raul Velez.*



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**The Allan Family** - December 26, 2014 at 01:50 PM

CF

“ *Chavez and Frinak Family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Mr. Raul Velez.*



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**Chavez and Frinak Family** - December 26, 2014 at 12:36 PM

CB

“ *Primo there are no words to express what I'm feeling right now. Damn I miss you. I'm going to miss stopping by your house, talking sports, sharing a meal and seeing your beautiful and everlasting smile. You were more than just my cousin. You were that person I always respected and looked up to, AND you were always there for me.* ”



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**Carlos Barbosa** - December 24, 2014 at 11:35 AM

TC

“ *Thinking of you The Hidalgo Family from Texas and California purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Mr. Raul Velez.* ”



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**Thinking of you The Hidalgo Family from Texas and California** - December 23, 2014 at 10:22 PM

FJ

“ *Fred, Stacy, & Ena de Jesus purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mr. Raul Velez.* ”



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**Fred, Stacy, & Ena de Jesus** - December 21, 2014 at 08:11 PM