



Felipe Morán Martínez

August 23, 1924 - July 1, 2021

Felipe Morán Martínez passed away July 1, 2021 at the age of 96.

He was born to the late Antonio and Guadalupe Morán on August 23, 1924 in El Gavilán de Arriba, Jalisco, Mexico.

Felipe married the love of his life Francisca Fuentes in 1946, and soon after, he ventured to El Norte (the U.S.) to seek a better life for himself and his bride. Felipe was a dedicated hardworking undocumented migrant farm worker with a dream of becoming a documented resident someday. He toiled up and down the west coast for years following the harvests of different agricultural crops. In 1954, while picking grapes in Napa Valley, Felipe fell in love with this area and he knew instinctively, he would bring his family here as soon as he could. His dedication and work ethic paid off, and he became a documented resident in the mid 1960s, and in 1967, his dream of bringing his family to the Napa Valley became a reality. He was reunited with his beloved wife and his two children.

He was a vineyard foreman, a supervisor, and heavy machinery mechanic in the Napa Valley for 35 years and he cared deeply for the well being of others, specially farm workers. In the 1970s, he became president of the UFW (United Farm Workers Union) at Napa Valley Vineyards in Rutherford to ensure that vineyard workers were treated fairly.

Felipe is survived by his four children Maria de la luz Morán de Aguilera, Amelia Morán Ceja, Abigail Martinez and Antonio Fuentes Morán; his seven grandchildren Maricela Lopez, Luz Amelia Fletcher, Navek, Ariel and Dalia Ceja, Eric Martinez, and Sofia Morán; his six great grandchildren Alex and Kayla Lopez, Amelia, Alivia and Aria Fletcher and Luna Isabella Ceja Swedelson, and many nieces and nephews.

Felipe is predeceased by his wife Francisca Fuentes de Moran, sister Teresa Morán, and his brothers Francisco, Ventura, and Alfonso Morán.

Felipe was dedicated to his family and his community and he had a great sense of humor. He was loving, kind, and generous. His legacy will continue to make a profound difference in the world through his children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. He was immensely proud of his family and leaves behind cherished beautiful memories.

A rosary will be prayed and a visitation to follow on Tuesday, July 6, at 6pm, at Claffey & Rota Funeral Home, in Napa, CA (masks required).

A mass will be celebrated at 11am on Wednesday, July 7, at St. Helena Catholic Church in

St. Helena, CA.

Burial to follow at Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery in St. Helena, CA.

Previous Events

Rosary

JUL 6. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (PT)

Claffey and Rota Funeral Home
1975 Main Street
Napa, CA 94559
(707) 224-5210
services@claffeyandrota.com
<http://www.claffeyandrota.com>

Mass

JUL 7. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (PT)

St. Helena Catholic Church
1340 Tainter St
St. Helena, CA

Graveside Service

JUL 7. 12:45 PM - 1:15 PM (PT)

Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery
2121 Spring St
St Helena, CA 94574

Tribute Wall



“ *Felipe Morán Martinez*

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“ *Felipe Morán Martinez*

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“ *Hi. It's Melanie from Activities at Piners. I loved Felipe. I remember tossing a balloon to him and him hitting it back so hard, he almost knocked over a lamp! He also leaned in front of ladies on his “good” side so that could hit the ball or balloon first. That always cracked me up but sometimes the women would get mad! He was competitive, even in his wheelchair. He also had a very fun, dry sense of humor. Great guy. I'm glad he's with his wife now.*



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