



## Jesus Castillo

January 27, 1954 - November 12, 2023

Jesus Castillo, 69, passed away peacefully on Sunday, November 12, 2023 in Fairfax, Virginia surrounded by family.

Born in a small town in Zacatecas, Mexico in 1954, Jesus spent his adolescence working in the bean and corn fields with his father and brothers. In 1976, he met the love of his life, Elva Alvarado, born in the same town. They were inseparable from the day they met and officially married in the church in 2011.

In 1978, at only 24, Jesus moved to Texas in pursuit of the American dream, and his family later followed. Through hard work and dedication, Jesus and Elva worked tirelessly to make this dream a reality for themselves and for their children. It is only because of their many sacrifices that their children have the opportunities and privileges that they could have only dreamed of.

Jesus was a kind, honest, humble, and extraordinarily hard working man who loved his profession and put his heart into every project he took on. He was a master mason, a genius with numbers, and could measure anything just by looking at it. A voracious reader, he could often be found with his nose in a book and a smile on his face on the front porch. He was a lifelong student of history and learning and dreamt of being a teacher when he was a young child. A man of a few words but many friends, Jesus' jokes were easy to laugh

at and always left you learning something interesting. He was so loving and caring to his family and all the people he knew and worked with.

Jesus' family were his purpose, his reason, and his greatest joy, and he loved nothing more than spending time with them along with his dog Chiko who he is reunited with in Heaven.

Jesus is survived by his wife of 47 years, Elva; his children, Antonio, Araceli, Florisel and Erika; his grandchildren, and many other family members and friends here in United States and in Mexico. He will be deeply missed and his legacy of kindness and honesty will live on with his children.

Jesús Castillo, de 69 años, falleció en paz el domingo 12 de noviembre de 2023 en Fairfax, Virginia, rodeado de su familia.

Nacido en un pequeño pueblo de Zacatecas, México en 1954, Jesús pasó su adolescencia trabajando en los campos de frijol y maíz con su padre y hermanos. En 1976 conoció al amor de su vida, Elva Alvarado, nacida en el mismo pueblo. Fueron inseparables desde el día en que se conocieron y se casaron oficialmente por la iglesia en 2011.

En 1978, con sólo 24 años, Jesús se trasladó a Texas en busca del sueño americano, y su familia le siguió más tarde. A través del trabajo duro y la dedicación, Jesús y Elva trabajaron incansablemente para hacer de este sueño una realidad para ellos y para sus hijos. Gracias a sus muchos sacrificios, sus hijos tienen las oportunidades y los privilegios con los que ellos sólo podían soñar.

Jesús era un hombre amable, honesto, humilde y extraordinariamente trabajador que amaba su profesión y ponía todo su corazón en cada proyecto

que emprendía. Era un maestro albañil, un genio con los números y podía medir cualquier cosa con sólo mirarla. Lector voraz, a menudo se le podía encontrar con la nariz metida en un libro y una sonrisa en la cara en el porche. Durante toda su vida estudió historia, y de pequeño soñaba con ser profesor. Hombre de pocas palabras pero muchos amigos, las bromas de Jesús eran fáciles de reír y siempre te dejaban aprendiendo algo interesante. Era muy cariñoso y atento con su familia y con todas las personas que conocía y con las que trabajaba.

La familia de Jesús era su propósito, su razón y su mayor alegría, y nada amaba más que pasar tiempo con ellos juntos y con su perro Chiko con quien se reunirá en el Cielo.

A Jesús le sobreviven su esposa de 47 años, Elva; sus hijos, Antonio, Araceli, Florisel y Erika; sus nietos, y muchos otros familiares y amigos aquí en Estados Unidos y en México. Lo extrañaremos profundamente y su legado de bondad y honestidad vivirá con sus hijos.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **18**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Pierce Funeral Home  
9609 Center St.  
Manassas, VA 20110  
(703) 257-6028  
pfh@piercefh.com  
<https://www.piercefh.com>

## Funeral Service

NOV **19**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Pierce Funeral Home  
9609 Center St.  
Manassas, VA 20110  
(703) 257-6028  
pfh@piercefh.com  
<https://www.piercefh.com>

## Burial

NOV **19**. 1:00 PM (ET)

National Memorial Park  
7482 Lee Highway  
Falls Church, VA 22042

# Tribute Wall

AC

“ 2 long years have passed. I miss you more than words could express.

*Thank you pop for being strong throughout the period you were ill you never complained and was always ready for any medical procedure. You never showed weakness. That is the one thing I didn't like about you but in the end it turned out to be your biggest quality.*

*I thank you for your strength and you resilience.*

*I was remembering the time in Mexico when I was about 9 years old. I was awoken by the news that you had arrived from El Norte, well I probably got to you in a matter of seconds. I remember seeing this tall strong man with a beard. Soon enough I was showing off all my American toys to my friends. You always made us a priority nomatter the circumstances. I also, remember the bicycle problem with grandpa. I wanted to keep his bike all the time but you always insisted I had to give it back to him. Well, dad the house you built still there Every time I go back home I get to remenice all the memories of the best childhood a kid can have. Because of you I love my roots and I appreciate family more.*

*You are everywhere back home that is why I make it a priority to visit as much as possible nomatter the odds.*

*So on this day I just want to say thank you for being that man that was humble, kind and most importantly the best dad a kid could have. I love you always and that little cardinal bird that keeps on knocking on my window will get food every day so I can keep you close even more.*

*Rest east Pop,*

*Araceli*

*Nov. 12, 2025*

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**Araceli Castillo** - November 12, 2025 at 08:38 AM

AC

“ My pop. I am grateful for having you as my father. I miss your singing whistle more than anything and you sitting in my car just looking out the window, many times I wondered what you were thinking. I was angry at God for taking you so soon but then I realized He needed you more. It gives me peace knowing that you don't have a full schedule of appointments and no more lab work to do, instead you have fun activities up there with grandpa and Chiko. Even though I can't physically see you I hug you in mind and talk to you as I look at the sky every day. I have hope to see you again as God promises in His word. I will be laying next to you someday and there will be no more parting ways. My heart is broken since you left and I will never be the same. I love forever and we, your children will continue your legacy of giving and kindness and remembering that being humble is the key to pure happiness. I love you so my sweet pop enjoy the Heavens and cheer us on in our journeys.

araceli castillo - January 29, 2024 at 09:14 AM

SA

“ Stephanie And Allison lit a candle in memory of Jesus Castillo



Stephanie and Allison - November 22, 2023 at 04:23 PM

FM

“ From Stephanie and Allison Martinez planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jesus Castillo.

From Stephanie and Allison Martinez - November 18, 2023 at 07:42 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jesus Castillo.* ”



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November 18, 2023 at 07:42 PM



“ *Thank you, Daddy for teaching me a firm lesson and forgiving me and my friend for crashing moms minivan. You knew we were teens, and that a lesson was more important than any anger. I love you.* ”

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**Erika Castillo** - November 18, 2023 at 03:43 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Jesus Castillo.* ”



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November 18, 2023 at 12:23 PM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Jesus Castillo.* ”



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November 17, 2023 at 09:55 PM