



Melaquias "Mel" Ortega

December 21, 1929 - October 31, 2017

Melaquias "Mel" Ortega, 87, of Vallejo passed away Tuesday at his home following an extended illness. He was born in Los Vigiles, New Mexico.

Mel served in the United States Army during the Korean War for three years in the 1950's. He started his career at Selby Smelting & Refinery as was a volunteer firefighter with Contra Costa County at the same time. Mel later worked for the City of Vallejo as a heavy equipment operator for more than 23 years. Mel was a member and past president of Guadalupanos and Concilio and a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Mel is survived by his daughters Sondra & Tynia; his sister Mary; his brother Ben; grandchildren Monique, Melissa, Melanie, Mariah & Gia; great grandchildren Maryea and Asher (coming in April), several neices and nephews and his dog Tammy.

Graveside services with Military Honors will be held 11:30 a.m., Saturday, November 4th at All Souls Cemetery. Family prefers donations to ASPCA (American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals), www.aspca.org.

Cemetery Details

All Souls Cemetery

550 Glen Cove Road
Vallejo, CA 94591
(707) 644-5209

Previous Events

Graveside Service

NOV 4. 11:30 AM (PT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ When Uncle Mel & Auntie Mary came to NM it was always a joy, the lady time they came we took them to the balloon Firsta they loved it, Uncle Mel always taking pictures, he was quite the photographer, I don't remember him without a camera, he was such a special man that will be missed but someday we'll see him again, Blessings to his family.

Doris Maes Garcia - November 05, 2017 at 05:39 PM

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“ Worked with Mel through the City of Vallejo Public Works many years. When Mel retired he never forgot about me. Mel always honked and waved his hand while driving.
Mel was a good hearted man, may he rest in peace.
Steve Macdonald

Steve Macdonald - November 03, 2017 at 02:25 PM

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“ Mel was a great friend and neighbor of Vince and Lucy Ellis. Mel was a huge help to Tim when he was selling their home. I am sorry for your loss.
Bonnie Ellis

Bonnie Ellis - November 02, 2017 at 05:54 PM