



Eduardo (Ed) Carlos Vela

June 7, 2024

Long-time Valley resident Eduardo (Ed) Carlos Vela , 61 , passed away Friday, June 7th after a long illness. He passed peacefully, surrounded by family.

Ed was born in McAllen, Texas to Eduardo C. and Evangeline D. Vela. He graduated from McAllen High School (McHi Class of '80) and received his Bachelor of Arts degree in English from Pan American University. During his college years, Ed became an important part of the University's Theater Department, both as an actor and as crew. He continued after graduation to participate at the university and at other Valley theaters. He especially enjoyed reading and acting in Shakespeare plays.

But he also enjoyed all types of creative arts, including cinema, literature, comedy, television, music, and writing. When he lived in Houston for a while, he joined and participated in the Greater Houston Puppet Guild , which allowed him another outlet for his talents

Perhaps his greatest joy was his family and friends, especially his beloved nephews, niece, and great-nephews. He adored being an uncle and a great-uncle, and they adored him back.

He is preceded in death by his mother, Evangeline D. Vela. He is survived by his father and

stepmother, Eduardo C. and Esther Vela, sisters and their spouses, Evangelina Vela

(Aleksander Koronowski) and Anna Espinoza (husband John) and his brother,

Gilbert Vela.

Also, nephews Michael Espinoza and David Espinoza (Arlene Arakelian) and niece

Stephanie Villamor (husband Jayson) and their two sons, Ed's great-nephews, Velito and

Vicente Villamor.

Ed's passion was seeing that no one went hungry, so in lieu of flowers, the family requests

that donations be made to Ed's favorite charity, World Central Kitchen, in his memory.

Previous Events

Visitation and Rosary

JUN 11. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Kreidler Funeral Home, Inc.
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Rosary

JUN 11. 7:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Mass

JUN 12. 10:00 AM (CT)

Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Hidalgo
208 E. Camelia Ave
Hidalgo, TX

Tribute Wall

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“ I loved reading Shakespeare with Ed. He was a gifted actor blessed with a beautiful voice. What a joy it was to be his friend. I will miss his humor, and talking about books and theater.

Jennifer Saxton-Rodriguez - June 11, 2024 at 07:47 PM

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“ Eduardo C. Vela & Esther and all other family, I send my condolences. Sorry for your loss. I knew Evangeline Vela when she taught at Seguin Elementary in McAllen. I probably heard about the family way back then.

Laurie Johnson

Laurie Johnson - June 11, 2024 at 04:48 PM