



## Hector Adolfo Medrano

June 17, 1959 - October 12, 2019

Hector Adolfo Medrano, 60, of Ephrata, Washington, passed away Friday, October 11, 2019. He was born to Hector and Maria G. (Martinez) Medrano in Edinburg, Texas. Hector learned to work at an early age and took pride in doing his jobs well. Because he was a kind, warm, loving, and giving person, he shared what he had. He was raised and educated in Pharr, Texas. After high school he enlisted in the U.S. Army that sent him to Germany where he served his four-year enlistment. He was honorably discharged with a title of Sergeant. Shortly after, he enlisted with the Army National Guard serving his country for 27 years. While serving in the National Guard, he was deployed twice to Iraq, assisted in Washington wildfires, and Hurricane Katrina in Louisiana. At the time of his death, Hector was employed with Washington Department of Transportation. He had previously been employed with John Deere and Double Diamond in Quincy, Wash. He had also worked at a VA clinic in Harlingen, Texas. Hector was a man not to sit still so he did part-time jobs such as landscaping, seasonal harvest semi-truck driver, worked at House Laundry, as well as assisting at Ephrata Senior Center and a local bakery. On November 2014 Hector married Edith Ortiz, a longtime childhood friend. Both enjoyed working around their home, taking long drives, as well as traveling the country and at times, ending up in Canada. Hector had many hobbies like fishing, camping, cooking, baking, barbecuing, and was wellknown for his specialty of tamale making. He enjoyed going to yard sales searching for treasures and doing woodworking, just to name a few of his

interests. Hector has left some big shoes to fill because of his open and grateful heart. No one was ever a stranger to him. His kindness will not be forgotten by those that knew him well, and by those who knew him briefly. His generosity and concern for others' well-being was truly a gift. Hector was a loving husband, parent, and grandfather with many talents and qualities that made him an amazing man. He will be truly missed by many. Hector was preceded in death by his parents, Hector and Maria G. Medrano. He is survived by his loving wife, Edith; children, Hector Jr., Marissa (Javier) Buenrostro, Martina Medrano, and Michael Medrano from a previous marriage; stepsons, Joshua P. Ortiz and Estevan (Betsy) Chapa; and 14 grandchildren; his siblings, Norma Martinez, Elsa Medrano, Raul (Mary) Medrano, Moises Medrano, Jorge (Guadalupe) Medrano, Laura (Leo) Martinez, Rosalva (Lorenzo) Anzaldúa, Nora E. Medrano, Isaac Medrano; several nieces and nephews; as well as many special friends. Viewing and rosary will be held Friday, October 25, 2019 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Nicoles Funeral Home, 157 C St. NW, Ephrata, Wash. Services will be held Saturday, October 26, 2019 at 10 a.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1301 E. Division, Ephrata, Wash. Refreshments will be served at the church following burial. Please leave a memory for the family or sign the online guestbook at [www.nicolesfuneralhome.com](http://www.nicolesfuneralhome.com) Arrangements are under the care of Nicoles Funeral Home of Ephrata, Wash.

# Cemetery Details

## Ephrata City Cemetery

333 E St. S.W.  
Ephrata, WA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **25**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (PT)

Nicoles Funeral Home  
157 C St. N.W.  
Ephrata, WA 98823  
(509) 754-3420  
[bea.white@nicolesfuneralhome.com](mailto:bea.white@nicolesfuneralhome.com)

## Service

OCT **26**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (PT)

Church of Jesus Christ of Lds  
1301 E Division  
Ephrata, WA 98823

# Tribute Wall



“ *Nicoles Funeral Home and Valley View Memorial Park created a Tribute Video in memory of Hector Adolfo Medrano*



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**Nicoles Funeral Home and Valley View Memorial Park** - October 30, 2019 at 05:54 PM

MB

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



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**Marissa Buenrostro** - November 02, 2019 at 01:23 PM

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*God I asked thee to bless him and family and friends*

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**Rosalinda Estrada** - November 18, 2025 at 07:04 AM

MM

“ I am proud to call Hector A. Medrano my DAD. You were the best dad and grandpa anyone could ask for. I will miss hearing your voice and miss your hugs but I will cherish all the memories we had together. You were the hardest working man I know so I hope your finally taking a break. Rest easy dad I love you with all my heart ❤️

*Gone but NEVER forgotten*

*Love your daughter*

*Martina M. Medrano*

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**Martina MedrsnM** - October 27, 2019 at 12:01 PM

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“ MY CUNADO, "WHERE THERE IS A WILL THERE IS A WAY", AND HE HAD A WILL FOR EVERYTHING HE DID BECAUSE HE ALWAYS FOUND THE WAY TO COMPLETE WHAT TASK GOT BEFORE HIM. YOU WILL BE MISSED "CARNAL".

*THE TRUE MEASURE OF A PERSON IS NOT FOUND IN THE MIGHT OF THEIR ARM, THEIR WEALTH OR THEIR POWER. IT IS FOUND IN THE STRENGTH OF THEIR CHARACTER.*

*GOD BLESS YOU AND MAY YOUR ETERNAL REST BE EVER PEACEFUL,  
ISRAEL AND GLORIA ORTIZ*



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**ISRAEL** - October 25, 2019 at 09:57 PM

EG

“ Uncle Hector...where do I begin?...my childhood was definitely around you and my cousins for the most part thank you for always tagging me along everywhere you would go especially all the way to Texas!! I will never forget it.... you were the funniest to be around always teasing me! And for that I will forever be grateful because the memory I have of you will stay with me forever!

*I will always miss you  
Rest in Paradise Tio  
Your Niece Always and Forever  
Erika Guerrero❤️*

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**Erika Guerrero** - October 23, 2019 at 09:01 PM

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“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



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**Edith Medrano** - October 23, 2019 at 04:55 PM

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“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



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**Marissa Buenrostro** - October 23, 2019 at 12:32 PM

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**Marissa Buenrostro** - October 23, 2019 at 12:28 PM

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“ *Hector A. Medrano, proud to say you are my DAD! The best grandpa to ALL his grandchildren! I love you and will miss your phone calls to check up on me, your texts to say hi and your silly videos of you and Javi! I know you are now watching over us and I will continue to make you proud!*

*I love you dad, your daughter Marissa.*

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**Marissa Buenrostro** - October 23, 2019 at 12:04 PM

SC

“ My name Sergio A. Calderon, i met Hector Medrano through his brother Raul Medrano which happens to be a very good friend of mine, Raúl would always talk about his brother Hector how he was an amazing n caring father, Luke I said before I met Hector twice we talked but didn't get to share much, I just wanted to say his going to be missed very much n my sympathetic to the Medrano family n I wanted to share this bible verse Matthew 5:4..

Sergio A. Calderon - October 23, 2019 at 11:17 AM



“ Hector was my friend and work Buddy. We shared war stories and goofy work stories that no one would believe. I forgave him for being a grunt and he forgave me for being a squid. I love you man! Please take care of yourself Edith love you too!

Dave Harris - October 22, 2019 at 08:00 PM

KS

“ Hector was always so nice and I loved seeing him and edith at the legion.

kim timke spruell - October 22, 2019 at 04:27 AM

JM

“ Jorge Medrano  
My Brother Hector, Moises and I, when were kids we would get on Saturday morning and would go exploring where we could in our home town Pharr. We especially like going down this man made canal ( we called it El Canal Cuate) we followed alway to McAllen. We didn't come until late the afternoon. I will miss my Brother very much.

Jorge Medrano - October 22, 2019 at 01:06 AM



SM

“ I am deeply honored to have known your husband. He was a blessing in everyone's life, and he will forever be carried in our hearts. Please accept my condolences

Sarah McDonald - October 21, 2019 at 10:15 PM

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Missing my dearest brother ,friend 🥺💔😭❤️ and we talked often especially at his lunch time at work deeply sadden as I'm texting I received a package from my brother Hector ❤️ on wenesday before that terrible accident God Bless US ALL.

Norma.Martinez - October 22, 2019 at 07:17 PM

KM

Hector was definitely one-of-a-kind, but really, that's kind of like saying Hurricane Katrina was a big storm: he truly was a unique character in the best sense, warm and kind with a goofy sense of humor. A shared goofiness is probably why we got along well when we worked together at Double Diamond Fruit during the 1990s and early 2000s. I saw him less in recent years, but he was always basically the same when I did, and this was the thing: you always felt better after talking to him. The dark side became a little lighter, and the real importance--and/or folly--of things came into focus. No doubt about it, Hector kept busy. Sometimes it could be hard to tell what he was actually moonlighting from, but that restlessness was a blessing for all those that had the pleasure to work with him or to be helped by his generosity. I treasure memories like introducing him to early morning salmon fishing on the Columbia (he caught the first fish, of course, and in that case, I was genuinely happy to see it) and listening to his dead-ringer impressions of colleagues that would have me in stitches, among so many others. This is a man that was a credit to family, community, and country, but taking credit was really the last thing he about. Hector, you will be missed!

Kraig Massey - October 23, 2019 at 02:46 PM

LO

*As Hector's sister-in-law, I watched in awe as he went about his every day life, pouring so much love into his wife's life and enjoying time with his family. He has left a great legacy behind as his kids and grandkids will carry him in their hearts. Edith, my heart aches for you as you've lost your soulmate on Earth, but I know you have him with you every day in your thoughts and heart. I wrote the following poem for Hector:*

*"Forever Remembered"*

*A man who thought of others,  
Always giving a helping hand;  
Hector had a humble, quiet, demeanor,  
With integrity he did stand.*

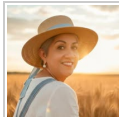
*Indeed, he was a hard-working man  
At DOT, the Cleaners and anybody's yard!  
With a smile he did our to-do list,  
For him NOTHING was too hard.*

*His heart was filled with love  
For his family and dear wife;  
With final years of contentment  
Love and laughter filled Hector's life.*

*Hector will forever be remembered,  
His legacy on Earth lives on;  
As an angel in Heaven he's smiling,  
Telling us he'll never really be gone...*

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**Linda Ortiz** - October 29, 2019 at 01:31 PM



*Thank you Linda for such beautiful poem & sharing what you know about Hector. Love you Sis!*

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**Edith Ortiz-Medrano** - November 02, 2019 at 02:13 AM