



Oswaldo D. Lopez

January 21, 1952 - December 25, 2025

Obituary for Oswaldo D. López

With great sorrow, we announce that Oswaldo D. López passed away peacefully at home on Christmas evening 2025 at the age of 73. We owe special gratitude to UCLA Health Cancer Care medical staff and Dr. Greenwald for attempting to prolong his life. A proud and life-long Santa Barbaran, Oswaldo was charismatic, unforgettable, and exuded positivity, ad-infinitum. As son, brother, husband, uncle, colleague, mentor, and friend, he remained deeply connected to the community, culture, and family that shaped his life.

Oswaldo departed with his wife and partner of 30 years, Angela Carroll, at his side, knowing how deeply loved he was. He is survived by his mother, Carmen V. López, and 2 siblings, Cynthia Castaneda (López) and Paul López. He is further survived by his siblings' spouses, and Angela's 3 siblings, Valerie Carroll, Gilbert Carroll, and Cathleen Cohen (Carroll), and their spouses. He is preceded in death by his much-adored father Ventura (Benny) López, and Clyde and Christine Carroll. Oswaldo's 22 nieces and nephews will cherish his attitude, each forever claiming they are Oswaldo's favorite. Reciprocally, Oswaldo populated beliefs that he was the "Favorite Uncle" and the "Favorite Son-In-Law."

Known affectionately as "Os," he was raised on Dos Pueblos Ranch until the age of 9, then graduated Santa Barbara High School, and with the strong encouragement of his parents, went on to earn a Bachelors and Master's

degree in Architecture from the University of California, Berkeley. "Cal," he said, changed his life. Because of the depth of experience UC Berkeley afforded him, he gave back in spades as an Alumnus, helping the next generation with scholarships and learning opportunities. He grew up grounded in strong family values, respect, and faith - principles passed down through generations and evident in the way he lived his strong life.

Professionally, Oswaldo's contributions were diverse, ranging from affordable housing to high rise offices early in his career, specializing in hotel development in recent years. His dedication and expertise in the hospitality industry left a lasting mark on the projects he helped bring to life in Los Angeles, Las Vegas, Denver, Hawaii, Latin America and the Caribbean.

Os was an avid golfer who enjoyed exploring new courses and participating in fundraising tournaments. He was a loyal fan of the Los Angeles Rams, Denver Broncos, and the Los Angeles Lakers, often humoring family and friends with sports trivia. He also fascinated the family by showing off dancing skills from his era, a favorite being "Tighten Up" by Archie Bell & The Drells. Oswaldo lived fully, guided by faith, family, and a deep sense of responsibility to others. He will be remembered for his strength, generosity of spirit, and the love he shared with those closest to him. Though he has been called home, his presence will remain in the prayers, memories, and hearts of all who knew him.

May he rest in eternal peace, embraced by God's grace, and may his memory be a blessing to all who loved him.

In lieu of flowers, please honor Oswaldo with a donation to the UCLA Cancer Center in Santa Barbara or the American Diabetes Association.

Viewing: Tue. 1/20/25 5-8 pm @ Welch-Ryce-Haider, 15 E. Sola St., Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Service: Wed. 1/21/25 10 am @ Our Lady of Sorrows, 21 E. Sola St., Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Burial: Wed. 1/21/25 following the Service @ Calvary Cemetery, 199 N. Hope Ave., Santa Barbara, CA 93110

Previous Events

Viewing

JAN 20. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (PT)

Welch-Ryce-Haider - Downtown
15 E. Sola St.
Santa Barbara, CA 93101
(805) 965-5145
info@wrhsb.com
<https://www.wrhsb.com>

Funeral Mass

JAN 21. 10:00 AM (PT)

Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church
21 E Sola Street
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Burial

JAN 21 (PT)

Calvary Cemetery
199 North Hope Ave
Santa Barbara, CA 93110
(805) 687-8811
http://www.archdiocese.la/directories/cemeteries/info.php?cemetery_id=3

Tribute Wall

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“Oswaldo Lopez was a great friend and my mentor. Oswaldo was the first person to believe in my potential, when I applied for a position in the construction industry, out of college. I learned a lot from Oswaldo and will always be grateful for our friendship and career mentoring. Oswaldo will be missed as an excellent professional but even more as a friend!
R.I.P. my dear friend!

Roger Silva - February 03 at 09:04 AM

LB

“What an enormous loss to us all! Os was so powerfully positive and always up for adventure of some kind! I met him in San Diego in 1998 and watched he and Angie grow together as partners and best friends. Bob and I will always cherish the times we got to spend with Os and Angie. Golfing was our favorite!

Lisa and Bob Brodin - January 19 at 11:34 PM



“Hoy recordamos con amor y gratitud la vida de Oswaldo, quien ha partido de este mundo pero permanece vivo en nuestros corazones. Su recuerdo nos acompaña como un legado de cariño, enseñanzas y momentos compartidos que jamás se borrarán.

Aunque el dolor de su ausencia es profundo, encontramos consuelo en la fe y en la esperanza de la vida eterna. Confiamos en que Oswaldo descansa ahora en la paz del Señor, donde no hay sufrimiento ni lágrimas, solo luz y descanso eterno.

Que su memoria nos inspire a vivir con amor, fe y bondad, tal como él hizo.

“Yo soy la resurrección y la vida; el que cree en mí, aunque esté muerto vivirá.”

Juan 11:25

Descansa en paz, Oswaldo. Tu recuerdo vivirá por siempre en nosotros.

Familia López Romo, Ciudad de México a 08 de enero de 2026

Today we remember with love and gratitude the life of Oswaldo, who has departed from this world but remains alive in our hearts. His memory stays with us as a legacy of affection, teachings, and shared moments that will never fade.

Although the pain of his absence is deep, we find comfort in faith and in the hope of eternal life. We trust that Oswaldo now rests in the peace of the Lord, where there is no suffering or tears—only light and eternal rest.

May his memory inspire us to live with love, faith, and kindness, just as he did.

"I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live even though they die."

John 11:25

Rest in peace, Oswaldo. Your memory will live on forever in us.

López Romo Family, Mexico City, January 8, 2026



Jonathan López Romo - January 08 at 01:05 PM