



## Sylvester Lechuga

December 31, 1923 - February 27, 2023

At the age of 99, Sylvester Lechuga died peacefully at home surrounded by his family. He was born in Santa Barbara to his parents Simon and Asarision (Del Gado) Lechuga. Sylvester was a young boy when his mother passed away and he went to live with his aunt and uncle. Sylvester joined his uncle Ventura Camacho farming, and it became his life-long passion. He farmed many areas throughout the Goleta Valley and Santa Barbara County. In the 1940s, Sylvester and his uncle established the “Green Stand” selling local produce. He met Margarita Cuevas and they married in December 1952. Sylvester, with his family by his side, continued to operate the Green Stand until the mid 1970s. Many friends still talk of the memories they have working for him. He closed his business in the mid-1970s and was hired by Sunburst Sanctuary to become their teacher of agriculture for the young members who lived there. In the mid-1980s he left Sunburst and became the foreman for George Cavalleto avocado farms where he worked until 1991. Sylvester returned to work part time with Sunburst to open a new farm in Buellton. He eventually retired spending his days at home in his garden. He is survived by his loving wife of 70 years Margarita Lechuga (Cuevas). Father to Lawrence (Deceased), Richard (Laura) of Orcutt, Mark (Clare) of Paso Robles, Sylvia Cosby (John) of Lompoc, Jim (Jennifer) of Montecito and Kathy Harrison (Craig) of Santa Barbara. He is also survived by nine grandchildren, eight great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. He is the Lechuga patriarch and will be remembered by all who loved him for

being and easy going, wise, and kind great man.

Services will be held on Saturday, March 18, 2023, at St. Raphael's Church, 5444 Hollister Ave. Viewing is at 9:00 a.m., followed by Mass at 10:00 a.m.

Burial to follow at Calvary Cemetery, 199 N. Hope Ave. SB. The celebration of his life will take place from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., the location will be announced.

# Cemetery Details

## Calvary Cemetery

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

# Previous Events

## Service

MAR 18. 10:00 AM.

St. Raphael'S Church

## Burial

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