



Salvador Avila

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Salvador Avila was a family man. His passion and determination was to provide for his wife Margarita and his six children; José Luis, Salvador, Victor, Sergio, María Elena and Margarita. Whether it was working two jobs or helping each of his children open their restaurant, his children were always a priority. Family unity was the foundation of the Avila family. Each day he ingrained in his children the importance of loving and supporting one another. His wise counsel developed strong men and women in his family, who remain united to this day.

Like so many immigrant entrepreneurs, Salvador Avila believed in the American dream and he was determined to find a way to create a meaningful future for his family. In 1966, after living just eight years in the United States with his wife Margarita and their children, the couple seized an opportunity that changed their family forever. They established a Southern California tradition by opening their first restaurant in Huntington Park. Today Salvador's entrepreneurial spirit and hard work ethic permeate throughout the three generations that continue to operate the 13 restaurants.

Salvador was a man of perseverance throughout his life of 99 years. At age 50 he made drastic lifestyle changes and began to run. For 25 years he ran with a determined spirit eventually running his first LA Marathon at 75 years old. He continued to run the LA Marathon each year until he was 81. His wife, children and grandchildren were his greatest cheerleaders.

Salvador was a man of wisdom and faith. He led his life with determination, humility, gratitude and self sacrifice. He recognized that all his blessings came from Heaven above. His wise counsel was often spoken in parables. His meaningful life lessons directed his children, family and friends to reflect on their lives and hearts. He ingrained in his children the value of their Mexican heritage and to never forget where they came from.

The Avila legacy was formed by Salvador's faith in God, wisdom, perseverance, hard work ethic and courage. His determined value of family unity solidifies the Avila family. His legacy will be carried on from generation to generation. Salvador is survived by his children, 14 grandchildren and 19 great grandchildren.