



IN LOVING MEMORY OF
EMILIO GUZMAN

June 6, 1947 – April 7, 2026



Emilio Guzman, 78, unexpectedly entered into peace at his home on Tuesday evening, April 7, 2026, surrounded by his family.

Born in Barranquitas, Puerto Rico, and raised in Bronx, New York, Emilio grew up playing basketball and carried that passion throughout his life and passed his love of the sport onto his children and grandchildren. He proudly served 26 years in the United States Air Force, retiring as a Senior Master Sergeant (SMSgt). Serving in the Vietnam War. After his service, he became a licensed contractor and later settled in Tracy, California.

There, he founded a free basketball clinic at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, where he became known as "Coach Grandpa," mentoring and inspiring countless youth.

He is survived by his wife of 55 years Maria; sons and daughters-in-law Emilio and Katherine; Andre and Stefania; daughter Kisha and her wife Ashley; 8 grandchildren (Emilio, Joelle, Breanna, Kayla, Aiden, Jackson, Sami, and Bentley); and many loving family and friends.

Forever loved and remembered.

Fry Memorial Chapel, 550 S. Central Ave., Tracy, CA, is in care of funeral arrangements. A Celebration of Life will be held at 12:30 p.m. on April 27, 2026, with visitation beginning at 10:30 a.m. He will be laid to rest privately at Sacramento Valley National Cemetery. Chapel Service will be live streamed for family & friends unable to attend via his tribute page at www.frymemorialchapel.com.

An online guest book is also available for condolences and special messages to the family.

