

His Journey's Just Begun

By Ellen Brenneman

Don't think of him as gone away

his journey's just begun,

life holds so many facets

this earth is only one.

Just think of him as resting

from the sorrows and the tears

in a place of warmth and comfort

where there are no days and years.

Think how he must be wishing

that we could know today

how nothing but our sadness

can really pass away.

And think of him as living

in the hearts of those he touched...

for nothing loved is ever lost

and he was loved so much.

Death is nothing at all. It does not count. I have only slipped away to a new home. Nothing has really happened. Everything remains exactly as it was. I am I, and you are you, and the old life that we lived so fondly together is untouched, unchanged. Whatever we were to each other, that we are still. Call me by the old familiar name. Speak of me in the easy way which you always used to. Put no difference into your tone. Wear no forced air of solemnity or sorrow. Laugh as we always laughed at the little jokes we enjoyed together. Play, smile, think of me, pray for me. Let my name be ever the household word that it always was. Let it be spoken without an effort, without a ghost of a shadow upon it. Life means all that it ever meant. It is the same as it ever was. There is absolute and unbroken continuity. What is death but an adventure to an unknown land? Why should I be out of mind because I am out of sight? I will be waiting for you, for a time, somewhere very near, just around the corner. All is well.

APPRECIATION

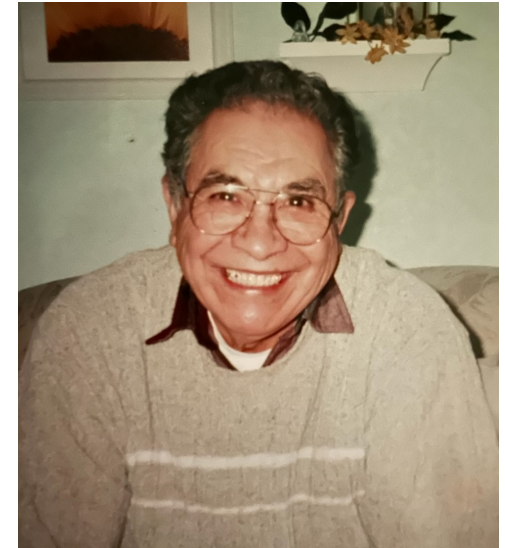
On behalf of the family, we wish to express their gratitude for your many acts of kindness, and for your attendance at the funeral service.

Luginbuel Funeral Home
Prairie Grove, Arkansas

online guest book, visit www.luginbuel.com

Celebrating

THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF



*Rudolph "Rudy" Mendivil
Silva*

July 13, 1928 - March 29, 2025

*"Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May their souls and the souls of all the
faithful departed, through the mercy of
God, rest in peace"*

Rudolph "Rudy" Mendivil Silva, age 96, a long-time resident of Prairie Grove, Arkansas, passed from this life into the next on March 29, 2025. Rudy was born at Panuco, Mexico, to Jose Mendivil and Felicitas Ontiveros and was very proud of his Mexican American heritage.

He and the true love of his life, Bessie Kirk, were married January 3, 1954, in Chicago, IL. He proudly served his country as a paratrooper in the 82nd Airborne division of the Army stationed at Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

Rudy and Bessie raised 8 children. He moved his family to Prairie Grove from Chicago in 1972, after working as a tool and die craftsman, and raised laying hens for Tyson Foods until retiring in 1991.

Rudy was the foundation of his family. He was a role model and demonstrated all the things you want a parent to be - loving, honest, hard-working, faithful, and generous. Rudy was a friend to all he met and treated everyone with dignity and respect. He never met a stranger and welcomed everyone into his home. He was happiest when surrounded by family and sharing a home-cooked meal.

Our cherished memories of all the good times, laughter, playing games, and working together will sustain us as we celebrate a life well lived.

The family wants to give its heartfelt appreciation to Linda and Tim Rathell for their thoughtful and loving care for Dad in their home during the last 18 months. We also want to acknowledge caregiver Bobbie Reynolds and the wonderful staff at Heroes Haven in the Fayetteville VA Medical Center.

Rudy was preceded in death by his dear wife, Bessie Dean Kirk Silva; son, Rudy Silva, Jr.; daughter, Carol Collins Hudnall; son-in-law, Danny Hudnall; and grandson, Danny Hudnall, Jr.

He is survived by children Carl Steven Collins, (Lezli) of California, Jeff Silva (Mary Jane) of Fayetteville, Mark Silva (Debra) of Farmington, Linda Rathell (Tim) also of Farmington, Tony Silva of Elkins, and John Silva (Heather) of Tontitown. Grandchildren: Paul Hudnall (Missy), Steven Collins, Nicole Collins, Rose Hunter (Michael), Kyle Collins (Katie), Rachel Patton (Drue), Jordan Silva (Alicia), Evan Silva, Chrystal Patrick (Dan), Justin Silva (Whitney), Jonathan Silva (Taylor), Stephen Silva, Brandi Soliday, Erica Rathell. Great-grandchildren: Mickey, Cory, Kayleigh, Levi, Anna, Hunter, Skyler, Sophia, Connor, Maverick, Tessa, Makayla, Gibson, Claire, Jacob, Caleb, Coker, Lilly, Marley, Cortlyn, Judah, Selah, Charlize, Anastasia, Konner, Weston, Emmalynn, Benjamin, Abigail, Exaviar, AnnaBelle.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE & MEMORY OF
Rudolph "Rudy" Mendivil Silva

DATE, TIME & PLACE OF SERVICE
Thursday, April 3, 2025 - 2:00 P.M.
Prairie Grove Christian Church

ORDER OF SERVICE

Prelude	Family Memories Video
Opening Prayer	Vance Eubanks
Scripture Reading	Jeff Silva
Obituary	Vance Eubanks
Family Remarks	
"I Will Rise"	Congregational
Military Honors	United States Army Honor Guard
Postlude	Family Memories Video

GRAVE SIDE SERVICE WILL NOT BE HELD. THE FAMILY WILL REMAIN TO VISIT WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS.

PALLBEARERS

Drue Patton - Dan Patrick - Paul Hudnall
Jordan Silva - Justin Silva - Evan Silva
Jonathan Silva - Stephen Silva

HONORARY PALLBEARER

Jesse Salazar

FINAL RESTING PLACE

Prairie Grove Cemetery
Prairie Grove, Arkansas