

CHUCK ("YSAIAS") CASTANEDA

In Memoriam

SEPTEMBER 26, 1932 – SEPTEMBER 5, 2026



Condolences to the Castaneda family. Chuck ("Esaias"="Yahweh is Salvation") will be missed -- although we all know he is now in "a better place." His gentle soul and caring heart will live on in our memories!

May he rest in the Bosom of God's Love! Thank God that his days of suffering on this earth are over -- and that he is now "walking" in the Light of God's Heavenly World. We will always hold his memory dear in our hearts, and we will always "see" him as a loving father, husband and friend. He always welcomed us into his home and made us feel like family. And now the Lord has welcomed him into his Heavenly Home!



Kowal Family

1974

Left>Right: Chuck & Dina Castaneda, Steve & Olga Belmudez, Rosie Kowal, Juan Kowal, Jim & Naida Komarchuk, Jeannie Monge, Natalie Kowal, Paul & Elsa Wigowsky

Seated: Baba Eva & Onisim Kowal, Olga Wigowsky

Kneeling: John, Michelle, Nancy, Becky, Alex



“La Familia”: Chuck and Dina are to the right, with Rosie, Nancy, and Becky (1987)



Elsa and I were married in 1972 and became part of the vast Kowal family (“La Familia”). Chuck is to the right.



1975 Chuck and Dina are to the right.



Chuck & Dina and family (Eddie, Becky, Nancy) visit Elsa and me in Oregon in 1977. Becky is holding our son Paul Steven.



**1981 We are at Steve & Olga Belmudez' house in Concord, CA
Chuck is on the left. Elsa is holding baby Susie.**



Silver Falls State Park in Oregon

Chuck and Dina visit us again in 1985. We take them to Silver Falls SP.



at Space Needle in Seattle, WA (1980's)



1983



This family portrait was sent to us in 1994.



1987 - Juan Kowal visits from Argentina.

We're at Steve & Olga's house in Concord. Chuck is on the right.



1991 - Family occasions -- like [Laura Pustobaeff](#)'s graduation from high school -- were a time of celebration that we all shared in



1993 - Baba Eva's funeral, Mount Olivet, Colma, CA

Chuck and Dina are standing on the left.



1996 –

Through the years, we would gather at quite a few weddings. Here we see Steve enjoying a festive moment with friends at his daughter Michelle's wedding.

Chuck is on the left.



Family time at our new house in Antioch, CA, - with Chuck, Dina, Jeannie & Nick Monge, Nat, Rosie

2004



In 2004, Elsa and I had moved back to California (after we retired), and here we are visiting with Chuck and Dina Castaneda.

San Jose, Chuck & Dina's House



2006 -- at [Laura Pustobaeff's](#) wedding. -- with Ed & Malinda Castaneda

Chuck is sitting beside his “primo” (cousin) Steve.



Miscellaneous Photos (courtesy of FB photos)





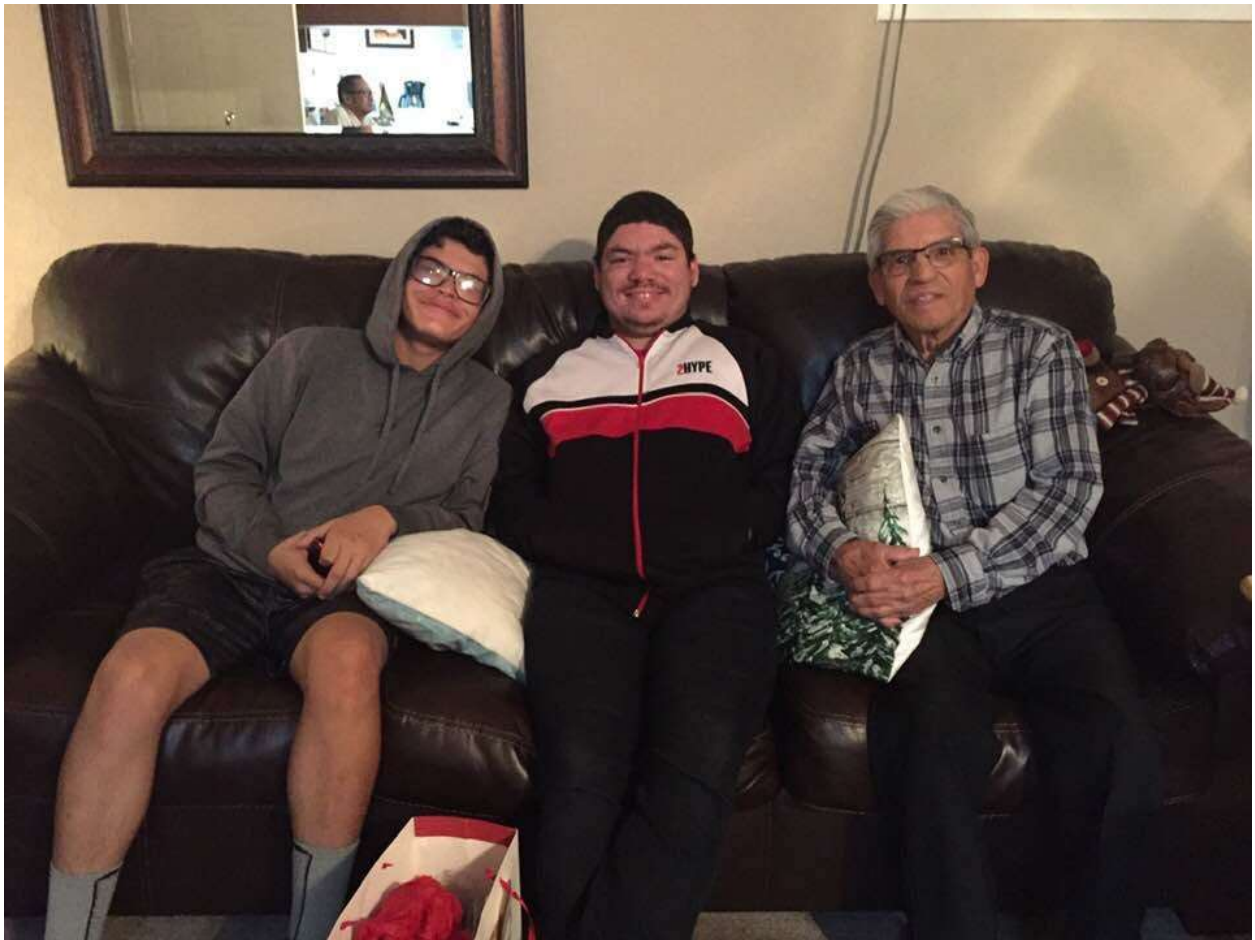


2015

















































Paul & Elsa Wigowsky December 22, 2013 To Chuck, Eddie, Becky, Nancy and all the Castaneda Family -- We cherish and love you and Dina -- May she rest in the Bosom of God's Love! Thank God that her days of suffering on this earth are over -- and that she is now "walking" in the Light of God's Heavenly World. We will always hold her memory dear in our hearts, and we will always "see" her as a loving mother, sister, wife and friend. She always welcomed us into her home and made us feel like family. And now the Lord has welcomed her into his Heavenly Home!

[Note: The place selected as the "Final Resting Place" is a beautiful place to visit: The Oak Hill Memorial Park in San Jose <http://wigowsky.com/images/oakhill/oakhill.htm>]

<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/153289269/dina-castaneda> [In Memory of Dina]

Dina Castaneda was born on February 26, 1939 in Paraguay South America. She was born to Onisim and Eudokya Koval. They migrated to San Francisco in 1962 to join the Russian Gospel Temple. Dina was married to Ysais "Chuck" Castaneda in January 1965. Dina leaves behind her husband of almost 49 years, 3 wonderful children (Becky Castaneda, Nancy Pracale, & Eddie Castaneda) and 5 of the greatest grandchildren (Raquel Castaneda, Ashley Zuniga, Travis Castaneda, Tyler Castaneda, Tristen Castaneda. As well she leaves behind many other family members and friends. She was called home to be with Jesus on Dec. 13, 2013 at 9:52pm and finally had received her healing. She will be deeply missed by all.

<https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/san-jose-ca/dina-castaneda-5783148>

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