



Edward Coloyan Cortez

September 18, 1938 - August 4, 2021

Edward Coloyan Cortez passed away Wednesday, August 4, 2021 at North Mississippi Medical Center in West Point at the age of 82. He was born in Long Beach, California.

He is survived by the love of his life, his wife of fifty years, Cynthia Cortez of Mantee; daughter, Kari Lawrence of Carthage, MS; and many nieces and nephews.

Ed moved from California to Mississippi in 1989. He was a veteran of the U. S. Army and he worked at Mississippi State University before retiring.

He enjoyed spending time with his great niece, Summer Roberson, great nephew, Dennis Roberson, as well as his niece Courtney Jackson and sister-in-law Debbie Jackson.

One of his favorite pastimes was volunteering at Hebron Christian School. He loved working at the book fair, helping out where he was needed and supporting Hebron student athletes. He rarely missed a basketball game. He even coached volleyball at one time and was affectionately known by players as "Uncle Ed".

His parents, Gregorio Cortez and Helaria Coloyan; two sisters, Lourdes

Monzon and Natividad Pilapil and three brothers, Tony Abella, Lawrence Abella and Frank Abella, preceded him in death.

A memorial service will be held at a later date at Pheba Baptist Church, with Brother Terry Rhodes officiating. Another service will be held in California. Burial will follow at Pine Bluff Cemetery.

Calvert Funeral Home will be in charge of arrangements.

Memorials may be made to Hebron Christian School, attn.: Donna Foster, 5100 Henryville Road, Pheba, MS 39755.

Friends may leave online condolences at www.calvertfuneralhome.com

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“ *This was a very special family to me when my son Brandon was at Hebron Christian School. He and Keri were in the same class. Praying for you all. There’s no doubt how many lives Mr. Cortez touched in his lifetime. ❤️*

Janet Middleton - August 06, 2021 at 09:42 AM

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“ *So sorry to hear about Mr Ed , he was a sweet sweet soul and he will be truly missed. You could always count on Mr Ed to help. Praying for the family in the weeks to come*

debbie white - August 06, 2021 at 08:23 AM