



## Melquiades A. "Mel" Santos

February 12, 1932 - January 5, 2020

Melquiades A. "Mel" Santos, of Omaha, formerly of Central City, died on January 5, 2020 at Silver Ridge Memory Care in Gretna, NE. Private family services will be held at the Central City Cemetery.

Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.soltwagnerfuneral.com](http://www.soltwagnerfuneral.com).

Melquiades was born on February 12, 1932 to Melquiades and Maria (Diaz) Santos in Cereté, Colombia. Mel grew up in Cereté, and graduated from High School there. On April 28, 1952, Melquiades and Olivia Cardenas were married in Cereté. In 1964 they would immigrate to Kenesaw, Nebraska where Mel worked as a self-employed carpenter. In 1975, Mel and Olivia moved to Central City where he continued his carpentry work. They remained in Central City until October of 2014, when they moved to Omaha.

Mel was cherished by his family as a beloved husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. He lived his faith and was a lifelong Presbyterian.

Those left to cherish his memory are his wife, Olivia of Omaha, his children; Alicia Santos of North Carolina, Susana (Bill) Harrington of Omaha, Niní (Bill) Abbey of Colorado, and Gonzalo (Monica) Santos of Connecticut, his grandchildren; Antonia, Casey (Taylor), Michael, Sara, Patrick, and Phillip, and one great-grandchild; Declan.

He was preceded in death by his parents and most of his large family.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Olivia and family,*

*We are so sorry to learn of Mel's passing. You and Mel were wonderful friends to our parents - Wayne and Lucile Tyler - through the Presbyterian Church. We appreciated your many kindnesses to them when they were alive. Our deepest condolences to you all.*

*Kathy Trotter, Dan Tyler and Brian Tyler*

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**Daniel E Tyler** - February 16, 2020 at 04:33 AM

KC

“ *Dear Olivia and family, I am so sorry to hear of Mel's death. I remember him as a lovely man in our church family from my childhood. Condolences to you all. In sympathy, Karen Campbell*

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**Karen Campbell** - January 11, 2020 at 06:23 AM

RH

“ *Dear Olivia and Family I was saddened to hear of the death of Mel. He was a guy you could envy without resentment, as he was warm and engaging in all of my encounters with him. He always greeted with a smile and was quick witted in conversation. His many accomplishments in life were only shared when ask and never in a boastful manner. He truly was a joyful bright soul, with that ever present smile. Mel did share about beautiful family which he loved and enjoyed very much and proudly shared of each ones accomplishments. We should have no regrets about Mel's life as God blessed us all when he loaned Mel to us.*

*Ray Huggett*

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**Ray Huggett** - January 07, 2020 at 03:41 PM



“ To the Family of Mel Santos, wishing you well and peace during this time of challenge for all of you. We lived in Kenesaw when you arrived and remember well your family's activities and heartfelt support of the Kenesaw Presbyterian church, particularly how your husband and father could be counted on when needed by the underfunded small town congregation. Olivia, while we both had roots within Ag-Tronic, I'm not sure we were there at the same time. I only remember Dale Watley often saying that your skills in supporting the company's international endeavors were essential to it's success. Gerry Brown

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**Gerry Brown** - January 07, 2020 at 12:21 PM



“ *European Sympathy Dish Garden* was purchased for the family of Melquiades A. "Mel" Santos.



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January 07, 2020 at 11:14 AM



“ *Plants-A-Plenty* was purchased for the family of Melquiades A. "Mel" Santos.



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January 07, 2020 at 09:53 AM

GR

“ Dear Olivia and family. So sorry to read of Mel's passing. We shared many fun times together. Know how hard this is Olivia as I lost Keith this past April may you feel God's comfort as you go through this. I will keep you and your family in my prayers. Gladys Rolls

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**Gladys Rolls** - January 06, 2020 at 10:24 PM