



Silvestre Arispe

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Silvestre Arispe, age 68, passed away Saturday, March 21, 2026, at Trinity Hospital in Muskegon. He was born June 26, 1957, in Zeeland, MI to Juan and Celia (Badillo) Arispe.

Silvestre served his country in the Army. He worked at Windmill Lakes Apartments in maintenance. Silvestre was a hard worker and very handy. He loved watching movies, both scary and war movies, and the news. In his younger days, he played guitar with his friends. Most important to him was his family and he loved his grandchildren.

Silvestre is lovingly remembered by his three daughters: Sophia Arispe, Monica (Marcos) Ayala, and Selena Goodin; six grandchildren: Laura, Lilly, Saveyva, Michael, Victoria, and Manny; two sisters, Esther Arispe and Nora Favela; two brothers, Abel (Chris) Arispe, and Gabriel (Esperanza) Arispe; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, his sister, Margie Boven, two brothers, Juan Arispe, Jr. and Joe Arispe, and cousin, Ed Silva.

The funeral service will be at 11:00 a.m. Thursday, March 26, 2026, at The VanZantwick Chapel of Sytsema Funeral & Cremation Services, 620 Washington Ave., Grand Haven, MI 49417. Military honors will be accorded by the Charles A. Conklin American Legion Post # 28 Honor Guard. Friends may meet the family an hour prior to the funeral. Interment will be in Restlawn Memorial Gardens, Holland, MI. Arrangements entrusted to The VanZantwick Chapel of Sytsema Funeral & Cremation Services, 620 Washington Ave., Grand Haven, MI 49417. Share memories with the family at their online guest book at <https://www.sytsemafh.com>.



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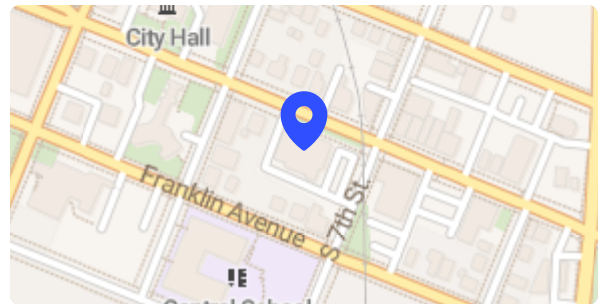
Visitation

Thursday, March 26, 2026

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM ET

Sytsema Funeral & Cremation Services - The VanZantwick Chapel

620 Washington, Grand Haven MI 49417



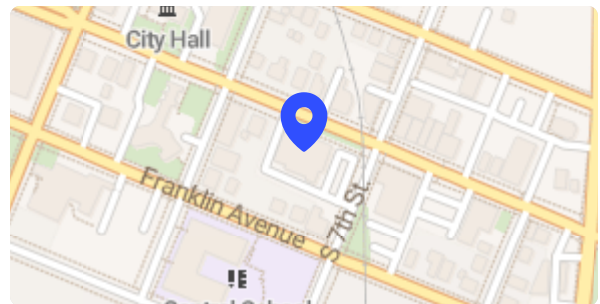
Funeral

Thursday, March 26, 2026

11:00 AM ET

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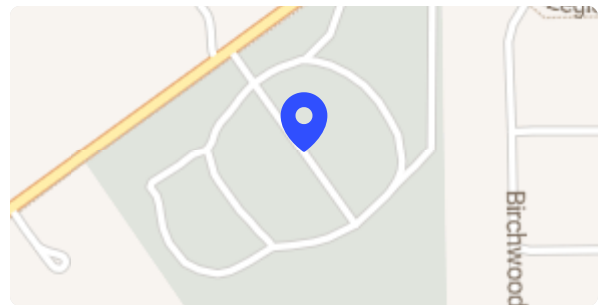
620 Washington, Grand Haven MI 49417



Cemetery Details

Restlawn Memorial Gardens

994 Paw Paw Drive, Holland MI 49423





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Marcos Ayala lit a candle in honor of Silvestre.



March 27 at 5:14 PM



Marcos Ayala posted:

I'm gonna miss you very much Silvestre. I called you silver. But It always made me smile, when you would tell the nurses and doctors your name,I would here such pride in your voice, proud till the end. Proud to be an ARISPE. And I'm proud and privileged to have been your Son-in-law. My son will miss you; helping push you around in your wheelchair, sometimes pushing your wheelchair in the wrong direction. My wife loved and will always love you. You are her hero. Her image of what a good, decent man should be. We love you. I hope I can hear more stories about you, to pass on to your LITTLE BUDDY (Manny). Rest in Peace.

March 26 at 11:14 PM



Oliyana Valenzuela lit a candle in honor of Silvestre.



March 26 at 3:05 PM



Ofelia Ayala lit a candle in honor of Silvestre.

Our condolences to the Arispe family, he will be remembered by us Marcos D Ayala parents ,when we visit them in Michigan him n Marcos and my husband will talk for hours about life experiences! I know my son Marcos got to love him and care for him as his own dad and little manuel Silveste will miss him ..(rest in peace Mr Arispe 🙏) big embrace to monica 🙏🌟 SinAYALA FAM



March 26 at 12:24 PM



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Laura Arrieta lit a candle in honor of Silvestre.

Grandpa you can rest easy and peacefully now. You will truly be missed badly though. I'm happy to hear you're in the hands of God now surrounded by your parents and siblings. But still selfishly I'm sad you're not here with us anymore. I will always remember you as a man with a tough shell but once someone got to know you, you were a soft man inside that gave the type everyone needed. I need to give you the biggest thank you for being apart of the person I am today. You've truly shaped me and you're apart of my tough side now. You've showed me what truly caring is. My grandpa was there for my sister and I when we all lived together. He always made sure we have food in our tummies and we had what we really needed. I'll never forget the type of care he took of us. I'm going to carry you within me everyday grandpa. I love you so much and I miss you. Rest in peace now.



March 25 at 3:02 PM



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March 25 at 2:59 PM



Esther Arispe shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Thanks for being a great big brother, I'll remember you fondly



March 25 at 1:31 AM



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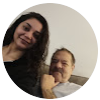


Beto Arrieta lit a candle in honor of Silvestre.

Señor Silvestre you will always have a special place in my heart. People come into our lives and leave footprints on our hearts and we are never the same. I will always be grateful for everything you did for me and for all the good advice you always gave me. I could never thank you enough for being a loving grandparent to my Daughters Laura and Lilly, They will forever love you and miss you! May you forever rest in peace! this battle wasn't easy at all but we all know you are home with your parents pain free. Fly high Silver I know you will always be around look down keeping the family safe 🙏prayers and condolences to the whole family.



March 24 at 11:41 PM



Selena Arispe lit a candle in honor of Silvestre.

March 24 at 10:43 PM





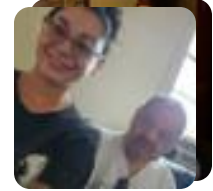
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Selena Arispe shared 2 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.



Till we meet again old man. There forever will be a spot missing of my heart that cannot be filled Love N miss you always ❤️ Today, I want to honor my dad, Silvestre Arispe—not as a perfect man, but as a real one. The kind of man whose presence filled a room, whose voice carried through the house so strongly it could reach you from anywhere. It always sounded loud, almost like he was yelling—but that was just the way he talked, the only volume he seemed to have. My dad loved the simple things. You could find him watching his westerns, or flipping over to CNN, or getting pulled into shows like Criminal Minds and Law & Order—especially in his younger years. And when fall came around, he loved watching Halloween movies, getting into that season in his own way. Those quiet moments, just him and the TV, are memories that feel louder now that he's gone. Music was a part of him, too. His electric guitars and amps weren't just things he owned—they were pieces of his identity. He enjoyed listening to bands like Journey and so many others, getting lost in the sound. There was something about the way he connected to music, like it gave him a voice beyond words. And if you knew my dad, you definitely knew his cooking. He didn't just make food—he made comfort. Chicken and rice, taco salad, his Southern cornbread with bacon and cheese, especially with a warm bowl of chili in the fall. Breakfasts that meant corned beef hash, two eggs, and tortillas just a little overdone, with that tub of butter always close by. And his enchiladas—always two trays, one chicken and one beef—that would be gone by the next day between my sisters and me. Even the little things had his signature touch—like his Kool-Aid. He never added too much sugar, leaving it just a little tart, and that's exactly how he liked it. Somehow, that became how I like it too. He was also a man of habits—some harder than others. He was a heavy smoker, almost a pack a day of Marlboro Red 100's. It was just one of those things that was part of him, something you couldn't separate from the image of who he was. My dad was a firm believer in God. He had many favorite verses, but the one I heard the most was about obeying your parents—and he truly believed in living by that. It showed in the way he raised us. He was also the definition of a jack of all trades, a master of none—but truthfully, he mastered more than he ever gave himself credit for. He was many things throughout his career, always searching, always trying. Around the house, there wasn't a single thing he couldn't fix. When I was very young, he even traveled to Texas to become a nurse, but he quickly realized that path wasn't meant for him. Still, that says everything about who he was—willing to try, willing to grow, willing to take a chance on something new. Growing up, he had his rules. Like making sure I was home by the time the street lights came on. And the way he disciplined me—he was softer with me than with my sisters, but it still carried weight. By the second time he had to raise his voice, I knew he meant it. He'd call me "hard head" in Spanish, and somehow, that was always enough to make me listen. One of my fondest memories of my dad was when he bought me a bouquet of roses for my birthday, and I took them to school to share with my friends. He spoiled me in his own way. Every Friday, he made it a point to pick me up Hot Cheetos and a Speedway Coca-Cola freeze, and we would enjoy them together. Those little moments meant everything. Holidays meant everything to him. There was no skipping them, no matter what. The rule was simple: the Christmas tree had to be up by Thanksgiving at the latest. And every year, without fail, he made sure we celebrated—really celebrated. Those moments weren't just traditions, they were his way of showing love. I have many memories of my father. He made sure I would never forget him—his discipline, his strength, the way he carried himself through life. My dad



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wasn't perfect. But his imperfections are part of what made him who he was. And the truth is, each of us—his daughters—we carry pieces of him. The good, and the not so good. His strength, his habits, his love, his flaws... all of it lives on in us. So today, we don't just remember him—we recognize him in ourselves, in our memories, in the way we love, cook, laugh, and even argue. He's still here, just in a different way. And that's how Silvestre Arispe will always be remembered—not just for who he was, but for everything he left behind in us. Dad, I hope you know how much you are loved, how much you are missed, and how deeply you'll always live on in me. I love you—always.

March 24 at 5:53 PM



Lilly Marie posted:

With our deepest respect and admiration for Silver, today we honor his life—the man who was strong and tireless in his constant battle for his health and his very existence, and who fought so fiercely for his daughters and grandchildren. Our greatest gratitude and admiration go out to him, now and forever. We will remember him with great affection always; may God grant him eternal light, and may he watch over his daughters from heaven forevermore. Rest in Peace, Silver. — Cesar and Laura Arrieta, Grandparents of Laurita and Lilly. I pray that God grants strength to his entire family. A warm embrace to Monica and her family.

March 24 at 10:19 PM



Lilly Marie shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Rest in peace Grandpa you'll forever be in our hearts and missed as everyday goes by, thank you for being able to bring us laughter and joy in the life you missed you'll forever be loved ❤️



March 24 at 8:54 PM



Monica Arispe shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

I'll miss you dad, the best dad and life won't be the same without you.



March 24 at 6:30 PM



Nora Favela lit a candle in honor of Silvestre.

To my brother silver miss you and love you I remember his humor



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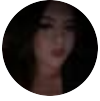




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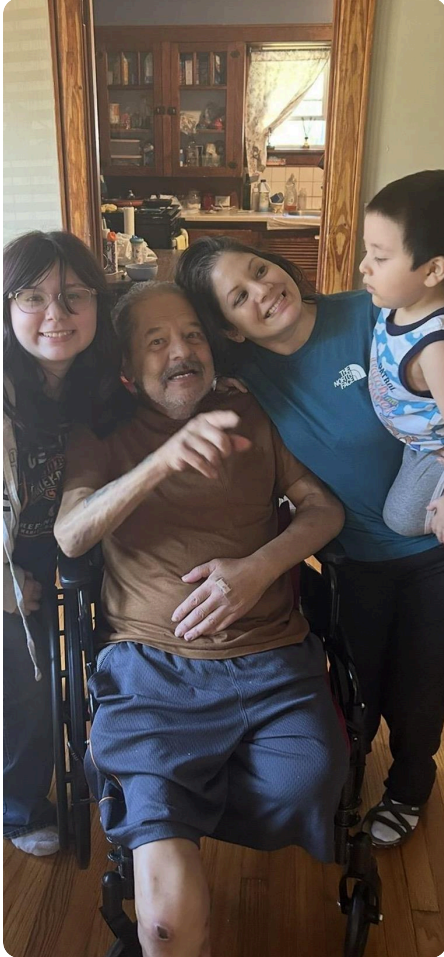
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