



Eloy Gomez Villa

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Eloy Gomez Villa November 29, 1953 - February 13, 2026 Eloy Gomez Villa, a family man known for his welcoming open door, witty jokes and being a cherished mentor, peacefully passed on February 13, 2026. He leaves behind a rich legacy of laughter, wisdom, and countless shared memories with those who knew him.

He was particularly proud of his work with the legal aid Society in Santa Cruz, California calling it a labor of love as well as his 25+ years as the Chief Administrative Officer for San Diego County's Internal Affairs. Eloy lived a life defined by his outgoing personality and an independent spirit that refused to simply "follow the herd." He was a man of his community who sat on his porch greeting neighbors and engaging in thought-provoking conversations.

An avid reader, rarely seen without a book and was always ready with a thoughtful recommendation. To his friends and family, he was the ultimate "go-to" man-a steady beacon for insightful advice and a unique perspective on life's biggest questions. Above all else, Eloy was a devoted family man. He looked forward to hosting holidays, where he was famous for serving his signature prime rib surrounded by the loved ones he cherished.

He was immensely proud of his daughters, son-in-law Mason and grandchildren and found great joy in the time spent with his wife, Anna. Whether he was cracking a joke at the dinner table or passing on life lessons, he had a natural gift for filling every room with warmth. As a mentor to many, Eloy encouraged everyone he met to think critically, stand tall, and be unapologetically themselves.

He is forever cherished by his wife, Anna; his daughters Celina, Marisa, and Jaylene; his grandchildren, Venicia, Aivalyn, Maciana, Mayalina, Nathaniel, and Anthony; and the many friends who found a mentor in him. His final chapter concludes as he lived: with love, strength, and a signature "over and out."



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Oscar Talaro posted:

Eloy Villa was a good friend and good man that cared about those that had no voice to speak for justice. I met Eloy at the County of San Diego, and he encouraged me to join the San Diego County Latino Association (SDLCA) that he helped organized. I joined the organization to support leadership development and advocacy to hire more Latino executives in the County. Much success has been made thanks to Eloy, and more progress will be made by those who are part of SDCLA right now. Eloy is someone you can trust to be fair and tell you the truth even if the truth would hurt. Eloy is my friend and mentor. Eloy will be missed but he left our community in a better place today. I loved his networking skills and how he bridged so many different people together for a common purpose. Thank you, Eloy, for calling me your friend. I will keep raising my cup of coffee to you and say Gracias Amigo! Love you Brother. Oscar

March 3 at 4:34 PM



Anonymous sent a Gracious Lavender Basket to the Villa family.



March 1 at 2:08 PM



The Allvus Family sent a Sentiments of Serenity Spray to the Villa family.



March 1 at 1:40 PM



The Allvus Family planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Eloy.



March 1 at 1:40 PM

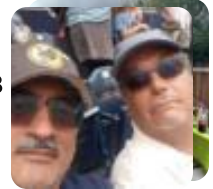


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Arturo Herrera shared 2 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.



Eloy 'Elroy' Villa. My brother. I met Elroy, as I sarcastically called him, September 1978 at UCSD. It was my first month there and I attended my first MEChA meeting. I sat next to this guy who noticed I was still all bandaged from elbows to finger tips. He had the audacity to be a decent person and asked 'so what happened?' I told him I had been injured in the Army and since he also was an injured veteran we instantly bonded. Everybody that knows us, knows he was a big brother to me. Helped guide me through a life I didn't understand. We ended up both lawyers grounded in our belief in justice and just doing the right thing. Over the years he would listen to my 'lefty' rants and gently bring me back from the edge. He helped keep me sober, when I didn't have a car for a minute he occasionally gave me rides to my Pacific Beach AA meeting. My son Arturo Jr. came to call him uncle Eloy. It's fitting that the last two times we saw each other in person was accidentally at the La Jolla VA and Chula Vista VA clinic. He called me at home just before he left us and as usual we joked about stuff. He mentioned his current health state and I knew in his own way he was saying good bye. I miss my brother already. 📷

February 19 at 9:33 PM



Celina Villa March 9 at 1:10 PM
Thank you sharing Arturo ☺☺☺



Anonymous sent a Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet to the Villa family.



February 27 at 2:53 PM



The San Diego County Latino Association sent a Strength & Solace Spray to the Villa family.



February 27 at 2:08 PM



Guadalupe Rabago shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.



February 25 at 3:40 PM



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Guadalupe Rabago posted:

I first met Eloy around 2005 when I was a newer employee in San Diego County. He was a member of the advisory board for the San Diego County Latino Association (SDCLA) and later became the Director of Internal Affairs, which was later renamed to Office of Ethics and Compliance. I was a member of the SDCLA and met Eloy at a networking event sponsored by the organization at Fat City. He was a genuinely caring person who took the time to get to know you, regardless of your position or title. Our relationship continued throughout the years, and we kept in touch. After he left the county, I would occasionally run into Eloy at casinos. He always had the same positive energy and great company. We kept in touch, and since my relatives owned auto recycling yards, I would help him get parts for his Mercedes. I remember visiting his home a few times and sitting around talking about how to solve the world's problems. His knowledge of politics and world events was unparalleled. In 2020, I had an issue with a county civil service matter and a public hearing where he helped me advocate for myself. His passion was evident, and I felt the same passion he had as an advocate and as a friend. I am deeply saddened to learn of his passing. I will miss my dear friend. My condolences to his family and to all the people who loved and admired him, like I did. Descansa en Paz, hermano. Se te va extrañar. 🙏 🙏

February 23 at 6:04 PM



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Xyrone Ocampo posted:

Eloy Villa was more than a neighbor — he was the heartbeat of our little stretch of D Street. From the very first week I moved in, back in April 2018, Eloy made sure I knew I had landed somewhere special. Technically, it was Louie who made the first impression — welcoming me to the neighborhood by confidently pooping right in the middle of my driveway. That felt about right. It was the most honest, unfiltered introduction I could have received, and somehow it set the tone perfectly for the years to come. Over countless afternoons and evenings, Eloy and I shared Modelos, Padres games, and long conversations that bounced from neighborhood updates to politics. I always joked that I gave him guidance on who he should vote for — but if I'm being honest, it was actually him that helped me out on election day (we leaned politically the same so there was never a debate). Eloy had a loyalty that ran deep. I saw it most clearly when he memorialized Louie in his front yard — the stone, the flowers, the care he took to honor his friend. That tribute said everything about the kind of man he was. (And for the record, I made absolutely sure that when I walked Winston, he showed the proper respect and did not pee anywhere near Louie's resting place.) He was generous in ways big and small. When I celebrated my partner's 50th birthday, Eloy didn't hesitate to lend chairs so everyone had a seat and patio heaters so the party could stretch comfortably into the night. He even tolerated the loud music until 2 a.m. — which, frankly, deserves sainthood consideration on its own. He introduced me to some of the best spots in downtown Chula Vista — more Modelos at 3 Punk Ales and Dock's — and through him I got to know not just a neighbor, but a family. He welcomed me into his world, introducing me to loved ones visiting from Florida and Santa Cruz, to his two wonderful daughters, their family, and his grandchildren. His door was always open, his smile always ready. Anna, thank you for being his partner in every sense of the word — and now his forever partner through God. You have been such a steady, loving presence. I am grateful to call you my neighbor. You and the family showed incredible strength and faith, proving doctors wrong and giving us more time with Eloy — time through Christmas and into 2026. That was a gift to all of us. Eloy, I'm so thankful for the time we shared. I cherished our sarcastic banter, the rants, the laughs, the simple act of sitting together and watching the world go by. You even helped me choose the plant I put in my front yard to honor you — the aloe, now proudly known as "Eloy's Aloe." It surprised me by sending up a tall stalk that reached toward heaven. I didn't even know it could do that. It felt fitting. So when neighbors walk by and see that aloe with its flower rising from the rocks, guarding my home, I hope they know it stands for your beautiful spirit — watching over our street as the honorary Mayor of D Street. Say hi to Louie up there for me. And tell him thanks for pooping on my driveway. You will be missed more than words can say, my friend.

February 19 at 9:33 PM



Celina Villa March 9 at 1:12 PM

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Celina Villa shared 4 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

February 19 at 9:33 PM



Love, Sam, Lisa And Mateo sent a Lily and Rose Tribute Spray to the Villa family.

February 20 at 1:27 PM



Love, Sam, Lisa And Mateo planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Eloy.

February 20 at 1:27 PM



Anjaylena Gonzales lit a candle in honor of Eloy.

Thank you dad for teaching me right from wrong Teaching me how to fish at 4 a.m. and letting me know when in doubt ,, don't do it. You will be missed and you'll always have a place in my heart Keep fishing.....

February 20 at 9:02 AM



Celina Villa lit a candle in honor of Eloy.

February 19 at 9:33 PM





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Arturo Herrera shared 2 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

February 28 at 9:01 AM





Guadalupe Rabago shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

February 25 at 3:40 PM





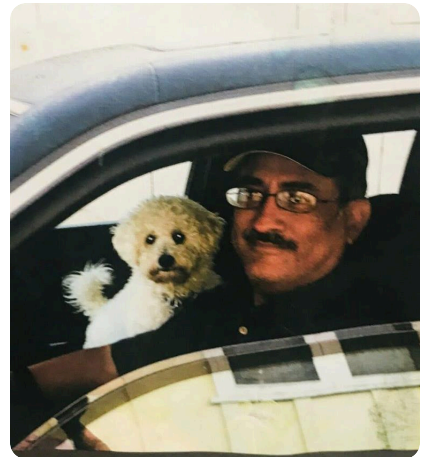
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Celina Villa shared 4 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

February 21 at 8:10 PM





Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Eloy by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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