



## Mr. Francisco Oliva

December 3, 1935 - December 29, 2024

In Loving Memory of Francisco Javier Oliva

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Francisco (Javier) Oliva, lovingly known as “Pipo” to his children and grandchildren, passed away peacefully in his sleep during the early morning on December 29, 2024 in the care of his daughter Zulema Balderas. In his last days he shared his time with his daughter, grandchildren, and great grandchildren, celebrating the holidays, sharing stories of his life. Javier was pain free, happy, and enjoying his family til the very end. Born on December 3, 1935, in Matanzas, Cuba, he lived a life defined by resilience, determination, and pride in his journey to America.

In his younger years, he made the courageous decision to leave Cuba, enduring time in a work camp before coming to the United States. He took great pride in making this journey to provide his children with a better life and the opportunities to achieve their own dreams.

For several decades, he worked at Inland Steel, where his dedication and strong work ethic left a lasting impression on those around him. His pride in being an American was a defining part of his identity, and he cherished the freedoms and opportunities this country provided.

Above all, he was a devoted father and a loving grandfather, always ready with advice, laughter, and support for his children and grandchildren. He took immense pride in their accomplishments and treasured the time spent with his family.

May he rest in peace, lovingly remembered for the incredible childhood memories he created for his children and for being the foundation of his family’s journey. His legacy has shaped his family and the lives they lead. As a father, he made sure he filled his children’s upbringings with bike rides, going to the park, bedtime songs and stories, and always made sure to give them goodnight kisses—those are the moments that will be remembered and cherished most. His love for his children and grandchildren was always

evident, and he made sure they knew how deeply he cared for them. There was never a hello or goodbye without a kiss and an “I love you,” a testament to the warmth and devotion he showed to those he held dear. His stubborn independence was a defining part of who he was, and it’s something we will always admire and deeply miss about him. He loved his friends dearly and valued the connections he shared with them. We will never forget the strength, love, and determination he showed, leaving behind a legacy that will forever be cherished by his family and grandchildren.

He is survived by his 6 children, 25 grandchildren, and 19 great grandchildren, and his brother Leonso (el bebe) Oliva

Visitation will be held on Thursday, January 2, from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM at Burns Funeral Home 10101 Broadway, Crown Point, Indiana 46307. [www.burnsfuneral.com](http://www.burnsfuneral.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 2. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Burns Funeral Home & Crematory - Crown Point

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# Tribute Wall

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“ Jeanny purchased the *Divine Peace Bouquet* for the family of Mr. Francisco Oliva.



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**Jeanny** - December 31, 2024 at 06:01 PM

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“ Jeanny planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Francisco Oliva.

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