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Manuel J. Espinoza, 81, of Elyria, Ohio passed away peacefully on March 6, 2026. He was born on May 7, 1944 in Raymondville, Texas to the late Manuel and Eulalia (née Alvarado) Espinoza.

He dedicated more than 60 years of his life to the craft of barbering and was the proud owner of Manuel's Barbershop in Oberlin, Ohio, where he became a familiar and trusted presence in the community. Through the years, his shop was more than a place for a haircut it was a gathering place for conversation, laughter, and friendship. Outside the barbershop, he had a passion for cars and motorcycles and could often be found attending swap meets, enjoying the discovery of unique items. His hard work, friendly spirit, and love for his hobbies will be fondly remembered by all who knew him.

Beloved husband of Virginia (née Ketchum) Espinoza of 27 years; loving father of Julie Calvey (Mike), Crystal Sherman, and Jake Espinoza; stepfather of Jordan Drumm (Milo); cherished grandfather of Mason, Lillie, Ashten, and Parker; and brother of Lali Bejarano, Anita Booker, and Frank Espinoza.

A celebration of life will be held on May 3rd, 2026 from 3-5 PM at Heritage Presbyterian Church, 515 N Leavitt Rd, Amherst, OH 44001. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to BSA Troop 494 at 515 N Leavitt Rd, Amherst, OH 44001.




Events


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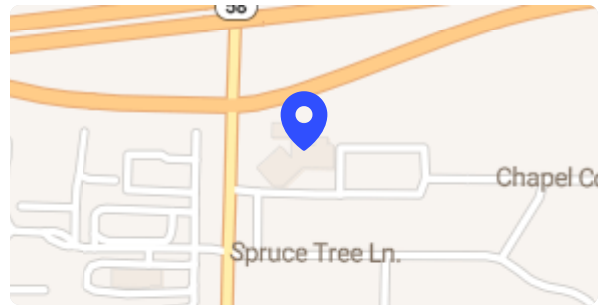
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Celebration of Life

 **Sunday**, May 3, 2026

 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM ET

 **Heritage Presbyterian Church**
515 N. Leavitt Road, Amherst OH 44001





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S shared 4 photos to the **Manuel in his shop, 2019 - by Sebastian Collett** album.



March 8 at 2:17 AM



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March 8 at 2:06 AM



S shared an album called **Manuel in his shop, 2019 - by Sebastian Collett**.



March 8 at 1:59 AM



Natalie Wise posted:

Crystal and family,Im sorry to hear of the loss of your father. Take care of you and yours.

March 8 at 12:02 AM



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William Doane posted:

Mrs Espinoza and family!m sure you are getting many condolences like this one. I've known Manuel for 45 years starting as my barber and became a good friend. The Barber shop was respectfully like a local bar. People would gather and talk about Oberlin the country, sports ,family,the good and the bad times in our lives. He was a great man,a big part of Oberlin and it was a true pleasure and joy to know him he will be missed.God Bless you at this difficult time Bill Doane RPh

March 7 at 11:56 PM



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Mari T posted:

When I was little I would often go with my dad when he went to get his beard trimmed at Manuel's. Manuel would always put on a Looney Tunes cassette for me. He's the reason I know anything about Bugs Bunny, Wile E Coyote, etc. It's a core memory of my childhood and whenever I come across a reference to those cartoons I think of him. Thanks man, you were the best.

March 7 at 4:35 PM



Sue Wurster posted:

About three years ago, I moved back to Oberlin after more than 50 years. And on a Monday in January that year, I very much needed a haircut, but, alas, when I looked online, there was no place in town that was open. But when I drove to the bank, I noticed that Manuel's was open. I was truly surprised to see that the man sitting in the back was none other than Manuel himself. I mentioned that he had cut my father's hair for years, and when I told him who my father had been, he smiled and pointed to the picture of him in younger days--black leather jacketed and leaning against his motorcycle. "Your sister took that picture of me," he said. "Best picture I ever had taken." And then, he looked at me and said, "So, you must be the one that was in the plays." Yep, I am. Many people think of Manuel's as an Oberlin institution. Nope. That distinction belonged to Manuel. And we will all miss him.

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J

John Talbert posted:

So many memories of talks with Manuel and "townies" from the barber chair. He took his last years of health problems with such composure and strength. My heart goes out to Manuel's family. John Talbert

March 7 at 1:51 PM

P

Pamela Pollack posted:

I worked in Oberlin for a number of years and Manuel always had a smile on his face whenever you saw him. Condolences to all his family and friends!

March 7 at 11:23 AM



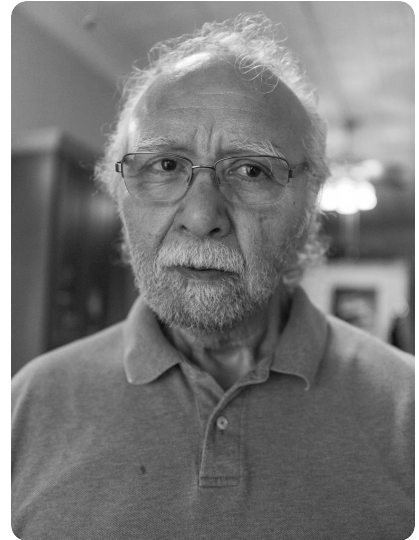
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