



Porfirio “Pilo” Castillo Jr., son of Porfirio and Natalia (Navarro) Castillo Sr., was born March 13, 1963, at Del Rio, Texas. He attended school through the 8th grade and then worked alongside his father as a rancher. Pilo enjoyed ranching and he found a passion for caring and working with horses.

Pilo was united in marriage with Martha Hernandez. At the urging of Pilo’s brother, Rey, Pilo and Martha moved to Iowa. First, they lived in Sioux Center, then Alford for a number of years, and in the last few years, they called Rock Valley home. While living in Iowa, Pilo worked in a local machine shop, was a pottery store owner, owned and operated Taco Sport House Restaurant, and during the last couple of years he owned and operated La Taqueria Frontera, a local food truck.

Pilo loved his family very much, ESPECIALLY his grandchildren! He was always there for them and would do anything to see them smile and hear them laughing. He loved working on cars with his son, Pilo. He was always supportive of his family and friends. Pilo loved to be able to help others. Pilo passed away Thursday, June 19, 2025, at Pleasant Acres Care Center in Hull, Iowa, at the age of 62.

Pilo is survived by his wife, Martha; 5 children, Pilo Castillo III, Esmeralda (Emmanuel) Herrera, Erika (Victor) Gonzalez, Fernando Castillo, and Ruben Gonzalez-Castillo; 10 grandchildren, Elias Herrera, Ezequiel Herrera, Emilio Herrera, Elena Herrera, Aracely Castillo, Annalee Gonzalez, Jacob Gonzalez, Cesar Adrian, Yaretz Fernanda, and Yair Emmanuel; mother, Natalia Castillo; and 13 siblings, Cecilio, Armando, Yolanda, Rey, Albert, Rudy, Alfredo, Alonzo, Lorena, Elisa, Alex, Rafael, and Leticia.

He was preceded in death by his son, Cesar Castillo; father, Porfirio Castillo Sr.; and brother, Carlos Castillo.

Remembering the Life of Porfirio “Pilo” Castillo Jr.

March 13, 1963 ~ June 19, 2025

FUNERAL SERVICE

10:30 AM, Tuesday, June 24, 2025
Porter Funeral Home
Rock Valley, Iowa

OFFICIANT

Pastor Aaron Wurgler
Seeds of Faith Community Church
Lester, Iowa

MUSICAL SELECTIONS

“Goodness of God” ~ CeCe Winans
“Cien Ovejas” ~ Yesenia Flores
“Mas Alla Del Sol” ~ Kalani con Mariachi

HONORARY PALLBEARER

Reynaldo Castillo Sr.

PALLBEARERS

Pilo Castillo III ~ Emmanuel Herrera
Victor Gonzalez ~ Cecilio Castillo
Erick Castillo ~ Rey Castillo Jr.
Gabriel Castillo ~ Abel Castillo

INTERMENT

Valley View Cemetery
Rock Valley, Iowa

Pilo’s family would like to invite everyone to the Alford Community Center following the committal service at the cemetery for a time of food and fellowship.

In Loving Memory of Porfirio "Pilo" Castillo Jr.
(A Life of Love, Service, and Joy)

Beneath the sky so wide and blue,
A gentle soul, so kind and true,
Has left this earth, but not our hearts—
His love remains, though we're apart.

He rode the land with steady pride,
Beside his father, side by side.
Through open fields and morning dew,
He chased a life he always knew.

The horses knew his caring hand,
He'd calm them with a voice so grand.
In every neigh, in every breeze,
He found a quiet, sacred peace.

With grease-stained hands and loving eyes,
He worked with his son, side by side—
Fixing engines, mending time,
In those small acts, their bond would shine.

The kitchen was another place
He shared his love with warmth and grace.
To feed a soul, to share a plate,
Was how he made the moments great.

But nothing lit his soul so bright
As grandkids laughing in the night.
To see them smile, to hear them cheer,
Was all he needed to feel near.

And by his side through every year,
Was Martha—steadfast, strong, sincere.
His partner, love, his truest friend,
A bond that time could never end.
He'd speak her name with tender grace,
A quiet joy lit up his face.

Now past the fences, past the gate,
He rides where love and freedom wait.
His work is done, his spirit free,
But in our hearts, he'll always be.



In Loving Memory
Porfirio Castillo Jr.

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