

Frank “Mercy” Gonzales passed away on June 5, 2026 in Gillette, WY surrounded by the love of his kids. Frank was born on July 11, 1955, in Murray, Utah, to Arnoldo Gonzales and Nina Martinez. As a young boy Frank attended Catholic school and then was proud to be a Husky at Hillcrest High School in Midvale, Utah. He married the love of his life, Loretta Ortega Gonzales, on September 28, 1985, and together they built a family that meant everything to him. Frank spent most of his working life with Kennecott, working in the mines of both Utah and Wyoming. He was proud of the work he did and the people he worked alongside throughout the years. He loved the outdoors, especially fishing. Whether out fishing or just sitting around, Frank always had a story up his sleeve-and we all heard our favorites more than once, but we’d listen every time. He also enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren, watching westerns, doing leatherwork, and making rosaries. More than anything, he loved being around family. Frank’s outgoing nature meant he never met a stranger-just someone he hadn’t had a chance to laugh with yet. He had a positive outlook on life, was courageous through difficult times, and wasn’t afraid to be tough when the situation called for it. He had a way of making people feel comfortable and welcome and that warmth is something we’ll carry with us. Frank’s greatest accomplishment and proudest achievement was his children and grandchildren. He is survived by his sons, Thomas (Alaina) Gonzales and Joseph Gonzales; his daughter, Michaela Gonzales; his sisters, Yvonne (Pat) Laforett, Elizabeth (Pat) Ferguson, and Josie Young; and his grandchildren, Chase Talbot-Gonzales and David Sundfor-Gonzales. He was preceded in death by his wife, Loretta Gonzales; his parents, his brother, Michael Gonzales; his daughter-in-law Renee Sundfor, and his beloved dog, Bandit. Frank will be deeply missed by his family, friends, and everyone fortunate enough to know him. Memorials and condolences may be sent in care of Gillette Memorial Chapel 210 West 5th Street, Gillette, WY 82716. Condolences may also be expressed at [www.gillettermemorialchapel.com](http://www.gillettermemorialchapel.com)

## Remembering the Life Of...



Frank “Mercy”  
Gonzales

July 11, 1955     –     June 5, 2026



## I'M FREE

Don't grieve for me for now I'm free  
 I'm following the path God laid for me.  
 I took his hand when I heard him call  
 I turned my back and left it all.  
 I could not stay another day  
 To laugh, to love, to work or play.  
 Tasks left undone must stay that way.  
 I found that peace at the close of day.  
 If my parting has left a void  
 Then fill it with a remembered joy.  
 A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss.  
 Ah yes, these things I too will miss.  
 Be not burdened with times of sorrow  
 I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.  
 My life's been full. I've savored much.  
 Good friends, good times,  
 A loved one's touch.  
 Perhaps my time seemed all too brief  
 Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.  
 Lift up your hearts and share with me  
 God wanted me now:  
 He set me free.

Memorial Service  
 11:00 a.m., Thursday, June 11, 2026  
 St. Matthew's Catholic Church  
 Gillette, Wyoming

Officiant  
 Father Pat Quinn

Musicians  
 Diane Kuhbacher | Sarah Thrailkill  
 Gary Melgaard | Kathy Holland

Music  
 "Amazing Grace"  
 "The Lord Is My Shepherd"  
 "Song of Farewell"  
 "On Eagle's Wings"

Inurnment  
 Midvale City Cemetery  
 Midvale, Utah

The family extends an invitation to a reception  
 and time of fellowship at Parish Hall following the service.



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 goodbye; children's tour.

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