



# Salomon Cantu

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**W**ith profound sadness we announce the passing of Salomon Cantu, loving and devoted husband, father, grandfather and friend to all whose lives he touched.

Salomon was born in 1937 in Corpus Christi, Texas. He served in the United States Air Force for 20 years; early in his adventure, while stationed in England, he met and married the love of his life, Pearl Selina.

In the 1960s Sal was so happy to share his growing family with his mother and siblings while stationed in Fort Worth, Texas and also made some of his happiest memories while stationed near Pearl's family in England before ultimately settling in the states. In 1969 Salomon, Pearl and their six children settled in Tacoma, Washington, and bought the house where they would raise their family and create a lifetime of memories. As his children grew he attended every wrestling match, football game and sporting event – he had great pride for his family and always was the loudest voice cheering on his children (and eventually grandchildren) and also their friends and teammates.

Salomon loved to learn, he always said “you can be anything you want to be when you grow up,” so after retiring from the military he went on to study and receive a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology, after which he created his dream job with the Washington State Employment Security Department. He believed that the most important thing was to find a job you loved, often saying “when you find a job you love you'll never have to ‘work’ a day in your life.” He was committed to sharing this philosophy across 35 years with the ESD as he supported veterans in finding their happy place working in the world; not only a job, but something they loved doing. Sal worked across the political aisle with our states' governors over the years, who signed proclamations into being – declarations to provide the services and benefits our veterans deserve. He went on to create hundreds of ‘Job Fairs’ – ultimately leading to dream job matches for thousands of veterans. Salomon also created and ran a family business with his sons called Repair Masters, bringing together his favorite things – spending time with his family and helping people.



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Salomon was devoted to his family; simply being together was his favorite place to be. Sal's warmth, generosity, infectious laughter, and sweet spirit drew others to him; he was the bright light of our world. Sharing with others brought him great joy and he would often tell us how important it is to feed people – he loved to literally feed his family, delighting in our breakfasts and dinners together – but even more so, he fed the hearts and souls of those around him; his heart was an infinite well of love and wisdom, pouring forth a fountain of strength, courage and so much love for us all. He will be deeply mourned and missed forever.

He is preceded in death by his parents Salomon and Manuela B Cantu; sister, Elida; brothers, George and Ramiro Cantu. He is survived by his loving wife Pearl Selina; children Steven, Gary, David, Marty, Angelina and Scott; 15 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren; brother Frank Cantu; 9 nieces, 2 nephews. We are so grateful for the great gift of Salomon's love, grateful for the gift of sharing life with him; may his wisdom, strength, courage, kindness and compassion live on through us today and always.

You can watch the Aspen Chapel service using the following link:

<http://webcast.funeralvue.com/events/viewer/45334>





# Events

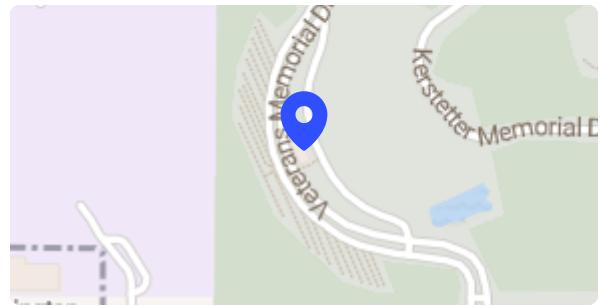
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## Cemetery Details

 **Tahoma National Cemetery**  
18600 SE 240th St, Kent WA 98042

 **(425) 413-9614**





## Tribute Wall

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**Anonymous** sent an Adoration Casket Spray to the Cantu family.



January 12 at 2:35 AM



**David Anijo** posted:

I can not put in to words to ease the loss when such a man as Mr. Solomon Cantu passes. The best thing I can do, is to help those who were closest to him and his family know that my life has been impacted in a positive way by his life. I've always had the utmost respect for Mr. Cantu, starting as a child, to now. I remember him in the 70's growing up, seeing him occasionally in the 80's and 90's as a teenager and young adult, right up to last year as his walking route always went past my house. Mr. Cantu helped me after my last combat tour in 2008, and I always made sure I would say hello to him if I saw him walking by. I remember my last conversation with Mr. Cantu as he was telling me how far he USE to walk, and at the time (early 2020) that he usually just goes to 64th street now. I praised him for still making those walks, staying motivated to keep moving, and not giving up. I asked him to tell his boys I said hello for me, as many great memories during wrestling occurred in our younger days. There should be no question, as to how Mr. Cantu's character, integrity, and family values touched so many, and why not only the Cantu family, but the community and the world is deeply saddened at his passing. I sincerely and compassionately want to express my condolences to the Cantu family as well as all who feel the loss because of his passing. We are all better people for having him i our lives- and we can cherish his life just by caring for one another. May we all find comfort and peace, and never stop loving! David Anijo

January 11 at 6:54 PM



# Memories only last if you share them

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



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