

PSALM 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul:
he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil:
for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest
my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow
me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

A portrait of a middle-aged man with dark hair and a mustache, wearing a dark suit, white shirt, and a patterned tie. He is looking directly at the camera with a slight smile. The background is a dark, textured blue.

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MAY 20, 1970 - JANUARY 16, 2024

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In the Plaza de San Martín Hidalgo, on May 20, 1988, on his birthday, at the age of 18, Joel asked Paty, who was 15 years old, to be his girlfriend, this day being their first date. Paty replied and said she would think about it, but he knew the answer would be yes. And with the mischievous character that characterized him, he said to himself, “She has already fallen.” They dated for six years and enjoyed many activities of the village together, always making Paty and his friends laugh. On July 9, 1994, they married in San Martín Hidalgo, Jalisco: Joel, 24, and Paty, 21 years old. The love they had for each other was noticed by everyone. A month later they moved to the City of Los Angeles, Echo Park, where they began to make their home.

His three children were born in Los Angeles. Joel, now 28 years old, whom he called “mi flaco,” was also his pride. Judith, now 26 years old, whom he called “mi Fuli,” was his soulmate. And Eden, now 17 years old, whom he also called “mi muffin,” was the apple of his eye. Joel not only told them how much he loved them, but he also showed it to them every day with gestures and words of love. Together they enjoyed many activities, their most recent project was to build a house in Mexico which is 80 percent finished. This summer he planned to give his children and grandchildren the surprise of putting a pool in the house for them.

Joel enjoyed going to his hometown where he still had many friends who called him Lee; whom he always tried to look for every time he went.

Was born in Tuxpan, Nayarit, Mexico, on May 20, 1970. His parents were Lorenzo Cedeño and Alfreda Pacheco. Joel was the fifth child of six siblings: Antonio, Elizabeth, Sara, Raquel, and Mary. From birth, Joel was the joy of the family, always cheerful and smiling. At the age of three, his parents took him to live in Guacamayas, Michoacán, Mexico, where his father pastored the Church of Guacamayas.

In 1977, at the age of six, he arrived in San Martín de Hidalgo, Jalisco, Mexico, his beloved town where he grew up. Joel was a student at José Antonio Torres School and Miguel Hidalgo y Costilla High School. At the same time, as he was pursuing his education, in the mornings he worked at the Peña carpentry shop, where he learned the carpenter’s trade. His first piece of work was a wooden dining table that he made for his mother, which is still preserved in the family home in San Martín Hidalgo, Jalisco.

As an exceptional father, he demonstrated his dedication and unconditional love for his three children. Joel was not only a father in terms of providing and raising his children, but he was present in all aspects of his family life. As a father, his Christian faith and values left an impact on his children’s lives. As a spiritual leader in the home, he taught his children the importance of maintaining a personal relationship with God—in prayer, Bible study, service, and work in the Lord’s work.

His presence in his children’s lives was reflected at every moment. Joel always demonstrated emotional support with integrity and responsibility. Always with a positive and cheerful attitude, he taught them the fundamental values, such as respect, honesty and perseverance. Every day he would come home whistling happily, and the first thing he would do was show affection to his wife, daughters and Luna, his dog.

Joel was blessed to work in the carpentry business to provide his family with everything they needed. He modeled to his children the importance of effort and dedication in life. His passion and love for his work impacted all clients and his co-workers. He worked with contractor Bo Jennings for over 25 years. Bo testifies, “Joel was an exceptional man” and loved him like a son. The last few years, he dedicated himself to self-employment and was blessed to do what he loved, which he did it singing.

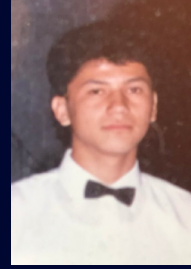
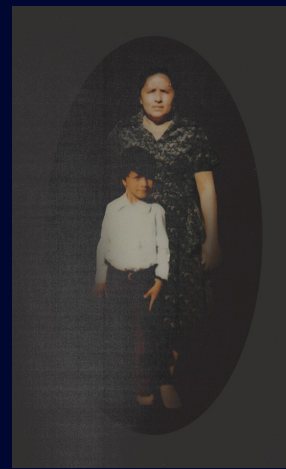
Joel was baptized by his father, Lorenzo Cedeño. The Lord called him to the Apostolic ministry and he attended the Los Angeles District Bible College. Upon completion of Bible college, he was ordained to the ministry.

Joel ministered by giving Bible studies, preaching, and winning souls for Christ. He had a worshiper’s heart, passionately ministering praise, impacting lives. His ministry continued at Abundant Life Church, collaborating with the Pastor, Bishop Victor O. Prado, to whom the family is very grateful for his love for him. There he served as minister, cell leader, and, supervisor and mentor of the Men’s Department. He was also a member of the Board of Directors of the Los Angeles District, Men’s Federation, serving as secretary, which he greatly enjoyed.

In 2020, Joel had the great joy of seeing his first child, Joel, marry Abriana. Two years later, in 2022, his first grandchild Nikolai Lorenzo Cedeño was born. Nikolai was the most beautiful gift to him, and he was the best grandfather with his Niko. Joel was surprised with the big news that he was going to have another grandchild in May 2024. When he learned that God had blessed his son with a girl, he was filled with joy and happiness. Although his granddaughter will not know him, the memories and legacy that her grandfather has left behind will live on forever.

Joel was a man who loved his family and showed it to them every day, he enjoyed every moment with them. Their children witnessed the love of their parents. Joel was happy every day of his life and lived a full life. His passion for singing, church, and souls impacted many lives and he worked hard for the kingdom of God until the last day. He was loved by all who knew him, both family and friends. On January 16, 2024, Joel was called home to the Lord, and now he is singing and rejoicing because he has finished the good fight.

“I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith” 2 Timothy 4:7



MEMORIAL SERVICE

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2024

Welcome / Prayer.....Co-Pastor Jaime Villegas

Congregational Song.....El Jordan Solo No Cruzaré
Más Allá Del Sol

Eulogy.....Raul Aleman
Brother-in-law

Special Words.....Bishop Misael Gurrola

Congregational Song.....I Can Only Imagine

Special Words.....Bo Jennings
Friend/Former Employer

Special Song.....Edgar Devia

Special Words.....Elizabeth Cisneros, Sara Navarro,
Raquel Arreola, and Mary Aleman
Sisters

Congregational Song.....Hay Una Esperanza

Special Words.....Lorenzo Cedeño
Father

Congregational Song.....Goodness of God

Special Words.....Judith Cedeño and Eden Cedeño
Daughters

Joel Cedeño
Son

Sermon.....Bishop Victor O. Prado
Pastor and Cousin

Photographic Tribute

Closing Prayer.....Bishop Felipe Velasco

