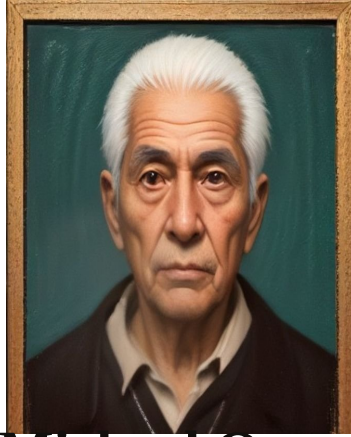




Gerald Michael Ortega-Reyes

May 25, 1937 - August 28, 2026

Ogden, Utah

On August 28, 2026, Gerald Michael Ortega-Reyes died at home in Ogden. He was 89. Born in Ogden on May 25, 1937; Mexican-American cooking and payday thrift set the tone of the house. He grew up believing that showing up was the first craft.

He chipped rust from hulls that would leave without him. A chipping hammer with initials rode the scaffold like company. Colleagues still mention a chipping hammer with initials.

In 1963 he married Patricia. The marriage was not a speech; it was groceries, repairs, and four children walked to school in weather that did not care. When Patricia died in 2019, he kept what still worked: the early walk, the small garden, the call on Sundays.

Neighbors remember someone who swept the sidewalk past the property line when weather had been unfair. He preferred the hour before a town fully wakes. Ogden was home enough that he never rehearsed an introduction. The garden will come up next spring without being told.

Services

Services in Ogden will be simple: stories, coffee, and the names of people who showed up. Flowers optional; support for a local clinic or trade scholarship preferred.

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