



Angel R. Tapia

January 8, 1965 - March 4, 2021

Angel R. Tapia, 56, of Altavista died March 4, 2021. He was the husband of Marian Tapia Roldan.

He was born January 8, 1965 in Ecuador, a son of Paulino Tapia and Teresa Verdezoto.

In addition to his wife and mother, he is survived by one son, Fabrizio Tapia; one daughter, Sandra Tapia; one sister, Ana Tapia Verdezoto; one nephew, Cristian Curicama; and the Roldan, Morales, Sanchez, and Pumaguella families. Angel loved his wife, his little baby Snowy and soccer. He was one of the founders of El Cazador Mexican Restaurants. Angel will be dearly missed by everyone.

He was preceded in death by his father.

A funeral service will be conducted at 11:30 a.m., Monday, March 8, 2021 at Finch and Finch Chapel, Altavista by the Father James Gallagher with interment to follow in Green Hill Cemetery.

You may pay respects to Mr. Tapia from 9:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. Sunday, March 7, 2021 at Finch and Finch Funeral and Cremation Service, Altavista.

Cemetery Details

Green Hill Cemetery

300 Westwood Drive
Altavista, VA 24517

Previous Events

Paying of Respects

MAR 7. 9:00 AM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Finch and Finch, Altavista
809 Main St.
Altavista, VA 24517

Funeral Service

MAR 8. 11:30 AM (ET)

Finch and Finch Chapel
809 Main St.
Altavista, VA 24517

Tribute Wall



“ *Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service created a Webcast in memory of Angel R. Tapia*



Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service - March 08, 2021 at 09:03 AM



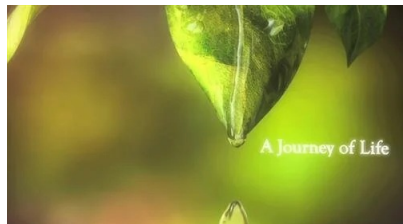
“ *Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service created a Tribute Video in memory of Angel R. Tapia*



Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service - March 07, 2021 at 07:15 PM



“ *Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service created a Tribute Video in memory of Angel R. Tapia*



Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service - March 07, 2021 at 09:16 AM

NA

“ Angel was our waiter many times in restaurant in Alta Vista. We chatted quite a bit. He was so friendly and nice. I was in there many times for takeout and we chatted whenever I picked up my order. He was a hustler at the restaurant! I will miss seeing him. 😭

Nadine - March 12, 2021 at 01:17 PM

LC

“ You will be missed my friend. Thank you for always giving us the best of you



Larry Conaway - March 09, 2021 at 06:59 PM



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Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service - March 09, 2021 at 09:24 AM

KT

“ Sandra, so sorry to hear about the passing of your father.

Kevin Tucker - March 08, 2021 at 06:46 PM



“ 52 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service - March 08, 2021 at 09:39 AM

SO

“ He was the nicest man. Would stop by and chat and he just made you feel welcome. We used to discuss soccer which he loved dearly. It is a cliché to say someone will be missed but he surely will be. RIP old friend. Donna and Shirley Orrell

Shirley Orrell - March 08, 2021 at 08:25 AM

BB

“ Brandon W Brooks lit a candle in memory of Angel R. Tapia



Brandon W Brooks - March 07, 2021 at 11:14 PM



“ I’m so shocked and saddened to hear of the passing of Angel. I remember when they came to the area he was always so nice and personable. Even after they opened in other areas you’d see them about and he would come over to talk, see how you’d been and just shake our hands and say hello. Such a calm, happy, humble person. He will definitely be missed. Many thoughts and prayers for his wife, family, co-workers and friends. 🙏🙏🙏
Elaine, Jeff & Graham (The Dalton’s).



Elaine Dalton - March 07, 2021 at 06:17 PM



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Cristian Alexander - March 07, 2021 at 01:50 PM

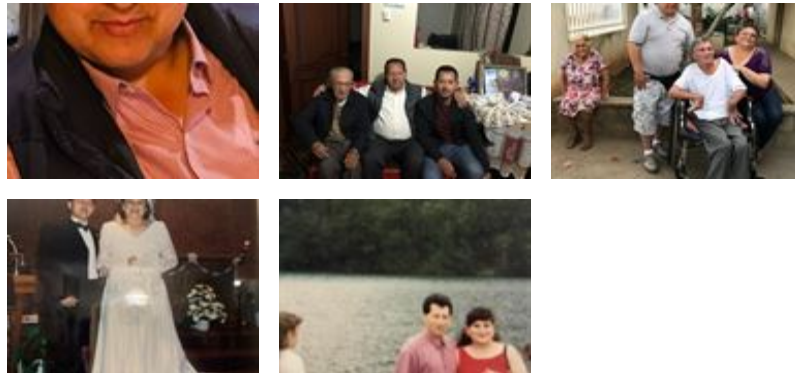


“ Angel was a friend to all of us at Gretna Fire and Rescue. We all will truly miss our fellowship with him. Rest in Peace Angel.

Alan Casper - March 07, 2021 at 11:40 AM



“ 19 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service - March 07, 2021 at 09:13 AM

AV

“ Angel was the one who paved the way for many Ecuadorians who now live in Lynchburg. He helped his cousin (my Husband) find work and he was the one who sowed the seeds of entrepreneurship for many of us. Now he is gone forever but we will be grateful for giving us the advice to achieve "the American dream". Goodbye Angel, we will remember you with much affection and gratitude.

Alexandra Valdez - March 06, 2021 at 07:25 PM

LM

“ I first met Angel when he came to Altavista through First National Bank, one of the finest men I ever met and his family also. No matter where you saw them they were the same. My prayers are with all the family and he surely will be missed Love ya 🙏🙏❤️❤�

Lucinda Mattox - March 06, 2021 at 04:47 PM

LM

“ I met Angel when he first came Altavista through First National Bank, no matter where I saw him he was the same, one of the nicest men I have ever met, also the family he brought with him, my heart goes out to each of you he will be solely missed. Thank you family for being here for us 🙏🙏❤️❤️



Lucinda Mattoc - March 06, 2021 at 03:38 PM

“ Angel will be sorely missed by one and all and especially Ed & Dee Dee Smoot. He remembered a little something about each of his customers and his love was genuine. We are so thankful to know that life is eternal and that Angel has completed his sojourn in mortality and will be welcomed home by those who have gone before him. We would like to share a special poem that will express those thoughts:

Parable of Immortality

I am standing by the seashore.

*A ship at my side spreads her white sails to the morning breeze
and starts for the blue ocean.*

*She is an object of beauty and strength,
and I stand and watch until at last she hangs like a speck of white
cloud*

just where the sun and sky come down to mingle with each other.

Then someone at my side says :

- 'There she goes!

Gone where?

Gone from my sight - that is all.

*She is just as large in mast and hull and spar
as she was when she left my side
and just as able to bear her load of living freight
to the places of destination.*

Her diminished size is in me, not in her.

And just at the moment when someone at my side says:

- 'There she goes! ',

*there are other eyes watching her coming,
and other voices ready to take up the glad shout :*

- 'Here she comes!'

Bless you all! Love, Ed & Dee Dee Smoot

Ed & Dee Dee Smoot - March 06, 2021 at 01:57 PM

LR

“ *My condolences to Marian and Angel's family. Angel will be dearly missed. Thank you for bringing El Cazador to our town because I remember telling my late husband Dan back in 1999 that I could not move here without a Mexican restaurant. You made that happen just in time! You were always so kind and friendly not only to us, but to all your customers and everyone you met. Abrazos to the family. Qepd.*

Linda Rodriguez - March 06, 2021 at 01:47 PM



“ *Divine Light was purchased for the family of Angel R. Tapia.*



March 06, 2021 at 11:43 AM

HY

“ *Our sincere sympathy to all of the family. May the peace and comfort of God be upon all that are mourning his loss. God bless. John and Helen Yansak*

Helen Yansak - March 06, 2021 at 10:37 AM

GD

“ *So sorry about Angel's illness and death. He was a good businessman and friend to all who visited his restaurants. He will surely be missed. Our deepest sympathies to his family. Jim and Gayle Deel*

Gayle Deel - March 05, 2021 at 11:20 PM

DD

“ Angel was always so nice when I went in to eat the amazing food that they have there. He always had time to talk about business. He will surely be missed by his clients. Goodbye friend. I will see you again in Heaven.

Doug Dalton

Doug Dalton - March 05, 2021 at 10:08 PM

AP

“ Anita Phillips lit a candle in memory of Angel R. Tapia



Anita Phillips - March 05, 2021 at 09:43 PM

CH

“ I am so sorry for the loss of your love one Angel. He was always so nice to me and all my family and friends. I will miss him so much. May God Bless each one of you during this time of sorrow. Prayers with all of you.



Colleen Hardy - March 05, 2021 at 08:17 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Angel R. Tapia.



March 05, 2021 at 07:32 PM

EW

“ Angel was always nice to me and my daughter.
He knew every time what we would order.
He was always our waiter
He will be missed
God be with the family amen.



Elaine Wright - March 05, 2021 at 03:43 PM

SO

“ Sonja lit a candle in memory of Angel R.
Tapia



Sonja - March 05, 2021 at 02:58 PM

BF

“ So sorry to hear of Angel's passing! He was a great people person!
I always enjoyed seeing him! I know that he help a lot of people get
a start in business in the local area! I will miss you Angel! Fly high
with the Angels!

Betty Finch - March 05, 2021 at 11:37 AM

AG

“ Angie Gledhill lit a candle in memory of Angel
R. Tapia



Angie Gledhill - March 05, 2021 at 10:50 AM

AA

“ I’m so sorry and sad! Angel was such a gentleman and an excellent example of customer service. Also all the people he took care of in life-family, workers, friends. He will be truly missed.
Allison and David Adams

Allison Adams - March 05, 2021 at 09:58 AM

KK

“ *Our prayers to all his family*

Kent Knepper - March 05, 2021 at 09:49 AM

KK

“ *Angel was always a happy upbeat person.i always enjoyed when we got together always smiling and positive about life. He had me come to his house one year before Christmas to install extra plug so he could light up his family's house . Angel's wife loved decorating for Christmas.And he made sure she was able to do it. I remember how proud he was to become a citizen of the United States of America. Angel was always a great provider and a true friend of mine.He always was there for anyone Altavista lost a great man.May he rest in peace*

Kent Knepper - March 05, 2021 at 09:47 AM

SB

“ *Family,*

So sorry for your loss. He was a fine man.

*Love & Prayers,
Edwin & Sue Blackstock*



Sue Blackstock - March 05, 2021 at 09:38 AM

DD

“ Dear Tapia Family.
I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Angel. He was always just a nice and customer oriented individual. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you during the loss of your loved one. Angel, May You Rest In Peace.
Sincerely,
Dennis DeLappe

Dennis DeLappe - March 05, 2021 at 09:24 AM

RW

“ ANGEL WAS A WONDERFUL FRIEND TO EVERYONE.
HE USED TO COME TO OUR TABLE AND GREET AND WELCOME US TO HIS AWESOME RESTAURANT. A GREAT MAN AND A TRUE FRIEND.
GOD BLESS YOU BROTHER ANGEL. THERE ARE NO TEARS IN HEAVEN.

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ROGER WOOD - March 05, 2021 at 12:27 AM

DA

“ will truly be missed, prayers for the family



Darlene - March 04, 2021 at 11:40 PM

DB

“ Prayers of comfort for your Wife and Family.
We all will miss seeing you smiling at El
Cazador restaurant. Rest In Peace 🙏



Duane & Lisa Brumfield - March 04, 2021 at 10:57 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the
family of Angel R. Tapia.



March 04, 2021 at 10:26 PM

PH

“ Pam Huffman lit a candle in memory of Angel
R. Tapia



Pam Huffman - March 04, 2021 at 09:57 PM

LM

“ Lucinda Mattox lit a candle in memory of
Angel R. Tapia



Lucinda Mattox - March 04, 2021 at 09:48 PM

BD

“ Bobby And Dawn Doss lit a candle in memory of Angel R. Tapia



Bobby and Dawn Doss - March 04, 2021 at 09:28 PM



“ Vickie Williams lit a candle in memory of Angel R. Tapia



Vickie Williams - March 04, 2021 at 09:09 PM

CR

“ My Thoughts an Prayers to the family



Carol Rowland - March 04, 2021 at 08:53 PM

LR

“ Dear Meriam,
We are so heartbroken for you and your family. Angel always so kind and made us feel so welcome any where we saw him.
Sympathy and Blessings for you all.

Linda and Raymond Rice

Linda-Raymond Rice - March 04, 2021 at 08:00 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Angel R. Tapia.*



March 04, 2021 at 07:53 PM



“ *Yvonne Hall sent a virtual gift in memory of Angel R. Tapia*



Yvonne Hall - March 04, 2021 at 07:52 PM



“ *always a gentleman, he will be missed! prayers for all the family!*

Stuart Roberts - March 04, 2021 at 07:49 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Angel R. Tapia.*



March 04, 2021 at 07:33 PM

JB

“ We are so sorry to hear about Angel passing away. So many great memories of talking to him at El Cazador. Prayers for his wife and family.

Jeff & Cindy Blair - March 04, 2021 at 07:32 PM

RJ

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you Marian and family. Angel has been a great neighbor for many years. He was always there with a warm smile and always a very caring person. We will surely miss him . Richard and Avie Johnson

richard johnson - March 04, 2021 at 07:01 PM

DC

“ Angel will surely be missed.he always made time to chat and make us feel welcomed every time we visit his restaurant. His smile and laughter was contagious and lit up the room.always felt like family instead of an patron. All our love and sympathy to his family...Dean & Diane Cockrell



Diane cockrell - March 04, 2021 at 06:33 PM

VC

“ I am sad to hear the passing of Angel. I have known him for many years. Thoughts and Prayers to the family. 🙏



Vicky Creasy - March 04, 2021 at 06:32 PM

MH

“ *Marlo Henderson lit a candle in memory of Angel R. Tapia*



Marlo Henderson - March 04, 2021 at 06:30 PM

RD

“ *He will be dearly missed. I could always count on him to come and greet us at our table and carrying on some foolishness every time. What a wonderful time a friend he was. See ya in heaven Angel.*

Robert & Alice Dunn - March 04, 2021 at 06:28 PM

SP

“ *Sherry Payne lit a candle in memory of Angel R. Tapia*



Sherry Payne - March 04, 2021 at 06:22 PM

CD

“ *Bunky and I are so sorry to hear about Angel. We always enjoyed talking to him at the Gretna Restaurant. Prayers are sent for comfort and peace for his wife, Marian, and the rest of family.*



Calvin "Bunky" and Terri Doss - March 04, 2021 at 06:08 PM

ST

“ *Marian I am so sorry for your loss! I truly thought a lot of Angel, keeping you in my prayers! Love you!* ”



Stephanie - March 04, 2021 at 05:57 PM

SR

“ *Angel will truly be missed in the Gretna community. My heart goes out to his loved ones.* ”

Sandy Ritchie - March 04, 2021 at 05:41 PM

 Norma Saunders

“ *Angel & Marian have been family to my family since they came to the area, we have followed them to Altavista, Gretna, Chatham, Bedford & Appomattox! Marian I'm so so sorry for your & your families loss! We feel the loss in ours also! Love, Prayers Faith & Hugs from Norma David Saunders, Cece; Rebecca, Pete & Ezra Davis* ”



Norma Saunders - March 04, 2021 at 05:30 PM

RC

“ *Our thoughts and prayers to the family* ”



Ray and Kay Caldwell - March 04, 2021 at 05:28 PM

TP

“ *Our family is so very sorry to hear of Mr. Tapia's passing. Our prayers are with his family and friends.*



Teena Pickeral - March 04, 2021 at 05:19 PM

JO

“ *Jesse And Sue Owens lit a candle in memory of Angel R. Tapia*



jesse and sue owens - March 04, 2021 at 05:19 PM

JM

“ *Joyce and Clyde Moore are saddened to hear this. Angel was truly a friend that always made you feel welcome in his environment.*



Joyce Moore - March 04, 2021 at 05:07 PM

AM

“ *Anne And Jimmy Marr lit a candle in memory of Angel R. Tapia*



Anne and jimmy marr - March 04, 2021 at 04:43 PM

LB

Angel was a nice, well respected man.

Louis Bryant - March 04, 2021 at 05:32 PM

LB

Angel was a nice and well respected man. He will be missed by many

Louis Bryant - March 04, 2021 at 05:34 PM