



Edward Vela

March 16, 1959 - September 14, 2025

Edward Vela age 66 of KCK passed away Sunday September 14, 2025 at the Kansas University Medical Center. He was surrounded by his family members throughout his short stay and when he passed. He was born March 16, 1959. He was the son of Louis Vela Sr. and Mary Lou Vela (Padilla). Eddie attended Rosedale and J. C. Harmon High School. Eddie was united in marriage in 1981 to Lisa Lawrence. They later divorced. To this union they shared one daughter, Alysia Cooper. Eddie was involved in boxing and was once a Golden Gloves champion. He boxed at the Bell Center under trainer Leroy Green. He also was proficient in Tae Kwon Do and Karate. Eddie was very talented. He played seven instruments! He could play piano, harpsichord, harmonica, piano, guitar, trumpet, and cornet. Good memories of family get-togethers include Eddie and his brother JR playing music while their sisters sang. Eddie also enjoyed building custom low rider bicycles. He was a cool guy! Eddie definitely enjoyed his alone time but cared deeply about his friends and family. He was also deeply spiritual. His walls were covered in bible verses, and the people he prayed for! He was also a very talented artist, a great dancer, and a stylish dresser. He had his own style! His hat was always at a cocky slant. I think when we think of him it's in his overalls with his Chuck Taylor's as Prima Tish always says. Eddie worked as a banquet server at the Alameda Plaza, which is now the Intercontinental Hotel on the Plaza and at the Hyatt and Barney Alice Plaza in downtown Kansas City. I was told he was known for excellence in cement finishing at Muelberger Constr and McAnany

Construction. He is preceded in death by his parents Louis Sr. and Mary Lou; one brother Louis "J.R." Vela Jr. and one sister Susan Prucka of Kansas City. Eddie is survived by his daughter Alysia Cooper and his grandchildren Alyonna Cooper and Jace Clark. His sister Marie Robinson of Kansas City, Missouri and Kathleen (Vela) Taggart and her husband Michael Taggart of Rowland Park Kansas. His niece Dominique "Nikky" Dziedzic and her children, his niece Tiffany Trager and her husband John Trager, his niece Heather Hatfield and her husband Justin and their children, his niece Alison Ledford and her children. His nephew Chris Vela and his wife Nicole and their children, his nephew Josh Vinesett and his son. His nephew Louis Christopher Scott Cline and his partner Amber Gail and Scott's children and his niece Travis Marie Qualls and her husband Aaron of Gladstone Mo. and their children. He also has multiple aunts, uncles and cousins from Topeka Kansas that were cherished family members. We would also be remiss if we didn't mention his beloved dog Chico that preceded Eddie in death but was his best friend and that Eddie had tattooed on his right leg.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

SEP **27**. 3:00 PM (CT)

Family Residence

2610 S 27th St.

Kansas City, KS 66106

Tribute Wall

CM

“ Chase, Austin, & Madi planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Edward Vela.

Chase, Austin, & Madi - September 26, 2025 at 12:43 AM

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“ Chase, Austin, & Madi purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Edward Vela.



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TA

“ Eddie is on my mind this morning and it inspires me to write on his wall.



I chose the RED candle today as i think of fire. Eddie had a fire in his soul that was his inspiration when he picked up an instrument to draw or play.

When his brother JR passed, i lovingly referred to him as the Mexican version of Stevie Ray Vaughn....JR was wicked on the guitar and Eddie was his mirrored image.

i never knew a family that could eat lemons like apples....let me tell ya...the Velas could...I can see Kako eating those lemons...her lips are puckered.

Eddie, I remember how hard we laughed when Aunt Mary Lou was looking for SOLO St. Uncle Louie gave her the piece of paper that had the address written on it. It was SO. 10 .. but the dot was not dark enough to show South 10 OR SOLO ST. But I also remember how quickly we stopped laughing because Aunt Mary Lou was not happy. She was out there driving the big Cadillac or maybe the El Dorado...sitting low in the driver's seat and straining to look over the steering wheel. Please give your Mom a kiss for me when you see her. Look for Uncle Joey too....I remember how proud he was of you to know you were a concrete finisher too. That's is the kind of work Uncle Joey did...Not a job for the weak and that is a true statement.

I know it probably appears a bit off center that I write this on your tribute wall, but i am doing this for your daughter Alysia and grandchildren to have a printed record of a few stories of you and your family from years gone by.

I gotta go Eddie...

214 sends our love, kisses and hugs.

Tish (Padilla) Alcala - September 25, 2025 at 10:15 AM

TA

“ *Alysia, although many years have passed, i remember you as a little girl with very bright eyes. You truly rocked Eddies world. I am so happy you spent those final moments with your Pops. Eddie faced many obstacles in his lifetime, but make no mistake when i say his talents were in his DNA. His artistic ability was not fake...he was as real can be. Whether it be colored pencils or a musical instrument, there is not a duplicate that i know of. I will carry his memory close and i will pray for his soul to be at peace.*



I know when he entered the pearly gates of heaven, Uncle Louie had the menudo and lemons ready to go. Grandma Simona was spinning fresh tortillas like 45's. Lots of family there to greet him. Front and center was Aunt Mary Lou.

Rest easy Primo, someday we will see each other again. I will continue to pray for your safe journey to Paradise.

All our love from where it all started....

Tish @ 214

Tish (Padilla) Alcala - September 24, 2025 at 11:12 AM