Librado Chavez, Farm Leader; Was Father of Cesar Chavez

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Librado Hernandez Chavez, a longtime advocate for migrant workers died today. He was 100 years old. Mr. Chavez, who was the father Cesar Chavez, the president of the United Farm Workers, died of a stroke at Alexian Brothers Hospital shortly before 9 A.M., according to Marc Grossman, a family friend.

Librado Chavez's father immigrated from Mexico to the United States in 1880 and settled near Yuma in southwestern Arizona, where Mr. Chavez was born Aug. 17, 1882.

He had a small farm in Arizona but lost it to a bank in the Depression. He moved his family to California, where he, his wife and their five children worked as migrant farm laborers.

Mr. Chavez was active in three migrant worker unions that preceded the United Farm Workers, which his son founded in the 1950's. He is survived by his wife, Juana; two daughters, Rita and Vickie, and a son, Librado Jr.