



Albert A. Tapia

September 7, 1948 - January 24, 2023

1948 - 2023

Albert A. Tapia, age 74, a resident of Belen, NM, passed away on January 24, 2023. Services will be held on Tuesday, January 31, 2023, at Romero Funeral Home Chapel. A Visitation will begin at 10:00 a.m., followed by a Rosary at 11:00 a.m., and a Celebration of Life at 11:30 a.m. He was a wonderful son, brother, husband, father, and grandfather. Albert was generous to a fault and completely devoted to his family. Born and raised in his beloved New Mexico, he contributed to numerous charitable animal and preservation organizations in his time. Albert is survived by his loving wife of 51 years, Phyllis; son, Andres; daughter, Riley (Chris); and 3 grandchildren, Declan, Harper James, and Cameron. Words cannot describe how truly wonderful he was and how many lives he touched. The family requests donations be made to the March of Dimes or ASPCA. Please sign Albert's online tribute at www.romerofuneralhome.com Romero Funeral Home, 609 N. Main St., Belen, NM.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 31. 10:00 AM (MT)

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Rosary

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Celebration of Life

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Tribute Wall

JC

“ Albert was such a loving and accepting person. Riley and I were thick as thieves; young and wild running around Albuquerque doing whatever peaked our interest. Albert didn't care about that and he didn't judge. He just wanted us to be safe and know we were loved; and we were loved by him. He treated me as if I were one of his own children with an open invite to Belen or holiday dinners at Mima's in town, or anywhere the Tapia family was spending time. He had dad jokes (eye roll) and he cracked himself up, which made you laugh because he was laughing. He asked questions, he listened, he cared and though he spoke gently, he gave advice that stays with me today. He made my heart smile. I regret not having told him or reminding him of these things all these years later as a grown and established man. Somehow, I know he knew how much it meant to me and how much his support gave me courage to continue to be myself and follow his example to love, accept and make others feel seen and deserving. And to remember to make a corny joke now and then to give myself a reason to laugh and not take life so seriously. It goes by so quickly and every day is yesterday's tomorrow. I last saw him at Riley's wedding and I was sure I'd see him again "some day soon", but I didn't; and then he was gone. For that, I am truly sorry. But he lives on in us as the best version of himself because that's how we'll always remember him. His family is lucky to have had him and I will be forever grateful they shared him with me. May perpetual light shine upon his soul and may he rest in peace. - Jose Luis Cardona

Jose Luis Cardona - January 30, 2023 at 07:07 PM

WS

“ Wendy Sawyer lit a candle in memory of Albert A. Tapia



Wendy Sawyer - January 30, 2023 at 12:38 PM

CA

“ Albert was a good and longtime friend. It's been many a year since we were in high school together almost sixty years ago. His was a life well lived, a marriage and family raised, an education and career pursued, and a well-earned retirement earned. Ann and I wish to thank Phyllis and their children Andries and Riley for the many times we got to share with you. Albert was a special person with strongly held convictions and a wry sense of humor. We are going to miss his person but will cherish his memory. We love you all.
Charles and Ann Atwood

Charles Atwood - January 29, 2023 at 09:14 PM



“ We are so sorry to hear of Riley's Dad's passing. May you all cherish your fond memories of the times you shared. Love, Aunt Sue and Uncle Roger



Susan Norkus - January 29, 2023 at 03:00 PM

AC

“ Albert & Alice Chavez lit a candle in memory of Albert A. Tapia



Albert & Alice Chavez - January 28, 2023 at 03:25 PM

LK

“ Linda K. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Albert A. Tapia.



Linda K. - January 27, 2023 at 08:23 PM

JA

“Dad Tapia as we called him, Patty and I so enjoyed sitting out in his beautiful courtyard listening to Linda Ronstadt “Por Un Amor” and having cocktails and good conversations. Patty and I would walk to Burritos Insante in the morning and bring him a chicharrón con frijol burrito for breakfast with coffee. Then we would sit there all day deciding what we wanted to eat for dinner while having drinks and listening to stories about his grandfather’s ranch. I would fire up the grill and knew exactly how he liked his steak. Medium, the juices he would sop up with a tortilla or bread, with a big glass of milk. Dad Tapia, thank you loving Patty “Shakira” look alike as u called her, and I will miss you dearly! Never forgetting our talks on the phone and your departing words, “ Love You guys, quédate” we love you, and will miss you. John, Patty and Diego. P.S. Dad Tapia, I will save the story about the bartender at the brewery for another time when our family is together again. Tell Saint Peter I’m a good guy cigars and whiskey are just come with being a Marine. Love you.



John Patty Apodaca - January 26, 2023 at 10:48 PM