



Alberto "Beto" Benavidez

April 18, 1937 - May 8, 2013

1937-2013

Alberto "Beto" Benavidez, age 76, passed away peacefully at his home in Tome, NM on Wednesday, May 8, 2013, after a lengthy battle with cancer. He was born to the late Merejildo and Felisitas Varela Benavidez on April 8, 1937. Beto joined and served in the US Army from 1961 through 1963. In 1963, he joined the New Mexico State Police and retired as a lieutenant in 1985. He later worked for Galles Chevrolet in Albuquerque. Beto was fully retired by 1999. He was also preceded in death by one sister, Antonia Chavez and in 2007 his beloved son, Steve. Beto is survived by his loving wife of nearly 53 years, Sally Sanchez Benavidez; his two daughters, Renee and Carol Benavidez; his three grandchildren, Danielle, Zachary and Beau; his sister, Petra Griego and husband, Bert of El Paso, TX. He is also survived by many loving nieces, nephews, and friends. All services will be held at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, on Saturday, May 11, beginning with a viewing at 9:00 a.m. with a rosary to be recited at 9:30 a.m. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10:00 a.m. with Father Jose Hernandez presiding. Interment will follow at Tome Catholic Cemetery. Pallbearers will be his fellow colleagues from the New Mexico State Police Department Vance Adams, Juan Julian, Mahlon Love, Dale Housley, Frank Taylor and Jim Coslin. Sign Beto's online register book at www.romerofuneralhomenm.com. Romero Funeral Home, 609 N. Main St., Belen, NM

Cemetery Details

Tome Catholic Cemetery

Tome, NM 87060

Previous Events

Viewing

MAY 11. 9:00 AM (MT)

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church
7 Church Loop
Tome, NM 87060

Rosary

MAY 11. 9:30 AM (MT)

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Funeral Mass

MAY 11. 10:00 AM (MT)

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Tribute Wall

NC

“ *Beto's passing is a loss to all of us, he is in a greater place with no pain watching over all his family and friends. I was out of state on his passing, reading it on E-mail, my prayers were with each of you, may God be with each of you through faith, with faith and strength. Rest in Peace, Beto, tell we see you next time. Neil and Bea Curran*

Neil W. Curran - May 16, 2013 at 05:01 PM

MM

“ *Sally, Renee, Carol, and Beau*

I am so sorry to hear of Beto's passing. How I miss running into all of you. It has been so long. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you and may God continue to bless you and give you strength and peace. Know that I think of you often and my mom and dad tell me every time they see one of you.

Big hugs to all of you and my love,

Melissa Moya-Phillips

Melissa Moya-Phillips - May 13, 2013 at 02:11 PM

SL

“ To the Benavidez family:

I just learned of "Beto's" passing. He was one of my first sergeants when I joined the State Police in 1975. I was in Lordsburg and he was in Silver City. Like all rookies I was a supervisor's nightmare. "Beto" was always firm but fair. Every time he would see me, even after retirement he would always ask me about "The sand to the beach". It was a private joke between he and I but Sally may remember the reference. He is a good man and I will always have fond memories of him. Rest in peace!

Sal T. Luna

Sal T. Luna - May 12, 2013 at 08:19 PM

KG

“ To the Benavidez Family,

I had the pleasure of knowing Officer "Beto" Benavidez for over 40 years. He was the consummate Officer and a Gentleman. He was tough when he had to be and understanding when the situation warranted.

When he became ill he was more concerned about the well being of those he loved. They don't make them like that anymore.

I was lucky to have known him. He will be missed.

Kenneth Griego

Kenneth Griego - May 11, 2013 at 06:28 PM

CM

“ Dear Sally, Renee and Carol,
It is with a heavy heart that I send you my condolences. I have known you since I was a child and I have such fond memories of running across the street to play in the rec room or in the backyard and Renee and Carol coming over to swim or play kick ball.. I still remember Beto standing on the front porch and signaling Steve, Renee and Carol with his infamous whistle that it was time to come home. Those are the memories that I will always cherish. May God give you strength as you go through this difficult time and know that you are in my thoughts and prayers.
Love you!
Cynthia "Moya" Martin



Cynthia Martin - May 11, 2013 at 01:57 PM

AP

“ Dear Uncle Beto,

Some of my fondest childhood memories were when Hoppa, Gramma, and I would hop in the car and go visit you, Aunt Sally, Renee, Carol, and sometimes Steve (when he was in town). You were always full of laughs and funny jokes, and incredibly thoughtful and considerate each time I saw you. While selfishly I will miss you, I am glad you are not hurting anymore.
Thank you for being such a good brother to Gramma.

P.S.
Love you Aunt Sally, Renee, and Carol!
Wish we could be there with you :(

Love,
Adam and Amanda Piccone (Mandy)

Amanda Piccone - May 11, 2013 at 11:04 AM

DC

“ Sally, I am deeply saddened to hear of Beto's passing, He will be sorely missed especially at Christmas, he was my last friend I made empanaditas for. My thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family. I regret that I cannot attend his services because I am ill and am under doctors orders to stay inside until I get better. Please don't hesitate to call me if you need me I am here for you. I will call you when I get better. Always your Dear Friend , Diana Coplen (La Markiau De Santa Fe).

Diana Coplen - May 11, 2013 at 08:51 AM

RM

“ To the Benavidez family: I offer my deepest condolences to you on the loss of Beto. Having grown up around all these men in Santa Rosa, I can without a doubt say that he was quite an influence on my life growing up and I will never forget him and the other patrolmen who raised me...He was an incredible man and is blessed in the Kingdom of Heaven....
Roberto Martin Marquez

ROBERTO MARTIN MARQUEZ - May 10, 2013 at 10:57 PM

MR

“ My condolences to the Benavidez family, I worked with Al and Dan Estrada when they had a stucco business here in Las Vegas, NM, long time ago, many fond memories of those days, May God be with all of you during this of sorrow.
Sincerely,
Mark Rogers
Rogers Mortuary
Las Vegas, NM

mark rogers - May 10, 2013 at 10:23 PM

TS

To Carol Benavidez. I'm sorry to hear about the passing of your dad. I didn't know until this morning. Otherwise I would of certainly attended his services. Please accept our sincere condolences from our entire family. We love you Carol and should you need anything, anytime just call or come over

Teresa, Jose, Anna, and James

teresa sanchez - May 12, 2013 at 03:27 PM

PR

“ *We send our condolences from Las Vegas,NM. The Lt. Was stationed here when I first started with the San Miguel SO, in 1981. He was a good coach and mentor. He also assisted me in purchasing a truck from Gallas Chevy in 1989. May he rest in peace and may God welcome him into heaven. Also, asking Our Lord to Bless his familia in coping with their lose. Thank you for letting me share a little of his kind life; Sheriff/Judge (retired) Philip J. ROMERO and family*



philip j. romero - May 10, 2013 at 08:11 PM

EC

“ *I'm going to miss you Tio. Love to the family. Ephriam*

Ephriam Chavez - May 10, 2013 at 10:10 AM

HB

“ *My Sincere Condolences To The Family Of Al Benavidez . I had the Pleasure To Work With Al In Alamogordo , And he Was One Fine Gentleman And State Police Officer. He Was Always happy And Jovial And I Know He Will Definitely Be Missed . Rest In Peace Brother !!! Harold Byford*

Harold Byford - May 10, 2013 at 09:52 AM



“ *Rosalinda Ortiz lit a candle in memory of Alberto "Beto" Benavidez*



Rosalinda Ortiz - May 09, 2013 at 04:52 PM



If you need anything let me know.

Rosalinda Ortiz - May 09, 2013 at 04:52 PM



“ *Rosalinda Ortiz sent a virtual gift in memory of Alberto "Beto" Benavidez*



Rosalinda Ortiz - May 09, 2013 at 04:52 PM



“ *Bertha Flores lit a candle in memory of Alberto "Beto" Benavidez*



Bertha Flores - May 09, 2013 at 04:03 PM



“ *Renee god bless you always I am so sorry*

Bertha Flores - May 09, 2013 at 04:02 PM

JW

Beto: I will miss you, my friend. You leave many in the law enforcement community who will remember your kind ways as well as your powerful grip. My prayers are with your family. S/Jim Wilson

James L. (Jim) Wilson - May 10, 2013 at 10:10 AM

DV

*Rest in Piece My Brother
David Velarde*

David Velarde - May 10, 2013 at 11:02 AM