



## Antonio H. Rivera

March 26, 1950 - January 12, 2022

1950 – 2022

Antonio “Tony” Rivera, age 71, a resident of Belen, NM, passed away on January 12, 2022. He was a role model, beloved father and brother, doting grandfather, and a loving husband for 52 years. Tony enjoyed bowling and especially spending time with his grandchildren, never missing a chance to build a wooden railway or treat them to snow cones after school. He attended St. Mary’s, and graduated from Belen High school (class of 1968) and continued to UNM. Tony served in Vietnam and was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for Meritorious Achievement in Ground Operations Against Hostile Forces. He was a highly respected manager at many of the local grocery stores and served in the Air National Guard and Civil Service as a network administrator where he retired in 2002. Tony spent his retirement enjoying time with his grandkids and family. He is fondly remembered by his sisters as their hero and protector. Tony often made up silly songs about anything, no matter how exciting or mundane. Stepping on a frog would be cause for a Tony original. He is preceded in death by his parents, Angela “Angie” and Guillermo “Willie” Rivera. Tony is survived by his wife of 52 years, Lois Rivera; four children Antonio Rivera (Jennifer Brown), Alycia Gallegos (Sam Gallegos), Annette Marquez (Mario Marquez), and Andrew Rivera (Allison Rivera); 13 grandchildren, Meagan Gallegos (Carlos Castanon), Adrian De La Cruz (Paige Shovelton), Mikey Brown, James Rivera, John Rivera, Noah Rivera, Samantha Gallegos, Elena Gallegos, Luke Gallegos, Elijah Marquez,

Samuel Gallegos, Ezekiel Rivera, and Lucilla Rivera; great grandson, Gabe Castanon; sisters, Nancy Griego (Gene Griego) and Donna Trujillo (Daniel Trujillo), and numerous sisters/brothers-in-laws, nieces, nephews, and Godchildren. The Rivera family thanks everyone for their prayers and kind words during this time. In honor of his memory, we ask you do a random act of kindness or beep somebody's nose. A visitation will be held on Thursday, January 20, 2022 at Our Lady of Belen Catholic Church at 8:30 a.m., followed by a Rosary to be recited at 9:30 a.m. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10:00 a.m. and Interment will follow at Our Lady of Belen Memorial Gardens. Please sign Antonio's online tribute at [www.romerofuneralhomenm.com](http://www.romerofuneralhomenm.com) Romero Funeral Home, 609 N. Main St., Belen, NM.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 20. 8:30 AM - 9:30 AM (MT)

Our Lady of Belen Catholic Church  
101 N. 10th Street  
Belen, NM 87002

## Rosary

JAN 20. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (MT)

Our Lady of Belen Catholic Church  
101 N. 10th Street  
Belen, NM 87002

## Funeral Mass

JAN 20. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (MT)

Our Lady of Belen Catholic Church  
101 N. 10th Street  
Belen, NM 87002

## Interment

JAN 20. 11:00 AM (MT)

Our Lady of Belen Memorial Gardens  
101 N. 10th Street  
Belen, NM 87002

# Tribute Wall

 Anna  
Lareau

“ Donna and Nancy, I am so sorry for the loss of your brother. Tony can Rest In Peace now. ❤️

Anna Lareau - January 31, 2022 at 06:34 PM

AA

“ SO HAPPY TONY IS IN HEAVEN WITH OUR LORD. I LOVED SEEING HIM BECAUSE HE ALWAYS HAD A SMILE FOR ME. LOIS YOU WERE AMAZING WIFE. IM SORRY WE DIDNT ATTEND THE SERVICES WE HAVE MEMBERS OF OUR FAMILY WITH COVID. BUT I PRAYED AND THOUGHT OF YOUR FAMILY THAT DAY MAY GOD CONTINUE TO BLESS YOU. TONY REST IN PEACE MY FRIEND. OUR LOVE AND PRAYERS AGGIE ARAGON

AGGIE ARAGON - January 24, 2022 at 05:38 PM

LC

“ My sincere prayers & condolences; Tony will surely be missed. Tony & I served together in Comm Flight for many years. I always enjoyed his smile and his eternal perspective on life. He always reminded me of his dedication to his family and protecting that time with them. After his retirement, I always looked forward to seeing him at the Home Schoolers basketball games...cuz I knew he & Lois would be there.

Larry Cox - January 24, 2022 at 01:49 PM

AL

Thank you for sharing this. I have the best Dad.

Alycia - February 04, 2022 at 12:51 AM

AK

“ You should of seen Tony's face the day we were carpooling home and I said s--t to loud. He asked what is wrong. I said no brakes....

Arthur Kimball - January 23, 2022 at 02:57 PM

AL

Thank you for sharing, that must have been quite the ride home, lol

Alycia - February 04, 2022 at 12:51 AM

JG

“ Good memories of Tony from St. Mary's and BHS

John Gilbert - January 22, 2022 at 09:21 PM

RB

“ Roseann Griego Bowers lit a candle in memory of Antonio H. Rivera



Roseann Griego Bowers - January 21, 2022 at 10:07 AM

AG

“ Anthony Garcia lit a candle in memory of Antonio H. Rivera



Anthony Garcia - January 20, 2022 at 07:01 PM



“ *Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Antonio H. Rivera.*



January 20, 2022 at 11:36 AM



“ *Tony was a very kind man. He was my manager at Landmark and IGA. He was kind because he learned kindness and love from his mother Angie who shared love and kindness in my life. I'm am grateful to have been influenced by Tony. May the Lord Jesus comfort the Rivera's today and each day ahead.*



**Jason Barela** - January 20, 2022 at 12:17 AM

AL

*Thank you for sharing this memory of my Dad.*

**Alycia** - February 04, 2022 at 12:53 AM

FR

“ *Deepest condolences to Lois and the family. May God comfort you during this time.*  
*Frederica Chavez*



**frederica** - January 20, 2022 at 12:11 AM

PP

“ God bless Tony! He was a great role model within our family and left a great impression on all of our hearts! Prayers of peace and comfort for all of his family and friends!

Love,  
Paul and Cheryl Padilla and family



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**Paul and Cheryl Padilla** - January 19, 2022 at 08:26 PM

PR

“ Dear Lois and Family,  
We are so sorry to hear of Tony's passing. You will be in our thoughts and prayers.

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**Paul and Susan Romero** - January 19, 2022 at 08:18 PM

MG

“ My condolences to the family. Tony and I were in school together from St. Mary's through graduation in '68. May he rest in peace.

Margaret Chavez-Gabaldon



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**Margaret Gabaldon** - January 19, 2022 at 03:59 PM

AR

“ Aurora Rollin lit a candle in memory of Antonio H. Rivera



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**Aurora Rollin** - January 19, 2022 at 02:47 PM

AR

*Antonio my brother and I went to school with high school. My condolences to the family!*

**Aurora Rollin** - January 19, 2022 at 02:49 PM

RM

“ *Rebecca (becky) Martinez lit a candle in memory of Antonio H. Rivera*



**Rebecca (becky) Martinez** - January 19, 2022 at 12:56 PM

RM

“ *I'm so sorry for your loss Donna and family. Condolences 🙏 to all family and friends. May God be with you all.*

**Rebecca (becky) Martinez** - January 19, 2022 at 12:55 PM



*Thank you so much God bless you*

**Donna Rivera-Trujillo** - January 19, 2022 at 10:21 PM

SW

“ *Our condolences to the Rivera family from the Wallace family. You all are in our thoughts and prayers.*



**Stephanie Wallace** - January 19, 2022 at 11:38 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Antonio H. Rivera.*



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January 19, 2022 at 09:19 AM



“ *Nancy Griego lit a candle in memory of Antonio H. Rivera*



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**Nancy Griego** - January 19, 2022 at 12:35 AM



“ *Jennie Mascarena lit a candle in memory of Antonio H. Rivera*



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**Jennie Mascarena** - January 18, 2022 at 10:21 PM



“ *Bryan Mascarena lit a candle in memory of Antonio H. Rivera*



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**Bryan Mascarena** - January 18, 2022 at 09:36 PM

BS

“ My condolences to Lois, children, and grandchildren. May God Bless you all during this most difficult time 🙏🙏

Barbara Sanchez - January 18, 2022 at 09:25 PM

RL

“ Ruth Lucero lit a candle in memory of Antonio H. Rivera



Ruth Lucero - January 18, 2022 at 07:54 PM

LO

“ Condolences to the Rivera family. May you have comfort knowing how wonderful your father was. May he rest in our Lord's arms in heaven.



Loretta - January 18, 2022 at 07:09 PM

ST

“ Steve&MagdalenSanchez lit a candle in memory of Antonio H. Rivera



Steve&MagdalenSanchez - January 18, 2022 at 06:44 PM



“ Tony was such a kind and good person. Eternal rest grant unto Tony, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



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**Bernardine Baca Spiers** - January 18, 2022 at 06:30 PM



“ Preme And Lorraine Padilla lit a candle in memory of Antonio H. Rivera



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**Preme and Lorraine Padilla** - January 18, 2022 at 06:15 PM



“ Lenore Pena lit a candle in memory of Antonio H. Rivera



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**Lenore Pena** - January 18, 2022 at 05:57 PM



“ My condolences to Tony’s family. I enjoyed working with Tony at the grocery store. He was a kind man and treated everyone with respect. He will be missed.



*Marilyn Sanchez-Kaneshiro*

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**Marilyn Kaneshiro** - January 18, 2022 at 05:49 PM



RA

“ *RUDY & Evelyn Archuleta lit a candle in memory of Antonio H. Rivera*



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**RUDY & Evelyn Archuleta** - January 18, 2022 at 12:02 PM

TF

“ *Tony F Padilla Family lit a candle in memory of Antonio H. Rivera*



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**Tony F Padilla Family** - January 18, 2022 at 12:00 PM

GG

“ *Glen & Mary Gabaldon lit a candle in memory of Antonio H. Rivera*



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**Glen & Mary Gabaldon** - January 18, 2022 at 11:59 AM