



## Arthur "Bucky" Castillo

December 29, 1947 - April 12, 2019

1947-2019

Arthur "Bucky" Castillo, age 71, passed away in the presence of his family on Friday, April 12, 2019. He leaves behind his loving wife of 44 years, Antoinette (Toni) Castillo; sons Chris and wife Jackie; Carlos and wife Eileen; two grandchildren, Anthony and Sophia; sister, Juliette Castillo; mother-in-law, Evelyn Carabajal; and several nieces and nephews. Arthur is preceded in death by parents Fred and Margaret Castillo and sister Felita Medina. As a life-long resident of Los Lunas, Arthur graduated from Los Lunas high School in 1965. He went on to earn a BBA from New Mexico State University in 1969. Next earning his MBA in 1977 from New Mexico Highlands University. After earning his MBA, Arthur dedicated his life to being a Civil Servant for over 40 years. Over those years he worked for the State of New Mexico as CFO and Deputy Warden, Valencia County Manager, City of Los Lunas, and the Los Lunas and Belen School District serving as CFO and Assistant Superintendent. After retiring in 1997, he became a private contractor working with various school districts around the state. He also decided to throw his hat in the ring of politics and became a Los Lunas School board member. Arthur was also a volunteer for the Los Lunas Fire Department for 25 plus years. He was a sports lover, always seen supporting the Los Lunas Tigers and his favorite professional teams, the Chicago Bears and Chicago Cubs. Services will take place on Monday, April 22, 2019, at San Clemente Catholic Church,

beginning with a Visitation at 8:30 AM, a Rosary to be recited at 9:30 AM, and a Funeral Mass at 10:00 AM. Interment will follow at San Clemente Catholic Cemetery. Urn Bearers will be Anthony Castillo, Larry Abeyta and Preston Abeyta. Honorary Urn Bearers will be Melvin Gallegos, Ruben Chavez, Jim Hicks and Vince Peralta. Please sign Bucky's online tribute at [www.romerofuneralhomenm.com](http://www.romerofuneralhomenm.com) Romero Funeral Home, 609 N. Main St. Belen, NM

# Previous Events

## Rosary

APR 22. 9:30 AM (MT)

San Clemente Catholic Church  
244 Luna Road NE  
Los Lunas, NM 87031

## Interment

APR 22. 11:00 AM (MT)

San Clemente Catholic Cemetery  
Los Lunas, NM 87031

# Tribute Wall

ER

“ *Dear Toni and Family,*

*When I think of Art, my heart is always filled with joy!! I knew Art since I was a young boy, my family shopped at the Castillo's store until it closed. He was always loving and pleasant when ever I saw him. We laughed alot when we saw each other. I think of him often, and the times we shared.*

*Love Always,*

*Edward Raff*

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**Edward Raff** - July 08, 2019 at 01:22 PM



BF

“ *Bureau Of Elections Work Family lit a candle in memory of Arthur "Bucky" Castillo*

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**Bureau of Elections Work Family** - April 23, 2019 at 01:38 PM



PS

“ *Toni and Family,*  
*We were so sorry to hear about your loss. We thought the world of Art! We were blessed to have visited with him recently. Thoughts and prayers to all of you during this difficult time.*

*Antonio and Paula Sedillo*

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**Paula Sedillo** - April 22, 2019 at 11:22 PM



PC

“ Dear family of Arthur Castillo,

*I would like to send my most sincerest condolences. Patsy Carrasco*

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**Patsy Carrasco** - April 22, 2019 at 08:23 PM

GC

“ Gene And Peggy Carabajal lit a candle in  
memory of Arthur "Bucky" Castillo



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**Gene and Peggy Carabajal** - April 21, 2019 at 10:15 PM

RR

“ Roseann Romero lit a candle in memory of  
Arthur "Bucky" Castillo



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**Roseann Romero** - April 21, 2019 at 08:42 PM

SM

“ Dear Toni, Carlos and Chris,  
*I am so sorry for your loss. I worked with Art for many years in the  
Los Lunas Schools and he was always professional and a person of  
integrity. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*  
Sharon Morgan

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**Sharon Morgan** - April 19, 2019 at 08:52 PM

BE

“ *Rest In Peace. May our Father give comfort to the family and friends of Art.*



Becky - April 19, 2019 at 07:44 PM

LA

“ *Rest In Peace Bucky*



LLFD Shift A - April 19, 2019 at 02:48 PM

DG

“ *Dora Jessie Gallegos lit a candle in memory of Arthur "Bucky" Castillo*



Dora Jessie Gallegos - April 19, 2019 at 01:53 PM

FG

“ *Fred & Nina Garcia lit a candle in memory of Arthur "Bucky" Castillo*



Fred & Nina Garcia - April 18, 2019 at 04:21 PM

CC

“ *Carree Connelly lit a candle in memory of Arthur "Bucky" Castillo*



Carree Connelly - April 18, 2019 at 10:41 AM

CC

*We are very sorry for your loss. Thoughts and prayers to you and your family during this difficult time.*

Carree Connelly - April 18, 2019 at 10:43 AM

RA

“ *Rudy And Evelyn Archuleta lit a candle in memory of Arthur "Bucky" Castillo*



Rudy and Evelyn Archuleta - April 18, 2019 at 10:01 AM

CA

“ *Candace Teague & Carlos Aragon lit a candle in memory of Arthur "Bucky" Castillo*



Candace Teague & Carlos Aragon - April 17, 2019 at 01:51 PM

JA

“ *Arthur you will be greatly missed, a kind and gentle caring man. My condolences to my cousins and family.*

Jesse Abeyta - April 17, 2019 at 01:18 PM

AT

“ Alfred & Christine Torres lit a candle in memory of Arthur "Bucky" Castillo



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**Alfred & Christine Torres** - April 17, 2019 at 01:06 PM

JV

“ Antoinette and family

*We are very sorry for your loss. We are sending prayers and love your way. May the Dear Lord hold you in the palms of his hands and give you comfort during your time of grief.*

*Love*

*Joan Vigil and Joann Sanchez*

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**Joan Vigil** - April 17, 2019 at 01:03 PM

JV

“ Antoinette, Chris, and Carlos: Our deepest condolences to all of you for the loss of Bucky. : Our prayers are with all of you. "Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May He rest in peace."

*Con Carino y Amor*

*Uncle Eddie and Aunt Luz Vigil  
Chama, NM*

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**Joan Vigil** - April 17, 2019 at 01:01 PM

VG

“ *Viola Gabaldon lit a candle in memory of Arthur "Bucky" Castillo*



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**Viola Gabaldon** - April 17, 2019 at 10:42 AM

RZ

“ *Toni, my deepest heartfelt condolences to you and your boys. May Art rest in peace he will be greatly missed, but never forgotten.*

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**Rosemary Zamora** - April 16, 2019 at 06:51 PM

FG

“ *My sincerest sympathies to the Arthur "Bucky" Castillo family. He was an "original" Los Lunas home-boy. We were raised together in the quiet Village of Los Lunas. He was a member of the "49er's" , a local bicycle group in the mid late 50's and early 60's. "Bucky" had a great sense of humor. He was a Public Official as a Los Lunas School Board Member and Valencia County Manager. "Bucky" and I traveled to New York City in March 1973 to see the UNM Lobos play Virginia Tech in the NIT Basketball Tournament at the famous Madison Square Garden. We thoroughly enjoyed the sites and sounds of the "Big Apple" for 4 days. We got to see the Twin Tower Centers which opened in that year. He was also a team member of the "Oldtimers" Softball Team which won 52 games in a row in the late 70's. You will surely be missed - but - not forgotten. Frank A. Gurule - LLHS Class of 1963 .. Former Valencia County Commissioner and Village of Los Lunas Councilman..*

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**Frank A. Gurule** - April 16, 2019 at 06:15 PM

LK

“ So sorry for your loss! Our thoughts and prayers are with your family!

*Sincerley, Keith and Lisa King*

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**Lisa King** - April 16, 2019 at 04:58 PM

GG

“ *Prayers to the Castillo Family.*

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**Gloria Gallegos** - April 16, 2019 at 03:35 PM

LT

“ *Sincere condolences to Art Castillo Family-He will be missed. Our thoughts and prayers go out to you during this difficult time. Art was very good to our family and we will never forget that; always smiling and expressing kind words of encouragement.*

*Sincerely,*

*Lorena, Joseph, Aaron Romero Families*

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**Lorena Torrez** - April 16, 2019 at 03:26 PM



RO

“ *Robert & Maxine Olguin lit a candle in memory of Arthur "Bucky" Castillo*

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**Robert & Maxine Olguin** - April 16, 2019 at 02:11 PM





Victoria  
Romero

“ *Our deepest Sympathies goes out to the family. May he be in Peace.* ”

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**Victoria Romero** - April 16, 2019 at 01:07 PM

EC

“ *Eileen & Ruben Chavez lit a candle in memory of Arthur "Bucky" Castillo* ”



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**Eileen & Ruben Chavez** - April 16, 2019 at 11:53 AM

NF

“ *Newey Family lit a candle in memory of Arthur "Bucky" Castillo* ”



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**Newey Family** - April 16, 2019 at 11:23 AM



“ *Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Arthur "Bucky" Castillo.* ”



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April 16, 2019 at 10:58 AM

CT

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with Art's family.*

*Paul and Corine Trujeque*



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**Corine Trujeque** - April 16, 2019 at 10:23 AM

YS

“ *Yvonne Steininger lit a candle in memory of Arthur "Bucky" Castillo*



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**Yvonne Steininger** - April 16, 2019 at 10:21 AM

LF

“ *My deepest sympathy and prayers go out to the entire Castillo family. I worked with Art at the Los Lunas schools and always found him to be a forthright and conscientious individual. He will be missed.*

*“A great soul serves everyone all the time. A great soul never dies. It brings us together again and again.”*

*Leslie Fluke*

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**Leslie Fluke** - April 16, 2019 at 10:04 AM

Brenna  
Abeyta-  
Watson

“ Brenna Abeyta-Watson lit a candle in memory  
of Arthur "Bucky" Castillo



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**Brenna Abeyta-Watson** - April 16, 2019 at 09:51 AM

GS

“ Dear Toni - My thoughts and prayers are with you, your sons and  
grandchildren.

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**Grace Saavedra** - April 16, 2019 at 12:10 AM

AG

“ Art & Anne Gaerlan lit a candle in memory of  
Arthur "Bucky" Castillo



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**Art & Anne Gaerlan** - April 15, 2019 at 11:53 PM

AC

“ Anna Castillo lit a candle in memory of Arthur  
"Bucky" Castillo



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**Anna Castillo** - April 15, 2019 at 11:05 PM

LG

“ Toni and family - I was in shock when I heard that Art had passed. He was such a kind soul. A real gentleman. He made such a difference in this world - he will be truly missed by us all. I'm here for you.

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**Leigh Van Gilst** - April 15, 2019 at 10:47 PM

RA

“ Roberta C, Archuleta lit a candle in memory of Arthur "Bucky" Castillo



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**Roberta C, Archuleta** - April 15, 2019 at 09:44 PM

RH

“ Rocky And Pam Otero Hill lit a candle in memory of Arthur "Bucky" Castillo



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**Rocky and Pam Otero Hill** - April 15, 2019 at 09:04 PM

KG

“ Our deepest condolences to the Castillo Family...Antoniette, Chris and Carlos on the passing of your Beloved Arthur.  
Art was a good friend of mine going back to our childhood. Even though he was a few years older than me...Art and his father Fred his mother Margaret and sister Juliet treated our family my Great-Grandmother Doña Ramoncita Sanchez (who lived to be 102 years old) myself and the extended Garcia Family with great honor and respect. Castillo's Grocery Store which operated I believe probably from the 1930's to the 1980's was a family business which served the local community with great service and generosity.  
My grandmother would always remark that there was no family like the Castillo's...whether is was Fred or Emilano's (Mily) extended family...and that showed in Art. His great service to his community and family is unsurpassed.  
I will miss my friend Art Castillo...  
With great respect,  
Ken Garcia

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Ken Garcia - April 15, 2019 at 06:57 PM

MS

“ Maxine Schmock lit a candle in memory of Arthur "Bucky" Castillo



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Maxine Schmock - April 15, 2019 at 06:51 PM

PM

“ Phillip. Stella Molina sent a virtual gift in memory of Arthur "Bucky" Castillo



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**Phillip. Stella Molina** - April 15, 2019 at 06:24 PM

PM

*Our Thoughts and Prayers Go out to the Family. I had the privilege of working with Arthur at the Belen schools. Such a great man. God bless you guys during this difficult time* 🌻

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**Phillip. Stella Molina** - April 15, 2019 at 06:26 PM

JH

“ Jim And Suzie Hicks lit a candle in memory of Arthur "Bucky" Castillo



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**Jim and Suzie Hicks** - April 15, 2019 at 06:00 PM

ER

“ Sending thoughts & prayers to Toni, Chris, Carlos & Nana during this time. Love Jason (JR) & Erica Romero

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**Erica Romero** - April 15, 2019 at 04:52 PM

DR

“ Dicky And Suzanne Romero lit a candle in memory of Arthur "Bucky" Castillo



Dicky and Suzanne Romero - April 15, 2019 at 04:45 PM

EJ

“ Prayers to the entire Castillo family. Art was a wonderful man and he will be greatly missed!



Elenna M. Jaramillo-Ortiz - April 15, 2019 at 04:30 PM

VG

“ Viola Gabaldon lit a candle in memory of Arthur "Bucky" Castillo



Viola Gabaldon - April 15, 2019 at 04:24 PM

CE

“ Charles Eaton lit a candle in memory of Arthur "Bucky" Castillo



Charles Eaton - April 15, 2019 at 01:55 PM

OL

*Worked with Art at CNMCF he was a great co-worker and no he will be greatly missed. RIP Big Art*

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**Odell Liggins** - April 15, 2019 at 04:15 PM