



Benny C. Torres

August 24, 1951 - December 22, 2015

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Benny C. Torres, a proud resident of Peralta, NM, passed away on December 22, 2015. He loved to go to the casino and play black jack. Benny was always up for a game of horse shoes or billards pool. Benny would ride his four-wheeler to the flea market on the weekends before getting some breakfast at his favorite restaurant, Sopa's in Bosque Farms. He is preceded in death by his parents, Santiago and Mary Torres; and sister, Josie Vallejos. Benny is survived by his sisters, Theresa Bauler, Lupe Romero and husband, Armondo, Mary Chavez and husband, David "Bro", Joann Chavez and husband, Ruben, Frances Vigil and husband, Robert; Brothers Clovis and wife, Carol, Andy and wife, Isabelle; Daughter, Annette Torres; 6 grandchildren, Cassandra Hernandez, Barbara Lopez, Lidia, Carlos, and Robert Reyes, and Hadassah Torres; and 4 great-grandchildren. He is also survived by many nephews and nieces as well as cousins. All Services will be held at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church, beginning with a viewing on Wednesday, December 30, 2015 at 9:30 a.m. with a Rosary to be recited at 10:30 a.m., and a Funeral Mass to be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. Interment will be held at a later date. Pallbearers will David Vigil, David "Bro" Chavez, Michael Irving, Steven Vigil, Steve Salazar, and Dennis Lucero. Please sign Benny's online tribute at www.romerofuneralhomenm.com Romero Funeral Home, 609 N. Main St. Belen, NM.

Previous Events

Viewing

DEC 30. 9:30 AM (MT)

Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church
3674 Highway 47
Peralta, NM 87042

Rosary

DEC 30. 10:30 AM (MT)

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Funeral Mass

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Tribute Wall



“ *Our sincere condolences to the family. We didn't know that Benny had passed away. Our thoughts and prayers will be with all of you! May our Lord give you strength, peace, and comfort. Rick and Anna Garcia*

Rick Garcia - December 30, 2015 at 10:28 PM

“A Portrait of Benny Cipriano Torres, “Cowboy.”

Dear Family and Friends of Benny.

I knew Benny well and hope this “portrait” of him brings you comfort. Benny would fuss because I used his middle name and he would smile because he is forever Cowboy and he would say, “Bowen, I’m Torres to you.” And I would say to him, “Benny is the beautiful boy with black hair and a black T-shirt, shooting basketball hoops with his little brother Andy one bright Sunday morning when he should have been inside the church with his family. And when Grandaisy, my grandmother, asked how he got inside the locked playground of the Catholic School, he is the boy who smiled with his heart, his eyes and his teeth and did not answer.

Cipriano is the 8th grader who longed to do well, who struggled to make friends in a strange big-city, overcrowded high school where he never fit into the already existing tight circles of friends who had no room for a stranger from New Mexico. In continuation school, he met other “outsiders,” and found his group – young men like him who enjoyed boxing, and fighting.

Cowboy is the young man who made family of Nacho, Little Man, Dead Eye and others who belonged to the LA gang Diamond. Fighting, prowling the streets, getting into some trouble, drinking too much, trying different drugs – yes. He also made a best friend for life in Nacho. He convinced some of the “guys” to go with us to the museum of health. When they learned that drugs could affect their ability to have healthy babies, the interest in drugs dropped and I saw several lives changed – that was Cowboy. The night he made the decision to leave the gang, he prepared me for his death. “I fought my way into Diamond, I pledged for life, and jumping out means any and all of the gang can jump me, even if they use the knife, no one can help me. Nacho would jump with me but I am not going to ask.” Cowboy asked for prayer and the elders, my grandmother, and a few other members of the congregation prayed. The day before Cowboy was supposed to jump out of Diamond, he was arrested and sent to Detention Camp 10 for eight months. He avoided a gang war in which Nacho and several other Diamond members died. God intervened, Cowboy never had to jump out,

God brought him out.

Torres is the man I know best...your brother, your father, your grandfather, your ex-husband or boyfriend, your friend - was most importantly my prayer partner. He was also compadre, my "growing-up together" best friend. I saw him in every state of mind. I know he was ready to jump out of this experience of life. He felt he had learned all it had to teach him. I agree. Torres knew love, understood life, and knew that he was ready for whatever is next... after all, God has his back.

We will miss touching and talking to him and we will see him again. Much love to you all.

La Ronda

today he would understand that I cannot be physically there with you and also physically in here Minnesota with my father-in law who is in the hospital fighting to keep life as he understands it intact.

LaRonda Bowen - December 30, 2015 at 06:07 PM

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“ *My deepest condolences to all of Benny's family. Benny was a good man always remembered his neighbors and always had a good word for everyone. He will always be remembered as a kind man.*

Rosemary Zamora - December 30, 2015 at 10:35 AM

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“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with all of Benny's family and friends during this difficult time. Benny was one of a kind and will be truly missed!! We love you Benny, may you rest in peace.*



Dennis & Sandi Lucero - December 28, 2015 at 11:38 PM

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“ *May you rest in Peace Uncle Benny, you will always be remembered and loved. I will forever miss hearing you call me Misses Numnuts and all the good times You, Numnuts (David) and I shared. You are definitely unforgettable in the best way! I will always remember when I gave you your Christmas goodies and told you that you were special because everything I made were with you in mind, and the smile you gave without your usual comebacks lol! Priceless, I actually left you speechless. That will always be my favorite memory! My prayers are sent to you and all your family in this time of loss!*

Priscilla Gallegos - December 28, 2015 at 02:49 PM

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“ *Remembering you and your loved one today and always, Prayers of fond memories are what we have to remember Benny. May the love of family and friends carry you through this time of need.*

Love, Mike, Liz, Analisa, Samantha, Janet & Gilbert Torres

Liz Chavez- Irving - December 28, 2015 at 02:08 PM

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“ *Dicky And Suzanne Romero lit a candle in memory of Benny C. Torres*



Dicky and Suzanne Romero - December 24, 2015 at 03:03 PM