



## Carlos Alonzo Montoya

May 18, 1953 - December 19, 2015

Carlos Alonzo Montoya, 62, lifelong resident of Los Lunas, N.M., passed away peacefully on December 19, 2015 surrounded by his family.

Carlos was born May 18, 1953 in Albuquerque, N.M. to Orlando and Nancy Montoya. A 1971 graduate of Los Lunas High School, he attended the University of Albuquerque before enlisting in the United States Navy where he served on the USS Bainbridge. He later obtained his Bachelors in Business from the University of Albuquerque.

Serving as a city councilman of Los Lunas for 12 years, he instilled a love for politics in his two oldest children who have followed in his footsteps.

Montoya is preceded in death by his father, Orlando Montoya, mother, Nancy Montoya and numerous aunts and uncles.

He is survived by his son, Orlando (Kristie) Montoya; his daughters, Erica (Jason) Romero and Olivia Montoya; former spouse, Sandra Somerville; his longtime companion, Ana Otero; grandchildren, Derek and Bella Montoya, and Sofia, Emilia and Nico Romero; his brothers and sisters, Theresa (David) Fullerton, Orlando "Reno" (Dawn) Montoya, Michael (Samantha) Montoya, Rozella (Kenneth) Haynes and Nancy Montoya (Joe) Gonzales, as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

All services will be held at San Clemente Parish beginning on Monday, December 21st with a visitation at 6:00 p.m. and a rosary to follow at 7:00 p.m. The final visitation will take place at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, December 22nd with the funeral following at 11:00 a.m. Interment will follow at San

Clemente Catholic Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Joe Gonzales, Jason Romero, Avilio Chavez, Bernie Gurule, Joe Barta, Kevin Fullerton, Rico and Tino Gonzales. Honorary pallbearers will be Nico Romero, Derek Montoya, Pete Montoya, and Aaron Haynes,.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to St. Vincent De Paul of San Clemente. Arrangements are being handled by the caring professionals at Romero Funeral Home

# Cemetery Details

## San Clemente Catholic Cemetery

Los Lunas, NM 87031

# Previous Events

## Viewing

DEC **21**. 6:00 PM (MT)

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

## Rosary

DEC **21**. 7:00 PM (MT)

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

## Viewing

DEC **22**. 10:00 AM (MT)

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

## Funeral Mass

DEC **22**. 11:00 PM (MT)

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

# Tribute Wall

JL

“ JuneAnne Landavazo lit a candle in memory of Carlos Alonzo Montoya



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**JuneAnne Landavazo** - July 20, 2019 at 11:48 PM

JL

“ I just found out about Carlos's death recently from Chris Chavez, Construction. I extend my sympathy and condolences to his children, grandchildren and brothers and sisters. I live in Albuquerque now. Carlos lived down the street from me on the corner for years. He would visit and I would visit, he was a good friend, a good councilman for the Village of Los Lunas and did many great things for the growth and employees. Will miss my Friend. Always, June A. Landavazo

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**June A. Landavazo** - June 06, 2017 at 03:45 PM

IR

“ Reno, Mick, Nancy, Joe, Rozella & Theresa, Just learned of Carlos joining your parents in heaven. Though I hadn't seen him in years, I have fond memories of him. Carlos really knew how to make the best of anything and what I admired most about him was his unbreakable spirit. I will keep you all in my prayers.  
God Bless,  
Irma Ramirez-Tom

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**Irma Ramirez-Tom** - February 16, 2016 at 10:57 PM

PL

“ *Orlie, Erica, Olivia and Ana, Carlos' Grandchildren, Theresa, Reno, Michael, Rozella, Nancy and Joe: I have tried to send this message many times, it has been so difficult!*

*Your father, grandfather, partner and brother, loved each of you so much, he loved life itself, because each of you were in his. I know that Our Lord, Mrs. Montoya, Ms. Maestas and Grandma have welcomed him with open arms and are holding him tight, these women were the stronghold of your family, and we will always honor them for their strength and love. The same strength and love each of you have, they passed it on to each one of you, that is what will sustain you through this difficult time!*

*My wonderful memories of Carlos are many, from the time we were all in Grade School, living just down the road from each other. My memories of the Montoya Family are many, and all are just as wonderful. Orlie and Erica, I watched you grow into the wonderful adults you are today, dad is so proud of you, as I am. Olivia, your dad smiled from ear to ear when he talked about you, his love for you so evident. He spoke with such love about all his children, and grandchildren, you were each such a Blessing to him.*

*To his brothers and sisters, he loved each of you so much, know that so many of us share in your loss. I hold all the dear memories in my heart, as I hold each of you!*

*My Love and Prayers to each one of you, I will miss Carlos, I pray that he has found peace and tranquility with Our Lord and your mom!*

*Love, Paul T. Luna*

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**Paul T. Luna** - February 02, 2016 at 11:12 AM

JG

“ To all the montoya family i recently learned about carlos passing I want to send to you my most heartfelt sympathy> I knew carlos in school , he was a very kind and caring person. May he rest in peace Jessie Gallegos



Jessie Gallegos - January 05, 2016 at 10:58 AM

UJ

“ Carlos was always doing something but whatever it was, he was passionate about it. He was a great jokester and had a great sense of humor. He was definitely a people person and was crazy about his children. He was a go-getter and loved politics. He will be greatly missed cause he was an integral part of our Valencia County community. We hope he will have eternal peace and rest. God bless his entire family. You all have our deepest sympathy.

uan & Josie Julian - December 28, 2015 at 06:54 PM

G.

“ I would like to offer my condolences to the family. During this difficult, know that God of all comfort is with the brokenhearted and those crushed in spirit he saves. (Psalm 34:18)

G. - December 28, 2015 at 01:07 PM

LT

“ Absolutely incredible person who always went above and beyond to help friends, family, and neighbors. He helped me get my first job as a summer recreation counselor as a teenager and never treated me with anything but kindness. A truly inspirational person with charisma to spare. I will miss him. My condolences to his family.



Lawrence C. R. Tafoya - December 25, 2015 at 11:24 PM

JM

“ Carlos I was so sadden when I heard the news. You were part of the deep roots of Los Lunas that kept our town together. My condolences to your family. God bless you Erica, Orlando, Olivia, Ana & all the Montoyas. Your bright smile will be missed.



Jan Micaletti - December 24, 2015 at 03:19 AM

LG

“ Carlos Montoya was such a lovable, caring and sweet individual! We always laughed and had a great time! We used to drag race on the old road that has now become the freeway! I counted him as one of my finest friends! I am so sorry for all of your pain but pray that you are comforted by God's healing hand!

Linda Chambers Gose - December 23, 2015 at 08:08 PM

LG

“ Linda Chambers Gose lit a candle in memory of Carlos Alonzo Montoya



Linda Chambers Gose - December 23, 2015 at 08:05 PM



“ The Los Lunas area lost a wonderful person with the passing of Carlos. Whenever I would cross paths with him, he was always friendly and would make me feel good about myself and glad that I got to talk to him. My heart goes out to his family members who I pray are able to accept the loss of their loved one and continue their lives with great memories of Carlos, just like all of us friends do.

Richard McLaughlin - December 23, 2015 at 09:24 AM

MC

“ *This is the sunset over Los Lunas where Carlos lived and was raised may we all remember his smile and all he did for our community ,family, friends u will be missed .*



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**Mike chavez** - December 22, 2015 at 01:57 PM

JM

“ *Janet Montoya lit a candle in memory of Carlos Alonzo Montoya*



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**Janet Montoya** - December 22, 2015 at 08:10 AM

RZ

“ *Rosemary Zamora lit a candle in memory of Carlos Alonzo Montoya*



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**Rosemary Zamora** - December 22, 2015 at 12:14 AM

RO

“ *My Sincere Sympathy to the Montoya. Carlos was a kind hearted person and will be greatly missed and remembered with love.*

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**Rosemary** - December 22, 2015 at 12:12 AM

CM

“ Our Sincere Sympathy and Prayers to the Montoya Family and his children Orlando, Erica, Olivia and his long time partner Ana. Carlos was a very special person to my family. He coached my daughter Martha in Little League. He was a wonderful coach to all the kids. And was a dear friend to me and my brother and Johnny. Carlos always had a big smile no matter where you see him or meet up with him, he always greeted you with a big hug. May you rest in peace with our Dear Lord in Heaven. You will be missed very much. With our Sincere and Deepest Sympathy, Michael Perea, Casilda and Martha Sisneros and Johnny Apodaca.



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**Casilda, Johnny and Michael** - December 21, 2015 at 09:27 PM

DL

“ With warm thoughts and sympathy to the Montoya family, Carlos and I were friends since we were five years old. My daughter and son worked for him and often told me what a great boss he was. I will always cherish the friendship and memories we shared. I will take care of Orlando . He is resting now and in the arms of God. I will miss him

*Dorothy Otero Lovato*

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**Dorothy Otero Lovato** - December 21, 2015 at 06:57 PM

SG

“ With many fond memories of Carlos, I extend my heartfelt sympathy to the Montoya family. Prayers for all of you during this difficult time. May God comfort, bless and surround you with His wonderful presence. Class of 71  
*Sandra Bussey Gromatzky*

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**Sandra Bussey Gromatzky** - December 21, 2015 at 06:44 PM

SG

“ *Sandra Bussey Gromatzky lit a candle in memory of Carlos Alonzo Montoya*



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**Sandra Bussey Gromatzky** - December 21, 2015 at 06:40 PM

PO

“ *To The Montoya family,  
Sorry for your loss, Carlos was a friend and a classmate that always had a smile and enjoyed life. He will be missed. Class of 71.*

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**Pamela Otero** - December 21, 2015 at 05:21 PM

PO

“ *Pamela Otero lit a candle in memory of Carlos Alonzo Montoya*



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**Pamela Otero** - December 21, 2015 at 05:14 PM

CC

“ With many fond memories of Carlos, I extend my heartfelt sympathy to the Montoya family. Prayers for all of you during this difficult time. Although we were separated by distance, we remained friends through the years talking occasionally. Our conversations were always centered around children and family. Carlos was so proud of Orlando, Erica and Olivia and his love for them was very evident. May God comfort, bless and surround you with His wonderful presence.

*Connie Moore Comfort*

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**Connie Moore Comfort** - December 21, 2015 at 05:11 PM

CC

“ As a good friend to my older Brother & Sisters I will remember being the little kid that always got to pal around with the BIG BOY's, Weather it was watching them on the Milgan Realty Softball games walking to San Tuario or just all the other fun parties places that as a little kid I was fortunate enough to be able to tag along on, Hearing all of his great "BACK IN THE DAY STORIES" always made me laugh.

*Thanks Carlos for being such a good friend to my family.*

*Carl Carabajal*

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**carl carabajal** - December 21, 2015 at 04:19 PM

MP

“ *Melinda (Waltman) Pittington lit a candle in memory of Carlos Alonzo Montoya*



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**Melinda (Waltman) Pittington** - December 21, 2015 at 04:06 PM

MP

*Farewell, class mate and friend.*

**Melinda (Waltman) Pittington** - December 21, 2015 at 04:09 PM

IM

“ *Ida Mae lit a candle in memory of Carlos Alonzo Montoya*



**Ida Mae** - December 21, 2015 at 03:00 PM



“ *Carlos was the very best of friends with my mom Brenda which then formed the friendship with my family; our children enjoyed seeing him & playing chess with him. Carlos always had a smile & was always kind to everyone. Carlos you will be missed. we pray for comfort and healing for all of his family. Sincerely, Jeremy and Eileen Jaramillo*

**Jeremy Jaramillo** - December 21, 2015 at 02:42 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Carlos Alonzo Montoya .*



December 21, 2015 at 02:08 PM

DR

“ *Dicky And Suzanne Romero lit a candle in memory of Carlos Alonzo Montoya*



**Dicky and Suzanne Romero** - December 21, 2015 at 02:05 PM

MG

“ *Carlos was a good friend with a very kind heart, we remained good friends through the years. Carlos always had a smile on his face. You will be greatly missed my dear friend. Rest in peace. From: Maria (Armijo) Gonzales.*

**Maria Gonzales** - December 21, 2015 at 11:36 AM

MG

*My thoughts and prayers to the family, God Bless you all.*

**Maria Gonzales** - December 21, 2015 at 11:38 AM

KM

“ *Kerrie Maes lit a candle in memory of Carlos Alonzo Montoya*



**Kerrie Maes** - December 21, 2015 at 10:26 AM

KM

*My condolences to the Montoya family. I knew Carlos for a brief time as our Planning & Zoning Commissioner. He was always very kind and always had a smile. Rest in peace Commissioner Montoya.*

**Kerrie Maes** - December 21, 2015 at 10:28 AM

LT

“ To the Carlos Montoya Family,

*I would like to extend our condolences on behalf of my own family, the Romero boys. Carlos was instrumental in helping my sons getting summer jobs with the Village of Los Lunas every summer when they were in high school. I appreciate Carlos so much as he was so supportive with my family in every aspect. He was generous, always smiling, and truly enjoyed our friendship. He will be missed by all of us.*



*Carlos and I shared the same birthday, May 18, 1953.*

*May God bless you and guide you through this difficult time. Love and prayers are going your way.*

*Lorena*

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**Lorena Romero Torrez** - December 21, 2015 at 09:51 AM

TF

“ Dear Montoya family, I too have known your father, son, brother and friend for all our lifetimes. My goodness, this is such a shock. My memories of Carlos always included his great smile and warm heart. Take care family. Time and prayer will heal your sorrow and loss. Teresa Paiz Felts. Class of '71

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**teresa felts** - December 21, 2015 at 06:13 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Carlos Alonzo Montoya .*



December 21, 2015 at 12:13 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Carlos Alonzo Montoya .*



December 20, 2015 at 11:52 PM



“ *Our sincere condolences on your loss, Erica, Orlando, Olivia and Ana. Prayers for you all.  
Annabelle and Stuart*

**annabelle romero** - December 20, 2015 at 11:01 PM



“ *Eileen Tafoya- Reed & Family lit a candle in memory of Carlos Alonzo Montoya*



**Eileen Tafoya- Reed & family** - December 20, 2015 at 10:43 PM

James Anaya

“ Carlos you will always be remembered as a friend and a co-worker. To the Montoya family are thoughts and prayers are with you during this time. Sam, Carol and James Anaya

James Anaya - December 20, 2015 at 09:47 PM

YG

“ Yolanda Gabaldon sent a virtual gift in memory of Carlos Alonzo Montoya



Yolanda Gabaldon - December 20, 2015 at 08:40 PM

YG

Our thoughts and prayers are with the Montoya Family, Olivia and Anna. We Love You, Charles, Yolanda, Jeffrey & Melissa Gabaldon

Yolanda Gabaldon - December 20, 2015 at 08:47 PM

DK

My condolences, and prayers go out to the Montoya Family. Last time I saw Carlos was a few years ago at a Soccer game with his daughter. He was a nice classmate. He will be missed by all.

Dorene Kennedy - December 21, 2015 at 10:35 AM

JT

“ My condolences, thoughts and prayers go out to the Montoya family. The Los Lunas High School Class of 71' will miss Carlos greatly as a classmate and friend. Fair finds and following seas to you Carlos. John Tull, LLHS Class of 71'

John Tull - December 20, 2015 at 07:53 PM



“ *Flora Perea lit a candle in memory of Carlos Alonzo Montoya*



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**Flora Perea** - December 20, 2015 at 07:52 PM



*It is difficult to find adequate words to express my sorrow upon learning of Carlos' passing. As sponsor of the LLHS Class of 1971, I felt a deep kinship with Carlos. The last time I saw him, at the Class of '71 40 year reunion he was his usual friendly, happy persona. Now that I know Carlos had been ill for a long time, I am consoled by knowing he is no longer suffering and by the thought that I will see him again when I, too, am called to my home in heaven.*

*I pray that God will watch over Carlos' family and grant them strength and peace at this difficult time.*

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**Flora Perea** - December 20, 2015 at 08:02 PM

SS

“ *STEVE R.& MAGDALEN SANCHEZ lit a candle in memory of Carlos Alonzo Montoya*



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**STEVE R.& MAGDALEN SANCHEZ** - December 20, 2015 at 07:39 PM

BP

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the family of Carlos. May God Bless You during this most difficult time.*



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**Barbara Padilla-Sanchez** - December 20, 2015 at 06:06 PM

DT

“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Montoya family. Carlos was a special person, always so positive. He loved his family and his community. May he rest in peace. John and Donnita Thompson and family

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**Donnita Thompson** - December 20, 2015 at 04:54 PM

GC

“ The world is a little lonely without you Carlos, we love you and miss you. May God bless Orlando, Erica and Olivia. We will never forget you.



*Gene & Peggy Carabajal*

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**Gene Carabajal** - December 20, 2015 at 03:01 PM

GC

“ Gene Carabajal lit a candle in memory of Carlos Alonzo Montoya



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**Gene Carabajal** - December 20, 2015 at 02:56 PM

JD

“ Carlos,  
Your candle has gone out too soon. You will be missed by many, especially your children. Rest now in the hands of the Lord and be at peace. I will always pray that your children will know the peace that you are walking the streets of Heaven in the Love of the Lord and are happy. I'll see you again some day my brother.  
Jeanette

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**Jeanette Delgado** - December 20, 2015 at 02:35 PM

GE

“ My condolences to the Montoya family who took me in and made me a part of the family Carlos was a childhood friend and brother. Thank you for being a part of my life I will never forget you and I will always keep you in my prayers We had some good times together as brothers sometimes getting in trouble but that's a part of growing up Carlos put his kids first he loved them very much and was very proud of them from our last conversation he only wanted the Best for them. Carlos was a good father

*Psalm 48:14 - "For this God is our God for ever and ever: he will be our guide even unto death." My love and my prayers go out to my Brothers and Sisters*  
George

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**george** - December 20, 2015 at 11:42 AM

DM

“ My condolences to all the members of Carlos' family from Reno's wife, Dawn

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**dawn Montoya** - December 20, 2015 at 12:28 AM

CE

“ Charles D. Eaton lit a candle in memory of Carlos Alonzo Montoya



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**Charles D. Eaton** - December 19, 2015 at 06:45 PM



Jennifer Alonzo

*Love you Erica & Jason!! <3 Jen, Jer & Kids*

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**Jennifer Alonzo** - December 20, 2015 at 07:13 PM

JT

*Carlos was such a wonderfully positive person and a blessing to those who were fortunate enough to know him. He will be missed. May God bless and be with his family during this difficult time.*

*Jo Jordan Thwaits*

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**Jo Jordan Thwaits** - December 20, 2015 at 08:35 PM

AG

*Our Deepest Sympathy to the Montoya Family Erica we love you God Bless u your Family during this sad time . so many memories of you and your Dad that you can treasure*

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**Art sr& Anne Gaerlan** - December 20, 2015 at 09:53 PM

KC

*Thoughts and prayers go out to Carlos and his family. May the LORD give you all the strength and the courage to get through this tough time..Gone but not forgotten. Love and Blessings.  
Kathy Chavez*

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**Kathy Chavez** - December 20, 2015 at 11:31 PM

IC

*I am very sorry to hear about the passing of Carlos, he was a good person, may God bless you all in your time of sorrow, God be with his children and and give them peace , God bless you all and remember he was a good man...*

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**Ida Clark** - December 21, 2015 at 10:08 AM

BP

*My deepest sympathy to the Montoya family. I grew up with Reno, but always knew the whole family. I would come to town to visit my parents and never miss a visit with Mrs. Montoya. She would tell me all the wonderful things about her children. Her arms were always opened, as they were when Carlos arrived. RIP sweet Carlos.*

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**Belinda (Armijo) Paris** - December 21, 2015 at 02:50 PM