



Delfin Chavez

February 20, 1950 - June 13, 2015

1950-2015

Delfin R. Chavez, affectionately known as “Pinky”, age 65, a resident of Belen, NM passed away suddenly on Saturday, June 13, 2015 at his home with family by his side. Delfin worked as a residential and commercial painter for 25 years and was also employed by the Belen Schools. Delfin was a PFC in the United States Army as a Cannoneer in the C Battery 4th Bn 39th FA during the Vietnam War. He was awarded the National Service Medal, the Vietnam Campaign Medal, and the Vietnam Service Medal. His service to his country was one of his greatest honors. Delfin enjoyed fishing along the ditch banks while having a few beers. He also loved animals, he even adopted a Coatimundi during his Vietnam tour. He loved watching TV and recording all of his favorite TV shows. The greatest joy in his life was “his girls” Laura, Kimberly, Kaitlin, and Megan. Delfin had a special relationship with his granddaughters. They both remembered the special way he would tell them goodbye and never ever let them leave without giving him “pop pops” (kisses and hugs goodbye). Delfin was known by all for his sharp wit and sense of humor, he always left a lasting impression on all that knew him well. He was preceded in death by his loving parents, Pedro Pete Chavez and Fedelina R. Chavez; brothers, Melvin and Jimmy Chavez; nephew, Arthur Chavez Jr.; sisters-in-law, Corrine and Mary Chavez; brothers-in-law, Eddie Baca and Fermin Ulibarri; father and mother-in-law, Richardo and Blacita Romero. Delfin is survived by his loving wife of 46 years, Lorraine Chavez; daughter, Kimberly

Carrasco and husband, Victor; granddaughters, Kaitlin Raye and Megan Rayelynn; grandsons, Estevan and Miguel; brothers, Arthur and wife, Liz and Pete Chavez; sisters, Melba Hawley, Sally and husband, Victor Tafoya, Evelyn and husband, Tony Silva, and Mary Lou Baca; in-laws, Angie and Ruben Chavez, Henry and Rosalyn Romero and Elfa Ulibarri. All services will be held at Our Lady of Belen Catholic Church, beginning with a viewing at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, June 22nd with a rosary to be recited at 6:00 p.m. A final viewing will be held at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, June 23rd with a Funeral Mass to be celebrated at 10:00 a.m. Interment will be held at the Santa Fe National Cemetery at 1:30 p.m. Pallbearers will be his nephews Billy Halwey, Chris Rael, Michael Silva, Ray Flores, Jared Romero, Michael Chavez, Ruben Chavez, and Keven Ulibarri. Honorary Pallbearers will be John Chavez, Anthony Silva, Veronica Martinez, Annette Saiz, Amanda Espinoza, Martha Ulibarri, Melinda Cruz, Carol Montiel, Robert Chavez, Yvonne Flores, Vincent Flores, Jana Adams, Leslie Romero, and Sonya Chavez. In closing Tata's girls want to say "Be Good, God Bless You, I Love You Tata" "Stay Fresh Homie" "I Got Your Back P.I.C." Please sign Delfin's online tribute at www.romerofuneralhomenm.com Romero Funeral Home, 609 N. Main St. Belen, NM

Cemetery Details

Santa Fe National Cemetery

501 N. Guadalupe Street
Santa Fe, NM 87501

Previous Events

Viewing

JUN 22. 5:00 PM (MT)

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

Rosary

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Final Viewing

JUN 23. 9:00 AM (MT)

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Funeral Mass

JUN **23**. 10:00 AM (MT)

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Tribute Wall

ME

“Michelle Ethridge lit a candle in memory of Delfin Chavez



Michelle Ethridge - July 08, 2015 at 06:43 PM

ME

We were neighbors long ago and I remember how close the Chavez family was; very sorry to hear of his passing but know he was loved and will be missed and never forgotten. Rest in Peace Pinky.

Michelle Ethridge - July 08, 2015 at 06:45 PM

AS

“Lit a candle in memory of Delfin R. Chavez.”

Lorraine & Family,
We'd like to extend our most sincere condolences on your loss of Delfin. May God Bless all of the family at this most difficult time.

Sincerely,
Adam & Ruby Salas & Family
Bosque, N.M.



Adam & Ruby Salas - June 23, 2015 at 02:21 PM

TF

“Our thoughts and prayers with auntie Laura and uncle Pinkys girls at this most difficult time in their lives. Please stay strong and keep your faith and God. We love you all. Love your Nikkie

The Gurule Family - June 23, 2015 at 01:00 PM

PH

“ Prayers are with you Lorraine. Pinky was a wonderful person. God bless "his girls." Phyllis Hayes

p hayes - June 22, 2015 at 08:45 PM

PS

“ OUR CONDOLENCES GO OUT TO THE FAMILY OF DELFIN *PINKY* CHAVEZ.HE WAS A WONDERFUL MAN..MAY GOD BLESS ALL OF YOU.....STEVEN, GABE and JACOB (PAT'S BARBER SHOP)....



Pat's Barber Shop - June 22, 2015 at 04:10 PM



Amanda Espinoza

“ Uncle Pinky...my Godddddd Father. I have so many memories of you growing up...being at your house what seems like every day. I remember the little trailer on Castillo. You always were the joker with all of us kids. And that continued with our kids too. "Run Uncle Pinky is coming, he is going to give you a wet willie" I can still hear your voice, making very sarcastic comments to everyone, with a very quick wit. No one could chop you down man...because you could come back with an even better one! The dude with the coolest hair around. "Stay away from the hair man!" We will be there for Auntie Laura, Kim, Kaitlin, and Megan. Taking care of them, like you always did. I love you my Godddddd Father....until I see you again....Louise.

Amanda Espinoza - June 22, 2015 at 02:36 PM

EL

“ *Emma U Libarri lit a candle in memory of Delfin Chavez*



Emma U libarri - June 22, 2015 at 02:32 PM

MC

“ *My Dear Uncle Pinky Was Like A Dad to me, I will never ever forget you Uncle you will live in my heart until we meet again*❤️

Melinda Cruz - June 21, 2015 at 10:35 PM

JB

“ *Laura, I'm so sorry for your loss. May you and your family find comfort knowing he will always be in your hearts.. He will never be forgotten.. May God Bless you and your family.. Your friend Janet Baca*

Janet Baca - June 18, 2015 at 07:54 PM

DR

“ *Dicky And Suzanne Romero lit a candle in memory of Delfin Chavez*



Dicky and Suzanne Romero - June 18, 2015 at 09:47 AM

BM

“ I have so many memories of my uncle pinky!! Your smile and laughter will always be in my heart forever! You and aunty Laura were more than just my aunt and uncle I considered you guys my second grandparents considering I was practically at your house everyday growing up!! I will especially never forget the times me and Kaitie Ray would drive you and aunty Laura crazy making such a mess playing dress up in all her clothes lol and pretending to drive your truck!! You could never stay mad at us for longer than a min though which was nice!! Analiyah or as you would say" Anastasia " lol and I love you, aunty Laura, aunty Kim and the girls so very much and I am praying for them during this rough time! You will be missed dearly!! Love your great niece Brittany & great great niece Analiyah 😊

Brittany Martinez - June 17, 2015 at 10:31 PM

VE

“ Uncle Pinky you will be missed for sure!! You were always around us growing up and the uncle I most remember. As I'm reading all the memories, I'm laughing because they are all so true. You were so funny and I could never tell if you were serious or not. I just remember the time Kim and I were being crazy and you came outside and said with that serious look, "WHAT ARE YOU GUYS DOING?" HAHA!!! All we could do was laugh!! You had that serious look, but so, so funny. You always offered praise to so many!! Uncle Pinky we will all miss you so very much. Rejoice in heaven with our Lord and Savior and catching up with grandma and grandpa :) "ON THAT DAY WHEN I SEE ALL THAT YOU HAVE FOR ME WHEN I SEE YOU FACE TO FACE THERE SURROUNDED BY YOUR GRACE ALL MY FEARS SWEEP AWAY IN THE LIGHT OF YOUR EMBRACE WHERE YOUR LOVE IS ALL I NEED AND FOREVER I AM FREE" <3 Love, your niece Veronica

veronica - June 17, 2015 at 09:46 PM

BM

“ I have so many memories of Pinky n Lorraine way back in the dating days. We used to go riding in Lorraine's car every Sunday. We would, of course, pick up my friend on our way to town or the river or wherever. I will not mention the name. Laura you lost your best friend. I am sorry for your loss. One thing I know you have and that is many good memories. Hold him close to your heart he will be there. Not to worry there are plenty of people welcoming him with open arms. I will keep you & your family in my prayers during this rough time. Love you Lorraine...Bernadette



Bernadette Moya - June 17, 2015 at 02:10 PM

EB

“ Know that this too shall pass. My condolences to Laura, Kimberly and family. Its not easy to lose a loved one, especially one that was held so dearly and closely to your heart. I will always cherish fond memories of laughter and joy knowing Pinky! God is the only one that will get you through, remember He is our strength, our comforter and he will sustain you. May God bless you all and keep you close. 🙏💕

Eva and Ariana Baca - June 17, 2015 at 02:09 PM

 Leslie Romero

“ We are all going to miss you so much Uncle Pinky. You always made us laugh!

Love, Leslie (niece)

Leslie Romero - June 17, 2015 at 11:19 AM

EM

“ Rudy and Margaret Sachs send their condolences to the entire family. We are very sorry to hear of Delfin's passing. God bless you all during this time.

Erin Myers - June 17, 2015 at 10:10 AM

AS

“ I have many memories of pinky (my uncle) all of them involve laughter and craziness because pinky was that way. I will miss him very much he was a piece of our families puzzle that can't be replaced . Pinky really had a heart of gold and made everybody feel loved we all probably thought we were his favorite because he had a way of making u feel that way. I know my uncle paid the ultimate price w his life when he went to the Vietnam war he may not iof died but his life was never the same after and even though he was a proud soldier to the end. If I could tell my uncle one thing it would be bye uncle pinky I will miss you and I love you very much and don't worry about your girls we'll take care of them❤️❤️ till we meet again my dear uncle 💔

annette saiz - June 17, 2015 at 06:11 AM

CM

“ My Uncle Pinky was the best Uncle always there for all of us!!! He always made us laugh he was always telling jokes!! I remember the go carts he built for all of us we used to go ride them in my grandpas field.. He will surely be missed!!! Love you Uncle fly with the Angels 🙏🙏

Carol Montiel - June 16, 2015 at 11:02 PM

 Bill
Hawley

“ *there are too many great memories to choose from. my uncle Pinky pretty much taught me to drive and shoot a shotgun. lol. I was probably 10 years old. He used to take all of us fishing and let me cruise his awesome truck around when I was 15. He always made us laugh and he had a loving way about him. I will miss him greatly and always love and remember him.*

Bill Hawley - June 16, 2015 at 10:50 PM

SS

“ *Words seem inadequate to express the sadness we feel about Delfin's passing. We are here to support you, Laura, Kimberly, and the girls, in your grieving process. With sincere sympathy.*

Scott and Gayle (Romero) Simonds

Scott & Gayle (Romero) Simonds - June 16, 2015 at 01:59 PM

DZ

“ *WITH SYMPATHY AT THE LOSS OF YOUR HUSBAND; GOD BLESS YOU AND YOUR FAMILY; WELL KEEP U ALL IN OUR PRAYERS; YOUR COUSINS DAN AND ROSA ZUBIATE .*

DANIEL & Rose Zubiato - June 15, 2015 at 07:34 PM

JF

“ *"Pinky", my love to you and your family, I had the honor to get to know you and your beautiful wife and to be one of the nurses to care for you at the VA hospital. You became my "family" and it was my privilege to care for you . I was heartbroken to hear of your passing, but I know that my son Greg, a Navy veteran and warrior who passed in 2008 is keeping you company when The Lord called you home. My husband, Jeff and I thank you for your service to your country and for the selfless call to duty you endured for all of our freedom. Will keep you and your family in our prayers. God Bless You. Jeff & Katrina*



Jeff and Katrina Fitt - June 15, 2015 at 04:43 PM

EG

“ *We are sorry for your loss. May the Lord ease your pain and God bless you Laura and your family. Eloy, Mabel and family.*

Eloy and Mabel Garcia - June 15, 2015 at 11:58 AM

MC

“ *Aunt Laura and family, my heart goes out to you during this difficult time. Peanuts and his Uncle Pinky are playing jokes on grandma and grandpa Chavez.....with love always*

Mary Chavez - June 14, 2015 at 04:13 PM

VT

“ *Vina Mendoza & Rufie Tenorio lit a candle in memory of Delfin Chavez*



Vina Mendoza & Rufie Tenorio - June 13, 2015 at 08:50 PM

RC

Rip Mr Chavez .

Robert D. Chavez - June 14, 2015 at 01:11 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Delfin Chavez.*



June 13, 2015 at 08:38 PM