



## Dennis Cordova

September 14, 2014

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Dennis Robert Cordova, age 74, went to be with our Lord on Sunday, September 14, 2014 surrounded by his family. He was born June 29, 1940 in Belen, New Mexico to Manuel and Trinnie Baca Cordova. Together with his eight brothers and sisters, he did not have the easiest youth, but his family's house was always filled with laughter and music, which became a significant part of his personality. For a man who never finished high school, Dennis graduated from the University of New Mexico (UNM) with a Bachelor of Arts, and a Master from San Diego State University. In his early career, he worked for the Public Service Company of New Mexico. He was at the same time President of the Belen Chapter of the Jaycees. His easiness with all kinds of people and his ability to communicate made him a highly appreciated and also respected person. Therefore, after his studies, he became a primary school teacher for a Catholic School in Chula Vista. He then moved to Albuquerque in the late 1980s, where he started a successful General Educational Development (GED) Program for UNM. Taking his skills in Education, he became Head of Education for a US Correctional Facility. Here, he met with former President Fox of Mexico, to bring a Mexican GED program to inmates. Retired in Grants, he volunteered in both Obama campaigns and was also a Poll Worker for many elections. Dennis Cordova also loved to dance, golf, motorcycle, baseball (St. Louis Cardinals), puzzles, Johnny Cash and John Wayne. He was preceded in his death by his wife (the true love of his life),

Deola who passed away much too early; as well as his parents; his brothers, Raymond and Ruben; and his niece, Ericka. He leaves behind his children: Jon Conrad Cordova and husband, Thomas Biland, Corine "CC" Cordova, Chris Cordova and wife, Cindy, Cindy Mitchell and husband, Eric. Dennis loved his grandchildren who will miss him dearly: Daniele, Jonathan and Kristina Martinez, Curtis and Shay Cordova, Austin and Cody Cordova, Anne-Sophie and Gregory Biland, and the apple of his eye, his great-granddaughter, Liliana. He is also survived by his brothers, Toby and Ernie Cordova; his sisters, Rosie Montoya and husband, Henry, Margaret Montoya and husband, Joe, Anna Upton and husband, Tony, Donna Bergevin and husband, Don; along with many nieces, nephews, cousins and many friends. Dennis loved life and had an incredible belief in the good in human beings. Being surrounded by his kids and family made him truly happy. He was a warm hearted, positive with a mischievous side, who spread harmony and peace. He will be remembered as living his life the way he wanted, to the fullest because he was "JUST LIKE COLOR TV". A Funeral Mass will take place at Romero Funeral Home in Belen on Saturday, October 4th at 11:00 am. Interment will follow at Our Lady of Belen Memorial Gardens. It is requested to wear red or something with the Cardinals in his honor. In lieu of flowers, the family has requested that donations be made in the Dennis Cordova Memorial Fund, Bank of Albuquerque, P.O. Box 26027, Albuquerque, NM 87125-6027. Sign Dennis' online tribute at [www.romerofuneralhomenm.com](http://www.romerofuneralhomenm.com) Romero Funeral Home, 609 N. Main Street, Belen, NM

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Family,*

*We have lost a wonderful human being who was in love with life, family and friends. As what he saw was, so were his thoughts and mind of this wonderful man! I suspect he never for a moment forgot Deola, the love of his life. But, now our harmonious peace-maker is gone! We are so much better for having known him.*

*Please accept my sincere condolences.*

*Oscar S. Ramirez*



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**Oscar S. Ramirez** - October 04, 2014 at 06:22 PM

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**Cindy Mitchell** - October 02, 2014 at 11:36 AM

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“ I met Dennis for the first and last time many years ago in Switzerland and I was deeply impressed how easy it was for him to get in touch with other people from abroad speaking foreign languages just by sharing his passion of listening and dancing to the music. Dennis enjoyed moments like this very and these wonderful memories may help his family to get over his death. I will keep Dennis in good memory and pray for him. His family is in my thoughts at this difficult time.



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**Stephan Biland** - September 22, 2014 at 12:56 AM



“ I have only met Dennis a couple times, but that was enough to let me know that he was an amazing guy, who loved his kids and grandkids so much. He was always alot of fun to hang out with. I can see him in all of his kids. So glad I got to meet him and be a part of his life for a short time. His kids will carry on for him in all of his fun loving ways. Saying a prayer for all of the family. Love you all!!

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**Dea lamamom** - September 21, 2014 at 10:45 AM

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“ Dennis and I became closer friends over the years and enjoyed sharing memories of our childhood growing up in Belen. We enjoyed sharing our lunch table at senior center here in grants..I was devastated to learn of his passing. My sincere condolences to his family. He will forever be in my heart. I loved dancing with him when the seniors had a band come in and provide music..Dennis dancing with the angels now". Until we meet again my friend. Sally zamora

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**sally zamora** - September 20, 2014 at 05:11 PM



I met Dennis once. He was a joy to be around. Always smiling. To all the family: The pain of his loss will always be there. You don't get over your fathers death but, you learn to live with it. I pray you find peace and always remember he loved you all.

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**Joanne Brady Araiza** - September 21, 2014 at 11:15 AM

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To My Dear Uncle,

Missing you so much today! You are forever in my heart. When I think of you, my memories are filled with your constant zest for life. Your beautiful spirit was one of your greatest blessings. Love you so much!  
Dana Cobleigh

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**Dana Cobleigh** - July 11, 2018 at 09:19 PM