



## Elias R. Maez III

August 23, 1965 - February 28, 2020

1965-2020

Elias R. Maez III, age 54, went to be with his heavenly father on February 28, 2020, with his loving family by his side. The world lost a bright, witty, light when Elias passed.

He is preceded in death by his father, Elias Maez Jr; grandfather, Elias Maez Sr.; grandmother, Estella Apodaca Maez; grandfather, Nicanor Sanchez; grandmother, Ascension Sanchez, and father-in-law, Frank Vega; padrino, Harold Maez.

Elias is survived by his loving wife of 32 years, Carla, and his daughters and chosen daughter Marisha Maez; Mariha (Alec) Trujillo; Allison Casias and grandchildren, Ava and Axel Trujillo; his mother, Patsy Maez; mother-in-law, Tisha Vega; brother, Matthew (Lenore) Maez; sister, Maria (Paul) Marez; sister-in-law, Patsy Vega; brothers-in-law, Ronnie (Mary) Vega; Sonny (Maddie) Vega and many adored nieces and nephews.

He learned the trade of a Water Well Driller from his father and he and his brother eventually opened up their own company, Maez Drilling, where he worked until retirement. Elias was a very dedicated man who was very generous with his time, talent and treasures. He was a great athlete, playing football, baseball & wrestling. When his children were old enough, he was always the coach, cook and fill-in dad for his girl sports teams. Elias was dedicated to the Knights of Columbus, serving as a 4th Degree Knight, Grand

Knight and 7th District Deputy. He was a member of the V.C. Hispano Chamber and is the person credited with the idea of creating the Annual Matanza Charitable Event. Elias was an active member of many committees at Our Lady of Guadalupe, and a proud member of the MNF club. He loved hunting, fishing, reading, and his friends, which was anyone he met. Elias was our "google" before the 90's. Our hearts are broken knowing he will not be part of our earthly life. His last good deed was to give life to someone else through organ donations.

Services will be held at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in Peralta beginning on Wednesday, March 4, 2020, with a Public Viewing at 5:00 PM and a Rosary to be recited at 6:00 PM, Thursday, March 5, 2020, there will be a Final Visitation at 9:00 AM, a Funeral Mass at 10:00 AM and Interment following at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Cemetery. His Paulbearers will be Dustin Vega ("Bump") Matthew John Maez ("MJ"), Alec Trujillo ("Son") Isaiah Maez ("Zay"), Paulbrian Marez ("PB"), Elijah Marez ("Lije") Ryan Vega ("Ryn"), Lukas Maez ("Liberal")

Please sign Elias's online tribute at [www.romerofuneralhomenm.com](http://www.romerofuneralhomenm.com) Romero Funeral Home, 609 N. Main St., Belen, NM

# Previous Events

## Viewing

MAR 4. 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM (MT)

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

## Rosary

MAR 4. 6:00 PM (MT)

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## Final Visitation

MAR 5. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (MT)

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## Funeral Mass

MAR 5. 10:00 AM (MT)

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# Tribute Wall

VG

“ Valerie Gallegos-Botz lit a candle in memory of Elias R. Maez III



Valerie Gallegos-Botz - March 12, 2020 at 02:19 PM

LJ

“ So sorry to hear of your loss. Thoughts and prayers are with you at this time of sorrow.

L Kathryn Jost - March 07, 2020 at 12:02 AM



“ My Heart is truly broken for the passing of my good friend and classmate Elias Maez 111  
Elias was a kind and gentle man he always acknowledged everyone there weren't any strangers.  
I went to our 30 year class reunion last summer and I was feeling a bit out of place for some reason but when I entered the room the first person I saw was Elias and of course his beautiful wife Carla. He ushered me over to his table and immediately made me feel like I was part of the group. I truly appreciate the fact that he took the time to acknowledge me and made me feel so much better.  
I only have one regret about that night I really wish I would have spent more time with her and Carla.... RIP my friend❤️ God Bless the Maez family and it was an honor knowing Elias . Praying for you all Peace be with you 🙏

Tammy Wood Baca - March 06, 2020 at 03:38 PM



“ *A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Elias R. Maez III.*



March 06, 2020 at 03:36 PM



“ *Tammy B. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Elias R. Maez III.*



**Tammy B.** - March 06, 2020 at 03:34 PM



“ *Patsy&Carla and Family May the Lord always be with you as Now Rest Assure He is in The Best of Light. Alfred & Linda Sanchez*



**Mr&Mrs Alfred Sanchez** - March 06, 2020 at 02:28 PM

CG

“ Charles & Yolanda Gabaldon sent a virtual gift in memory of Elias R. Maez III



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**Charles & Yolanda Gabaldon** - March 05, 2020 at 04:54 PM

KR

“ Our thoughts and prayers to the Maez family. Keeping you forever in our heart and memory Elias. Rest In Peace till we meet again. Pat, Kathy, Patrick, Bailey and Randi

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**kathy ryan** - March 05, 2020 at 02:53 PM

BB

“ Going to miss you Eli! Will never forget the good times we had, especially at the Motley Crue concert..... Hope you told your kids about that one.....God Bless the Maez family.

*Billy and Renee Bouma*

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**Billy Bouma** - March 05, 2020 at 02:07 PM

BT

“ Billie Alice Sanchez Torres lit a candle in memory of Elias R. Maez III



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**Billie Alice Sanchez Torres** - March 05, 2020 at 01:56 PM

MM

“ *My deepest condolences to the Maez family.*

*Mary McGowan*



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**Mary McGowan** - March 05, 2020 at 01:07 PM

CF

“ *Rest in Peace*

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**Chastain & Vanderweebe Family** - March 05, 2020 at 10:57 AM

PC

“ *My deepest condolences. Peace and love be with you.* 🌿

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**Pam Cordova** - March 05, 2020 at 07:47 AM

KG

“ *Condolences from the Garcia Family...  
Ken, Shirley, Danielle, Derek and Deidra.  
The Baca and Apodaca extended Families.*



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**Ken Garcia** - March 05, 2020 at 07:23 AM

MP

“ *Marc And Loretta Perea lit a candle in  
memory of Elias R. Maez III*



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**marc and loretta perea** - March 04, 2020 at 10:12 PM

RS

“ *Our thoughts a prayers our with your family. God Bless . Sr Robert Salazar*

Robert Salazar - March 04, 2020 at 09:29 PM

PO

“ *Prayers to all the Maez family. So sorry for your loss*



Patricia Olguin - March 04, 2020 at 08:40 PM

JC

“ *Elias was a very kind man who was pleasant in his demeanor. Really knew his trade. We pray that the Lord Jesus Christ bless his family with comfort and peace in this time of need. May God bless the Maez family!*



John A Casias Jr. / Rita Casias - March 04, 2020 at 08:37 PM

JC

“ *John And Rita Casias lit a candle in memory of Elias R. Maez III*



John and Rita Casias - March 04, 2020 at 08:31 PM

JG

“ *My deepest condolences to the Maez family!! I am in total shock of the passing of my dear friend Elias. God has gained another angel in heaven , he will truly be missed by all. I will pray that your family finds comfort in the fact how loved Elias was and may god help you with the healing process.*

*Sincerely,  
Jason Gonzales*

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**jason gonzales** - March 04, 2020 at 08:25 PM

DW

“ *Are sincere condolence to Carla and family!  
We are very sorry for your loss.*

*Love,  
Dolores Torres and Danielle Watts*



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**Danielle Watts** - March 04, 2020 at 07:07 PM



“ *Multicolor Bright Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Elias R. Maez III.*



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March 04, 2020 at 02:46 PM

GS

“ *Gerald Sanchez lit a candle in memory of  
Elias R. Maez III*



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**Gerald Sanchez** - March 04, 2020 at 11:41 AM

BR

“ Beverly Dominguez Romero lit a candle in memory of Elias R. Maez III



Beverly Dominguez Romero - March 04, 2020 at 10:49 AM

EB

“ From the Baldonado family R.I.P. my friend. You were a great man. You will be missed.

Edward Baldondo - March 04, 2020 at 10:01 AM

BP

“ My condolences to the Maez family.



Barbara Padilla-Sanchez - March 04, 2020 at 09:35 AM



“ Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Elias R. Maez III.



March 04, 2020 at 08:10 AM

YT

“ Yvette Tapia lit a candle in memory of Elias R. Maez III



Yvette Tapia - March 03, 2020 at 11:19 PM



“ Rest in Peace! Prayers to his family.



Anna Zamora Torres - March 03, 2020 at 10:47 PM

SC

“ Our sympathy to the family as you deal with the loss of a well loved member. Wayne and Sheila Cunningham

Sheila Cunningham - March 03, 2020 at 06:11 PM

SP

“ Dear Carla, Patsy and family, I don't have any words of wisdom or any thing that would ease your pain because I can't imagine the pain you're going through and I wish I had a magic wand to make it go away, I don't but just know that prayers will help and that I can do. Even tho life gets in the way, it was always good to see him in church and I will miss that. Keep your faith and I pray that God gives you all the strength to get through each day. We love you.  
Sally & family

Sally Perea - March 03, 2020 at 04:27 PM

RZ

“ *My deepest condolences to all of Elias family. May his blessed soul rest in peace.* ”

Rosemary Zamora - March 03, 2020 at 03:44 PM

PE

“ *Sincere condolence to the Maez family* ”



Pat and Mary Encinias - March 03, 2020 at 02:34 PM

CV

*My condolences to all the Maez family rest in peace Elias Ernestine's sister clorinda vargas*

Clorinda Vargas - March 03, 2020 at 06:23 PM

SS

“ *Steve & Klaudia Sanchez lit a candle in memory of Elias R. Maez III* ”



Steve & Klaudia Sanchez - March 03, 2020 at 01:12 PM

SS

*Our deepest condolences to the entire family. We are so sorry to hear about your loss!!*

Steve & Klaudia Sanchez - March 03, 2020 at 01:15 PM

DC

“ *Elias was the epitome of a good man. His goodness will be everlasting. I'm honored to have been your friend.*  
*Delbert Chavez*

del chavez - March 03, 2020 at 12:34 PM

PL

“ *Philip &Debbie Baca & Family - Alex & Selma Lopez purchased the Yellow & White Sympathy Basket for the family of Elias R. Maez III.*



Philip &Debbie Baca & Family - Alex & Selma Lopez - March 03, 2020 at 11:57 AM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Basket was purchased for the family of Elias R. Maez III.*



March 03, 2020 at 11:30 AM



“ *Fields of Europe was purchased for the family of Elias R. Maez III.*



March 03, 2020 at 10:15 AM

TR

“ Tg And Esther Rael lit a candle in memory of Elias R. Maez III



Tg and Esther Rael - March 03, 2020 at 10:11 AM

RT

“ Raquel T. lit a candle in memory of Elias R. Maez III



raquel t. - March 03, 2020 at 09:29 AM

RC

“ Rebecca And Thomas Chavez And Chicka lit a candle in memory of Elias R. Maez III



Rebecca and Thomas Chavez and Chicka - March 03, 2020 at 02:04 AM



“ Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Elias R. Maez III.



March 02, 2020 at 11:46 PM

CS

“ *Casilda Sisneros lit a candle in memory of Elias R. Maez III*



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**Casilda Sisneros** - March 02, 2020 at 11:16 PM

CS

“ *To All of the Maez Family. Our Thoughts and Prayers go out to all of you through this difficult loss. May the Memories you shared with Elias remain in your hearts forever. May you find comfort in knowing that friends share in your loss. We always were happy to bump into Elias and Carla at our Dr. Appointments and Johnny would enjoy talking to Elias about everything and anything. We will surely miss seeing him. He always had a smile for you when you said hello. And always was so concerned about Johnny's health. Johnny and I will continue to keep you all in our prayers. May his soul rest in peace. May our Lord Bless all of you today and always. With our Deepest and Sincere Sympathy, Johnny & Casilda*

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**Casilda Sisneros** - March 02, 2020 at 11:14 PM

LO

“ *Elias is a animal lover. I will never forget the first time he saw my pheasant and quail collection. Couldn't get him out of the pens. He was like a baby in candy store. God I'm going to miss that boy. I really think we should name the new parish kitchen after Elias. He owned the old one because that boy loved to cook. My prayers to him and his family.*

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**Lorenz** - March 02, 2020 at 11:09 PM

JR


“ Our deepest condolences to the entire family. I'm so sorry, Carla. My prayers are with you. Patsy, I am so sorry. I can't imagine how you feel. Maria and Matthew, i am so sorry for the loss of your brother. I'm praying for your hearts. I pray God gives you strength and comfort in knowing he is renewed now in heaven.



*From: Ramon and Enedina Rael, Everett and Bonnie Rael, Marty Rael, Patrick Rael and Janna Rael-Serna*

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**Janna Rael-Serna** - March 02, 2020 at 11:03 PM

  
Melissa  
Flores

“ Love and prayers for the family through this difficult time.



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**Melissa Flores** - March 02, 2020 at 08:59 PM

AA

“ Mi sentido pésame/My deepest condolences.  
Andrés Armijo



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**Andrés Armijo** - March 02, 2020 at 08:54 PM

AG

*Our Deepest Condolences to all the Family 🙏*

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**Art&Anne Gaerlan** - March 02, 2020 at 09:45 PM

AG

Prayers 🙏

Art&Anne Gaerlan - March 02, 2020 at 09:46 PM

CJ

“ Carla, we send our deepest sympathy to you, your daughters and extended family. We never want to lose a loved one, but he is finally home with our Lord and Savior. Our prayers and thought are with you.  
Elizabeth and Cynthia.



cynthia jojoka - March 02, 2020 at 08:25 PM



“ Leslie Rodriguez lit a candle in memory of Elias R. Maez III



Leslie Rodriguez - March 02, 2020 at 08:11 PM

LR

“ Carla and family, our deepest condolences during this most difficult time. May you know that you are in our thoughts and prayers.

Marylou Martinez, Leslie & Andrew Rodriguez and family

Leslie Rodriguez - March 02, 2020 at 08:07 PM



“ *Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Elias R. Maez III.*



March 02, 2020 at 07:47 PM



“ *Kathleen Olguin Sherbondy lit a candle in memory of Elias R. Maez III*



**Kathleen Olguin Sherbondy** - March 02, 2020 at 07:32 PM



“ *You will be missed by all Elias. God bless your family. Hugs and Prayers for all of them. May you RIP. Give Annette a big hug for me.*



**Rita Cordova** - March 02, 2020 at 07:24 PM



“ *Michelle Montoya lit a candle in memory of Elias R. Maez III*



**Michelle Montoya** - March 02, 2020 at 06:57 PM

MM

*Carla, my heart goes out to you at this time. I am so sorry for your loss. I'm here for you. Love you ❤️*

Michelle Montoya - March 02, 2020 at 06:59 PM

RE

“ Rick And Sandy Eisen lit a candle in memory of Elias R. Maez III



Rick and Sandy Eisen - March 02, 2020 at 06:29 PM

JT

“ John And Donnita Thompson lit a candle in memory of Elias R. Maez III



John and Donnita Thompson - March 02, 2020 at 05:50 PM



“ Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Elias R. Maez III.



March 02, 2020 at 05:43 PM

TI

“ I'm so sorry Carla. I a.m.here for you when you're ready. I will continue to pray for you and your family. ❤️

Tina - March 02, 2020 at 05:21 PM

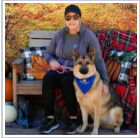
Marcie  
Jiron

“ So sorry for your loss. Prayers for the family.



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**Marcie Jiron** - March 02, 2020 at 05:14 PM



“ Yvonne Sanchez lit a candle in memory of  
Elias R. Maez III



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**Yvonne Sanchez** - March 02, 2020 at 05:08 PM

RG

“ Our deepest condolences go out to you Carla,  
and family and all the Maez family. We will sure  
miss Elias. Richard felt a kinship with him. We  
had such a good time at Christmas open  
house.



*Godspeed Elias!*

*Sincerely,*

*Richard and Patricia Garcia*

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**Richard and Patricia Garcia** - March 02, 2020 at 04:16 PM

LH

“ Loretta, And Helen lit a candle in memory of  
*Elias R. Maez III*



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**Loretta, and Helen** - March 02, 2020 at 03:38 PM

DR

“ Dicky And Suzanne Romero lit a candle in  
memory of *Elias R. Maez III*



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**Dicky and Suzanne Romero** - March 02, 2020 at 03:25 PM