



Emilio Jose Otero

July 23, 1948 - September 30, 2021

1948 -2021

Emilio J. Otero, 73, passed away on September 30, 2021, at home surrounded by his family after a long battle with cancer. He is rejoicing in the presence of his Lord and Savior. Emilio was born on July 23, 1948. He is preceded in death by his parents, Oralía and Raymond Otero and brother, Carlos Otero. Emilio is survived by his wife of 50 years, Violet Chavez Otero; daughter, Julie Utash and son-in-law Jeremy Utash; daughter, Venessa Tregembo and son-in-law, Brian Tregembo; his six grandchildren, Jordan Harvey and husband Jack; JC Utash and wife Micah; James and Jonah Utash; and Jaxon and Ryder Tregembo. Also surviving are Emilio's sisters, Theresa Murray and husband Don; and Prescilla DiPaola; brother, Richard Otero and partner, Nick Zimmer; brother-in-law C.B. Chavez and sister-in-law, Vicky Otero.

Emilio graduated from Los Lunas High School in 1966. He attended New Mexico Highlands University, where he earned a Bachelor of Arts in Spring of 1970. Emilio proudly served as a navigator in the United States Air Force from 1970-1976, achieving the rank of Captain. Captain Otero flew 150 combat refueling missions in Viet Nam and received an Air Medal with several oak leaf clusters for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight. He also earned a Vietnam Cross of Gallantry. After his separation from the Air Force, he earned a Masters in Art Education from the University of New Mexico.

Emilio held teaching positions in Los Lunas Schools and Albuquerque Public School. He was employed as an Air Traffic Controller and went on to retire from the US Postal Service.

Emilio enjoyed working on real estate projects. He loved finding property, working on homes and meeting people in this social line of work. Many of his business associates respectfully referred to him as Don Emilio.

Throughout his life, Emilio and Violet traveled extensively to many parts of the world, including numerous trips through Europe, cruising, traveling throughout the United States, including Alaska and Hawaii, Canada, South America, Africa and Israel. Emilio enjoyed playing golf, fishing, camping, working on his art projects, carving and painting. He enjoyed teaching his children and grandchildren how to make their own art projects. Working on and driving his classic cars was also one of his favorite pastimes. He was also very busy working on construction and landscaping projects.

Emilio attended Calvary Chapel of Albuquerque and enjoyed studying scripture. He was blessed to have been baptized in the Jordan River by Pastor Skip. Emilio's happiest times were spending times with his family. He wanted to thank his team of doctors at UNM cancer center, including Dr. Dulcinea Quintana, Dr. Cowen, and Dr. Esme Findley on his palliative care team. He also wanted to thank his sister-in-law Vicky Otero, RN who helped care for him during his final weeks. The family would like to thank everyone who sent up prayers during Emilio's illness.

A Memorial service celebrating Emilio's life will be held at Calvary Church of Albuquerque located at 4001 Osuna Rd. NE on Thursday, October 14 at 10:00 am. Visitation with the family will begin at 9:30 am. Cremation has taken place and interment at the National Cemetery in Santa Fe will take place at a later time. Please sign Emilio's online tribute at www.romerofuneralhomenm.com Romero Funeral Home, 609 N. Main St., Belen, NM

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

OCT **14**. 10:00 AM (MT)

Calvary Chapel with Skip Heitzig
4001 Osuna Rd., N.E.
Albuquerque, NM 87109

Tribute Wall

BM

“ *My deepest condolences to the family.
I'm so sorry for your loss violet.
I met emelio when he bought some property on Los lentes next to
my house, he was the sweetest man, we spoke quite often, and he
was so intelligent. He worked so hard on those house's. God rest
his soul.*

Barbara Mora - November 08, 2021 at 05:20 PM

LT

“ *We were so saddened to hear of the passing
of Emilio. The last time we visited was at
Carlo's services; Emilio was so excited to
share stories about the many trips you all had
taken. Sending big hugs and prayers to you
Violet and the family. Heaven gained another angel. Ray and Laura
Tafoya*



Laura Tafoya - October 20, 2021 at 05:28 PM

PL

“ Dear Violet, Julie, Vanessa and family:

I am so sorry to hear of your loss! You have all been there for your Husband and Dad, your love and strength helped sustain him through his most difficult times. May each of you find peace, in all the wonderful memories you have of him, holding them close to your heart. Emilio will be watching over each one of you, your special angel!

Blessings to each of you, know you are all being thought of in a special way as I send my love your way!!!

Paul T. Luna

Paul T. Luna - October 20, 2021 at 03:36 PM

JM

“ Violet & Familia - - Our condolences from the Macey's. Emilio was a wonderful landlord who did his utmost to help us attain the dream of home ownership. May he rest in peace, free from all harm... Jim & Faith Macey

Jim Macey - October 18, 2021 at 03:29 PM

KR

“ Rick and Karen Romero want to send their condolences to Violet and family. Emilio used Rick for a lot of his real estate projects to install septic systems . He called Rick recently and said his goodbye. It was heartbreaking for Rick , but their was was consolation in Emilio's calmness . He was ready. We rejoice in the fact that he knew the Lord ! He is in the presence of Lord . Prayers to all.

Karen Romero - October 16, 2021 at 10:17 AM

BB

“ *Berenice Bustillos lit a candle in memory of Emilio Jose Otero*



Berenice Bustillos - October 13, 2021 at 09:33 PM

RH

“ *Sending our love and prayers to Violet and Family. Love, The Louis Huning Family*

Ruth Huning-Gonzales - October 13, 2021 at 12:40 PM

AG

“ *We are sending our thoughts and prayers to Violet and the family. May our Lord bless you with comfort, peace and grace. Rick and Anna Garcia*

Anna Garcia - October 12, 2021 at 10:16 PM

BC

“ *Beverly Castillo lit a candle in memory of Emilio Jose Otero*



Beverly Castillo - October 12, 2021 at 12:57 PM

LC

“ *Violet and Family,*

We are very honored to have had Emilio in our lives as our friend; we will miss him. May all the beautiful memories that you shared together give you comfort and peace at this difficult time. Our love and prayers are with you and your family.

Please accept our sincerest condolences.

Lena Mae and Michael Chavez

Lena Mae Chavez - October 12, 2021 at 09:35 AM



“ *Fields of Europe was purchased for the family of Emilio Jose Otero.*



October 11, 2021 at 05:05 PM



“ *Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Emilio Jose Otero.*



October 11, 2021 at 03:25 PM

KC

“ *Violet and Family*

So sorry for your loss, We pray for Our LORD'S Comfort and Peace Upon Each of You as You Go Through This Season.

Emilio was a good friend, always had a smile and a kind word, he will be missed.

What Joy & Blessing Knowing Emilio is With Our SAVIOR.

Much Love, Prayers & Blessings

Kathy & Eddie Chavez

Kathy & Ed Chavez - October 11, 2021 at 10:57 AM



“ *Healing Tears - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Emilio Jose Otero.*



October 11, 2021 at 10:42 AM

LG

“ *Violet, we are so saddened by your loss! Millie was a great man and friend. We are praying for God to heal all of your broken hearts! If there is anything we could possibly do for you, please let us know! We loved him and we love you!!*

Linda (Chambers) Gose and Donald G. Gose

Linda Gose - October 10, 2021 at 10:17 PM

LS

“ Violet and family,
We are saddened by Emilio's death and reach out with love to each of you during this difficult time. Emilio fought a tough battle and we know that your support and love were guiding lights for him. Keep your memories of him in a special place in your heart.

Lynn and Michael Sanchez

Lynn & Michael Sanchez - October 10, 2021 at 09:12 AM

RO

“ Robert & Maxine Olguin lit a candle in memory of Emilio Jose Otero



Robert & Maxine Olguin - October 09, 2021 at 10:30 PM



“ Multicolor Bright Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Emilio Jose Otero.



October 09, 2021 at 03:27 PM

TM

“ 2 files added to the album Favorite Memories



Theresa Murray - October 09, 2021 at 01:50 PM

Betty
Chavez

“ *Betty Chavez lit a candle in memory of Emilio Jose Otero*



Betty Chavez - October 09, 2021 at 12:25 PM

JT

“ *John & Donnita Thompson lit a candle in memory of Emilio Jose Otero*



John & Donnita Thompson - October 09, 2021 at 01:35 AM

EI

“ *Violet and your family, so sorry to hear about Emilio, may you be comforted by all your good memories and your family. My sincere sympathy. Eileen (gabaldon) Scott*

Eileen - October 08, 2021 at 01:45 PM

RM

“ *Dear Violet,
I am so saddened to hear of Emilio's passing away. What a wonderful life's partner you had. May you take great comfort knowing there is eternal rest and hope for us all in glory.
Love Rita Nephew Murphy*

Rita Murphy - October 08, 2021 at 11:27 AM

L(

“ Lorena Torrez (Romero) lit a candle in memory of Emilio Jose Otero



Lorena Torrez (Romero) - October 07, 2021 at 08:49 PM

TL

“ It was an honor to meet Emilio during his medical journey. As a Vietnamese-American, I enjoyed hearing him reflect on his deployment to Vietnam and Thailand. He mentioned when returning home from deployment, his pilot obligations were so great that it took time away from his family resulting in a change of career. These precious conversations has led me to believe Emilio is a great man of Faith, Service and Family. Violet, your family will be in our prayers. Tiffany, RN of UNM Palliative

Tiffany Le - October 07, 2021 at 07:55 PM

CR

“ A rising tide lifts all boats, and my Uncle Emilio was proof of that! Remembering him today for always bringing energy to the room with humor!



Cristina - October 07, 2021 at 07:48 PM

CC

“ Charles And Lucy Chavez lit a candle in memory of Emilio Jose Otero



Charles and Lucy Chavez - October 07, 2021 at 02:08 PM

CC

“ Our deepest condolences to Violet and the rest of the family. May God's grace surround you with love and peace.

Charles and Lucy Chavez - October 07, 2021 at 02:07 PM

WD

“ Violet, my sincere sympathy on your loss. I remember when you clerked for Judge Boucher when I worked for him, all those years ago. May you be surrounded by the love of family and friends.

Wendy Tabet Dunford - October 07, 2021 at 08:18 AM

KG

“ Ken Garcia sent a virtual gift in memory of Emilio Jose Otero



Ken Garcia - October 07, 2021 at 12:01 AM

LS

“ I was fortunate to be part of his joy of real estate. He will be greatly missed. Peace to all his family in Jesus name.

Leroy Santillanes - October 06, 2021 at 09:53 PM

BP

“ My condolences to Violet, Julie, Vanessa, and their families. May God bless you all during this most trying time. Emilio was a kind, gentle person who will be missed. 🙏🙏



Barbara Padilla-Sanchez - October 06, 2021 at 09:26 PM

BP

Prayers also for his sisters and brother and their families.

Barbara Padilla-Sanchez - October 07, 2021 at 01:12 PM

LN

“ Liz Najar sent a virtual gift in memory of Emilio Jose Otero



Liz Najar - October 06, 2021 at 08:03 PM

AB

“ Anahai Bustillos lit a candle in memory of Emilio Jose Otero



Anahai Bustillos - October 06, 2021 at 01:31 PM

GG

“ *Glen & Mary Gabaldon lit a candle in memory of Emilio Jose Otero*



Glen & Mary Gabaldon - October 06, 2021 at 12:25 PM

AD

“ *Ana Davis lit a candle in memory of Emilio Jose Otero*

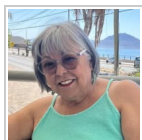


Ana Davis - October 06, 2021 at 11:42 AM

KG

“ *My condolences to the Otero family. He was such a kind nice man who's smile would light up a room.*

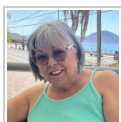
Kenneth Griego - October 06, 2021 at 11:25 AM



“ *Marie Sedillo lit a candle in memory of Emilio Jose Otero*



Marie Sedillo - October 06, 2021 at 10:19 AM



My condolences to the family. He was always so friendly and kind. He will be missed!

Marie Sedillo - October 06, 2021 at 10:22 AM

PO

“ Patrick And Rebecca Ortiz lit a candle in memory of Emilio Jose Otero



Patrick and Rebecca Ortiz - October 06, 2021 at 10:06 AM

FJ

“ Fred And Alma Jaramillo lit a candle in memory of Emilio Jose Otero



Fred and Alma Jaramillo - October 06, 2021 at 01:24 AM

RA

“ Rudy& Evelyn Archuleta lit a candle in memory of Emilio Jose Otero



Rudy& Evelyn Archuleta - October 06, 2021 at 12:26 AM

BS

“ Bernardine Baca Spiers lit a candle in memory of Emilio Jose Otero



Bernardine Baca Spiers - October 05, 2021 at 10:55 PM



“ *Viola Gabaldon lit a candle in memory of
Emilio Jose Otero*



Viola Gabaldon - October 05, 2021 at 10:35 PM