



## Ernest Cordova

March 28, 1973 - June 2, 2017

1973-2017

Ernest Raymond Cordova, age 44, was called by our Lord at his home on Friday, June 2, 2017. He lived with his wife Loretta in Mesa, Arizona along with his mother-in-law Betty. Ernest was born on March 28, 1973 to Bernie and Irene Cordova in Belen, NM. He grew up in Los Chavez, NM with his two sisters and brother, along with all of his "Machete" and Belen friends. He was an outstanding athlete in his youth and then married his wife Loretta Day on October 2, 2004. Ernest had a contagious laugh whenever he talked and joked around with his family and friends. He was always a positive person who offered his time and effort to anyone who may have needed it. He always extended a big welcome to company who would visit from out of town. Ernest is preceded in death by his father, Bernie Cordova; grandparents, Julian and Estella Cordova and Tomas and Anderita Chavez. Ernest is survived, and will be deeply missed, by his loving wife and companion of 25 years, Loretta Cordova; mother, Irene Cordova; mother-in-law, Betty Baron; brother, Carlos Cordova and wife Victoria; sisters, Bernadine Cordova and husband Joe, Eileen Cordova and companion James; brother-in-laws, John Day, Justin Day and fiancé Tammy Tafoya; sister-in-laws, Zina McGuire and husband Richard, Lavin Straley and husband Lowell; many uncles, aunties, nephews, nieces, cousins, goddaughter and more friends than could be mentioned. All Services will be held at Our Lady of Belen Catholic Church on Tuesday, June 13, 2017. A Viewing will begin at 9:00 a.m. with a Rosary to be recited at 10:00 a.m. and

a Funeral Mass to be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. Interment will follow at Our Lady of Belen Memorial Gardens with a reception to follow at the Belen Elks Lodge. Pallbearers are Andrew Chavez, Chris Peralta, Danny Sedillo, Daryl Cordova, Fermin Chavez Jr., Leroy Carrejo, Steven Contreras, and Walter Chavez. As Ernest would say, "WHAT'S UP HOMIE?" Ernest's motto in life – LIVE, LAUGH, LOVE Please sign Ernest's online tribute at [www.romerofuneralhomenm.com](http://www.romerofuneralhomenm.com) Romero Funeral Home, 609 N. Main St. Belen, NM.

# Previous Events

## Final Visitation

JUN 13. 9:00 AM (MT)

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

## Rosary

JUN 13. 10:00 AM (MT)

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## Funeral Mass

JUN 13. 10:30 AM (MT)

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101 N. 10th Street  
Belen, NM 87002

## Interment

JUN 13 (MT)

Our Lady of Belen Memorial Gardens  
101 N. 10th Street  
Belen, NM 87002

# Tribute Wall



“ *always missing you. thank you for guiding me every day. i love you uncle.*



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**A** - September 13, 2023 at 03:52 PM



“ *S lit a candle in memory of Ernest Cordova*



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**S** - December 05, 2018 at 07:10 PM



“ *Ernest was perhaps the nicest most friendly man I have known. I never saw him without a smile on his face and his bubbly positive personality. Nothing seemed to get him 'down.'*  
*He left us way too soon. He will be deeply missed and never replaced.*

*Take care, and rest in peace,*

*Phil Davidson*

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**Phil Davidson** - June 30, 2017 at 09:40 AM

EC

“ *Eileen Cordova lit a candle in memory of Ernest Cordova*



Eileen Cordova - June 17, 2017 at 12:09 AM

EC

*I love you with all my heart Ernest. I miss you so so much! I will see you again, in heaven with Daddy. I don't know when, but God says it will be the perfect time. Until then, you rest in peace, and I love you bro.*

Eileen Cordova - June 17, 2017 at 12:12 AM

EP

“ *We're very sorry for your loss.. Many prayers sent your way...*



Emma Pena - June 14, 2017 at 09:39 PM



“ *Sorry for your loss. May God be beside you in this tough time.*  
*Kenneth and Mellisa Cordova*



Kenneth Cordova - June 13, 2017 at 11:14 PM

Lora  
Santa  
Cruz

“ So sorry for your loss, i can't imagine how much you are hurting but please know that all your family and friends are here for uou when you may need them. Prayers always my dear friend. Your friend. Lora Santa Cruz (Carrillo)



Lora Santa Cruz - June 13, 2017 at 09:54 PM

BF

“ Bertha M Flores lit a candle in memory of Ernest Cordova



bertha M Flores - June 13, 2017 at 10:35 AM

VC

“ Vivian Campbell lit a candle in memory of Ernest Cordova



Vivian Campbell - June 13, 2017 at 09:31 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ernest Cordova.



June 12, 2017 at 05:29 PM

TA

“ *Tanya lit a candle in memory of Ernest Cordova*



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**Tanya** - June 12, 2017 at 04:30 PM

HM

“ *Loretta-*

*We can't imagine what you're going through. We are very sorry for your loss. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. If you just need to talk, we are here to listen. If you need anything please let us know.*

*Love,  
The McClain Family*

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**Hart McClain** - June 12, 2017 at 04:24 PM



Michelle  
Chalmers

“ *Loretta -*

*I am so, so sorry for your loss. Please know that you and your family are in my prayers and I am here for anything you might need.*

*Hugs,  
Michelle*

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**Michelle Chalmers** - June 12, 2017 at 04:05 PM

SS

“ My dear friend Loretta,

*Please know that you, mom Betty and all of the Cordova family are in my daily thoughts and prayers. I know that there are no words that can make the hurt go away; but keeping his memory alive by remembering the happy times and laughing will make it feel a little better. We love you and will be here for you whenever you need anything!*

*Love Sonja, Steven & Katie*

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**Sonja Schroder** - June 12, 2017 at 03:36 PM

TF

“ *The Presbyterian Vascular Surgery Family purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Ernest Cordova.*



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**The Presbyterian Vascular Surgery Family** - June 12, 2017 at 12:39 PM

AD

“ *APS Fuel Team: Deb/Molly/Bryon/Derek/Judson/Subba purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Ernest Cordova.*



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**APS Fuel Team: Deb/Molly/Bryon/Derek/Judson/Subba** - June 12, 2017 at 11:07 AM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ernest Cordova.*



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June 12, 2017 at 10:16 AM



“ *We are so sorry to hear about the passing of Ernest and pray that God gives you strength during this most difficult time. Focus on his smile and kindness that he showed everyone. Hugs and kisses!*  
*Maria Ifill*

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**Maria Ifill** - June 12, 2017 at 07:31 AM



“ *John And Cyndi McGregor lit a candle in memory of Ernest Cordova*



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**John and Cyndi McGregor** - June 12, 2017 at 07:10 AM

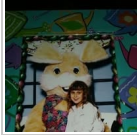


“ *Bryan Mascarena lit a candle in memory of Ernest Cordova*



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**Bryan Mascarena** - June 11, 2017 at 03:51 PM



“ *Richard White lit a candle in memory of Ernest Cordova*



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**Richard White** - June 11, 2017 at 02:03 AM



“ *Dicky And Suzanne Romero lit a candle in memory of Ernest Cordova*



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**Dicky and Suzanne Romero** - June 10, 2017 at 02:31 PM



“ *Lenore Sanchez-Maez lit a candle in memory of Ernest Cordova*



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**Lenore Sanchez-Maez** - June 10, 2017 at 12:56 PM



“ *Julie Flack Lopez lit a candle in memory of Ernest Cordova*



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**Julie Flack Lopez** - June 10, 2017 at 12:12 PM

CP

“ May Our Dear Lord grant strength and love to Loretta and all of the Cordova family during this difficult time. I will always remember my fellow Machete for his love of life, positive outlook always smiling and last but not least his greeting he always had for me "What's up Machete". Well Los Chavez lost another son but heaven gained and Angel. Until we meet again Machete Adios Que Bendiga. Always  
Chris Peralta & Family!

Chris Peralta - June 10, 2017 at 12:08 PM

RG

“ Rachel Gonzales lit a candle in memory of Ernest Cordova



Rachel Gonzales - June 10, 2017 at 11:51 AM

Trish Lopez

“ You are loved, my friends. Knowing your whole family since Eileen and I were kids, I can only imagine what you all are going through. Blessings and bear hugs, Loretta, Irene, Eileen, Carlos, Berna, and everyone else who loved Ernest so dearly. You're in my heart and my prayers. Can't wait to hug you in person and stand by your side.  
xoxo Love, Trish

Trish Lopez - June 10, 2017 at 01:13 AM

JS

“ Janet Sanchez lit a candle in memory of Ernest Cordova



Janet Sanchez - June 09, 2017 at 11:14 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ernest Cordova.



June 09, 2017 at 09:15 PM

BG

“ I am very sorry for your loss! May God bless you all during this difficult time. Ernest was such an awesome person!!! Eli and Barbara Gonzales

Barbara Gonzales - June 09, 2017 at 07:28 PM

JC

“ I'm so sorry about your lost of a son brother husband cousin uncle we will see Ernest soon I know we all will miss Ernest a lot !!!!!

janet cordova - June 09, 2017 at 06:30 PM

RC

Sorry to hear about Ernest

Randy CASTILLO - June 09, 2017 at 07:01 PM

JZ

“ *Aunty Irene, Loretta, Berna, Joe, Carlos, Victoria and Eileen.....our prayers are with you during this hard time! May God give you all strength!! Ernest is going to be missed by many! His smile and laugh, just seeing all the pictures put a smile on my face! We love you!! Love, Manuel, Hessica, Johnathan and Julianna*

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**Jessica Zamora** - June 09, 2017 at 05:55 PM

JZ

“ *Jessica Zamora sent a virtual gift in memory of Ernest Cordova*



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**Jessica Zamora** - June 09, 2017 at 05:50 PM



“ *My Deepest Sympathy. My Prayers Are With You And Your Family.*

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**Michele Barreras** - June 09, 2017 at 05:33 PM

MT

“ *I'm Soooooo very Sorry Loretta... I will keep you and your family in my prayers... Love and tons of healing light sent!💙💙💙*



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**Melanie Tharnish** - June 09, 2017 at 05:29 PM

BM

“ Loretta, Aunty Irene & family,

*There are no words to bring you comfort.  
There are no words to fill the emptiness you  
feel. Telling you Ernest is at eternal rest in  
Heaven with Uncle Bernie is of little comfort when you want him  
here with you!*



*Pray, pray, pray and then pray some more. Let our Lord carry you  
through this nightmare until you can stand on your own. Remember  
there is no time frame on mourning. God be with you and call on  
Ernest to be with you when you need him. You will fill him if you  
believe.*

*Love you,  
Bernice and Estevan Tomás*

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**Bernice Montoya** - June 08, 2017 at 01:50 PM

JC

*I'm am really sorry about your lost of a brother son uncle husband  
cousin bestfriend!!! we are will miss you !!!! we will never forget you!*

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**janet cordova** - June 09, 2017 at 06:24 PM

MT

*Ernest was about the best brother in law a guy could have. Loretta, Im  
truly sorry for your loss. Ernest will be sorely missed.*

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**mark thomas** - June 12, 2017 at 11:07 AM



Tammy  
McLeod

*Dearest Loretta,  
I am so deeply saddened to learn about your husband's passing.  
Please know that I am holding you and your family in prayer and  
sending healing thoughts. Ask for anything that you need at this time.*

*Tammy McLeod*

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**Tammy McLeod** - June 12, 2017 at 06:39 PM