



## Fermin George Chavez Jr.

January 15, 1954 - August 21, 2022

Fermin George Chavez Jr., age 68, was called to be with the Lord on Sunday, August 21, 2022 with his family at his bedside. On September 2, 2022 there will be Public Viewing at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church at 1:00 p.m.. with a Rosary to be recited at 1:30 p.m., followed by a Funeral Mass to be celebrated at 2:00 p.m.. He was raised in Tome, NM, George was a 1972 graduate of Los Lunas Highschool and a 1977 graduate of New Mexico State University, where he majored in Science and Agriculture. After living and working in Nebraska for 7 years, he returned to New Mexico where he was married to Teresa Ann Leaton, the love of his life, of Roswell, NM on May 25, 1985. After marriage, George and Teresa had two children and raised his family in Tome, where he was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church. George was an avid traveler and made numerous cross-country road trips with his wife, where they made frequent visits to Yellowstone, drives up and down the East and West Coasts, and many visits of historical sites in between. He loved everything outdoors- hunting, fishing, camping, and riding horses. George especially loved elk hunting and riding his horse, Cimarron, which he often enjoyed with his daughter, Amy. He loved his grandchildren and would make trips often to see them; he would tell his wife that he missed them. George worked for the Department of Agriculture NRCS for 37 years and held various technical managerial positions before his retirement in 2013. He was especially fond of the Los Angeles Dodgers and baseball, and would often enjoy discussing the sport with his son, Joshua, and anyone else who

would discuss his team. George is preceded in death by his father, Fermin George Chavez; and his niece, Deanna Chavez. He is survived by his loving wife of 37 years, Teresa Chavez; mother, Sally Chavez; brothers, Bernard (Mardee), Jerome (Holly), and Clarence Chavez (Lynn); sisters, Della Willis (Jerry) and Jackie Ross (Derrick); two loving children, Joshua (Catherine) and Amy Brainard (Jesse); and his grandchildren, Dareon, Dante, and Sienna Brainard, and Grace and Benjamin Chavez, and newborn Baby Chavez, who is due to arrive anytime now. Please sign Fermin's online tribute at [www.romerofuneralhomenm.com](http://www.romerofuneralhomenm.com) Romero Funeral Home, 609 Main St., Belen, NM.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 2. 1:00 PM - 1:30 PM (MT)

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church  
7 Church Loop  
Tome, NM 87060

## Rosary

SEP 2. 1:30 PM - 2:00 PM (MT)

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## Funeral Mass

SEP 2. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (MT)

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# Tribute Wall

BS

“ Theresa and Family, My thoughts and prayers are with you all. George was an amazing range specialist and a great mentor to me when I was starting out with NRCS. I have many good memories of working with him in the field. He was full of knowledge and experience and will be greatly missed. There will never be a day in NM range management that George's name wont be a part of. May God Bless you all. Brenda Simpson

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**Brenda Simpson** - October 17, 2022 at 11:42 AM

PS

“ Theresa,

Sharon and I were saddened to hear of George's death. We are so sorry for your loss.

George will always be a part of my memories. He is with me in memory every time I think about my NRCS career. I will always remember George as a friend and colleague that could always be counted on as a professional.

God bless and comfort you and your family.

Pat Shaver

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**Pat Shaver** - September 14, 2022 at 09:47 PM

MM

“ Dear Theresa and family,

*I was so very sorry and saddened to hear of George’s passing. George was my supervisor for a bit at the NRCS NM State Office. Even though I only worked for him for about a year, I came to know George as an excellent supervisor, a consummate professional, and just a wonderful human being overall.*

*He was particularly helpful to me after the program I was working in ended and I was assigned to multiple departments on an ad-hoc basis until a permanent slot opened up. He was very understanding and always had time for me and my endless questions no matter how busy he was...*

*I have also experienced cancer myself. George was so supportive after my diagnosis; I was very touched by his reaction to the news and his kindness and empathy in general with my situation. Cancer is a very tough thing that affects both the patient and those near to them on many levels. My heart goes out to all of you, please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers.*

*My sincere condolences,*

*Maureen Murphy*

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**Maureen Murphy** - September 02, 2022 at 01:09 PM

DG

“ Very, very sorry to hear about George. I counted him as a friend and a much admired coworker. Please accept my sympathy for his passing and know your family is in our families prayers. Danny Goodson.

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**Danny Goodson** - August 31, 2022 at 05:45 PM

JJ

“ My dear Uncle George. Your time came too soon. I thought I was going to get to see you one more time. How did it happen so quickly? As I sit here trying to write the words I will say at your funeral, it still doesn't seem real that you are really gone. Like gone forever?!? It just doesn't make sense to me. So much about this last year, and God's plan, doesn't make sense to me though. There are so many beautiful words and memories written here on your obituary wall. So many people whose lives you touched, mine included. Who is going to give me crap about how bad my Diamondbacks are doing? Who is going to text me when they lose, once again, to your Dodgers? Who's voice is going to over power everyone on Thursday nights when we say the rosary over Zoom and who is going to sign off with the cliched "Good night John boy!"? Nothing about this is okay. While God didn't answer our prayers in the way we wanted Him to, I'm at least thankful that He didn't let you suffer for long. Please watch over Auntie Teresa, and Josh and Amy, although I know you will. And please give my sweet Emery a big hug from me, and let her know how much her mama loves her. I'm jealous you get to see her before me. But I look forward to the day we are all reunited again. Love you always. - Jennifer

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**Jennifer Jost** - August 31, 2022 at 10:54 AM

WR

“ I worked with George. A dedicated professional and outstanding human being. Nothing but good memories during the times we were together. Sincere and the deepest condolences to the family. Wayne Robbie, USFS ret.

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**Wayne Robbie** - August 29, 2022 at 07:00 PM

EB

“ Seeing George’s photo brought back lovely memories of our time as car pool drivers for our two sons (Josh and Ryan). We transported them to St. Pius and back for a number of years. I will always remember him as a very nice man and a great car pool partner. Our family sends you our deepest condolences. We hope you find peace and solace in all the days ahead. Eileen, Ray and Dylan (Ryan Beaulieu's Family)

Eileen Beaulieu - August 29, 2022 at 04:16 PM

BS

“ My condolences to you, Della and your entire family. Keep the faith and don't loose hope, God loves you all!  
Sincerely, Alice Sanchez



Billie Sancheztorres - August 26, 2022 at 04:36 PM

NV

“ Our sincere condolences to Theresa and family, George was a great man, may he be resting in peace. Hold close the memories.



Norman and Rosalie Vigil - August 25, 2022 at 09:05 PM

MA

“ Teresa and family, I’m so very sorry to hear about your husband , father, and grandfather. He is with the Ángeles looking over all of you . GOD BLESS.

Madeline Aragon - August 25, 2022 at 05:48 PM

MM

“ We were saddened to hear of George's passing. He was a loving husband, father and grandfather. We enjoyed hearing about his camping trips with Teresa and his visits with his grandchildren. God bless you George.



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**Michele Ortiz Mulholland** - August 24, 2022 at 06:55 PM

JC

“ George was my uncle and my Godfather..... he will forever remain in my heart and memory as a man who's advice and wisdom will never leave me.. I will miss your stories of the mountains....I will miss the time you took with me when I was younger.. I will miss hearing you yell at josh from my house and laughing about it. I will miss you uncle!

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**Jason Chavez** - August 23, 2022 at 08:43 PM

JS

“ Romans 14:8 - For if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's.

*Ecclesiastes 12:7 - And the dust returns to the earth as it was, and the spirit returns to God who gave it.*

*Luke 23:43 - And he said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."*

*Rest i peace sweet cousin*

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**Janice Springer** - August 23, 2022 at 08:20 PM

CC

“ Uncle George, I am going to Miss you, you were a good mentor and Advice giver, Your Jokes and making use Laugh were wonderful.

*I'm going to miss you very much uncle George. I know you are not in pain, tho it breaks my heart to see you leave early.*

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**Connor Chavez** - August 23, 2022 at 07:26 PM

EP

“ Our family has known George for numerous years. He was 18 years old when I first met him. He was always friendly and kind. My husband knew him before me. As a newcomer to Tome I felt so welcomed by him and all his family. My heart goes out to his family. We will miss him dearly. Fabian and Elizabeth Padilla.

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**Elizabeth Padilla** - August 23, 2022 at 07:11 PM

JW

“ George is my brother-in-law and I have known him for over 40 years now. Over this time he has become a great friend. He will be missed by everyone who knew him.

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**Jerry Willis** - August 23, 2022 at 06:57 PM

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**Janice Springer** - August 23, 2022 at 07:45 PM

BS

“ *Eternal rest grant unto George, O Lord. And let the perpetual light shine upon him. And may the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen*



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**Bernardine Baca Spiers** - August 23, 2022 at 03:49 PM