



Fernando E. Baldonado

July 21, 1974 - December 18, 2016

1974-2016

Fernando E. Baldonado, age 42, a resident of Belen, NM, passed away on Sunday, December 18, 2016. He served the United States Marine Corps, and a member of the IEBW – The Electrician Union – as a Journeyman Electrician. He graduated from Belen High School in 1992. He is preceded in death by his father, David Baldonado; grandparents, Remijio and Avelina Baldonado and Margaret Pino; uncle, Cornellio Pino. He is survived by his wife, Acasia Baldonado; mother, Lydia Baldonado; three brothers, Richard J. Baldonado, David E. and wife Cindy Baldonado and Ronald Baldonado; nephews, Derric, Rubin and Davey; nieces, Erica and Natalie. Please contact Romero Funeral Home for further information at 864-8501. We appreciate all the support, prayers and love that our close family and friends have given us during these difficult times.

Please sign Fernando's online tribute at romerofuneralhomenm.com Romero Funeral Home, 609 N. Main St. Belen, NM.

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

DEC **28**. 10:30 AM (MT)

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

Interment

DEC **29**. 12:45 PM (MT)

Santa Fe National Cemetery
501 N. Guadalupe Street
Santa Fe, NM 87501

Tribute Wall

AD

“ Nando... His Childhood Nickname, This was a very very sad day for me when I heard you passed away. Words cannot express ... Me and Fernando grew up together (Best Friends) and went our separate ways after high school. He went off to the Marines, and I went off to the Army.

The memories I have with this guy... pretty much 15 years of being together as friends, brothers. The most memorable memory I have, is when we were looking for mice in my storage shed, and I stuck a match in a gas can that was old and empty, blew up in my face, and Nando immediately threw dirt on my face to put the fire out. Don't know if that was the best thing to do, but he reacted without hesitation.

The second most memorable was when my Dad, Nando and I were out in a Dune Buggy. Nando was driving, went to fast around and dirt road curve and we rolled. Nando's hand was smashed, looked like a grenade went off in his hand. I ran about 6 miles in the desert to get help, drank water out of a small little pond, water was mossy. eventually got him to the hospital. I'm sure most of you Marines know the Story and saw his Hand.

I have many many more to share... but I will leave them to rest. Memories, He and I will share together when all our Brothers In Arms are together again.

Rest In Peace "Nando"

Love you and Miss you Greatly!!!!

Adam Luera aka Adam Ray Shoes... named by Nando!! Because I always had cheap "Shoes"

Adam - November 07, 2019 at 01:30 PM

GL

“ My deepest condolences to Fernando’s mother, Lydia. I am so so sorry for your loss. To Fernando’s brother, Richard, he respected and loved you dearly and I will never forget the times we spent with him in Vegas years ago. To the rest of Fernando’s family, you are all in my prayers. May God Bless You All!
Gabriella Garcia



gabriella lynn - October 16, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ I'm both shocked and saddened by the news that one of my brothers has been taken much too soon. I spent my first four years in the Marine Corps with "Baldy" and two deployments together. He could always make you laugh and his ability to brighten your day was incredible. I don't have the words to say to comfort the friends and family during this difficult time, but know that he was loved as a brother by many, and those same brothers will always be grateful for the time they had with him. God speed and Semper Fidelis, brother, until we meet again, keep watch over us.

Michael Soltis - December 30, 2016 at 07:44 AM



Jonathar Banks

RIP Baldy. Semper Fi and Gung Ho!

Jonathan Banks - December 30, 2016 at 09:07 AM

DA

Sleep well Hero! Your fighting is over, your soul can rest now! Keep us safe down here and give Bryan, Travis, Danny, and Michael a great big Semper Fi and Hug from me! Until ❤️🇺🇸

Dawn - December 30, 2016 at 04:49 PM

BC

“ *Beverly Castillo lit a candle in memory of Fernando E. Baldonado*



Beverly Castillo - December 29, 2016 at 09:18 PM

FR

“ *4 files added to the album New Album Name*



Frank - December 28, 2016 at 07:59 PM

YS

“ Our Deepest Condolence to Our hometown friend's Lydia, Jerome, Edward, Ronald & daughter in-law's on this beautiful Advent & Christmas Season.



Our memories with baby Fernando when he was born and brought home to Bosque Farms. Proud parent's of 4 son's all of them athletic in their own ways, but they always had the desire to become men of our country. Our family were around Fernando during the holidays, little league baseball and I (Yvonne) had to watch the boy's in the back bedroom of Lydia's trailer. I know that their dad (David) would take them to town and shop for the item's they needed, they always looked sharp. Once they moved, Fernando went to school in Belen, but my mom & I would continue to visit the family. We will always be apart of the Baldonado family, and continue our friendship. We will continue to pray, we love you all! 🙏 Love & Blessings Yvonne, Gino Storey & Family ✨ Vangie Moya & Family

Yvonne Storey - December 28, 2016 at 07:34 PM



“ RIP, Baldy. You will be missed by all.

Jamie Dobraniecki - December 28, 2016 at 09:08 AM

H(

“ I remember "Baldy" when his unit joined ours iat Las Pulgas, he stood out and was embraced by all because whenever he was around even if you didn't want to smile or laugh baldy would make you. When things sucked as they often do in the Marines he would always see the lighter side of things. We at Bravo battery will miss you brother, until we meet again rest easy brother you and your laughter will never be forgotten 🇺🇸

H. McFarlane (Sgt) - December 28, 2016 at 09:05 AM



“ I've been having the hardest time trying to find words to express what I'm feeling about this. Baldy was a really funny guy, who didn't put up with bullshit. He went way too soon! He'll be missed by a few hundred green brothers. Rest in peace.

Raymond Rodriguez - December 28, 2016 at 03:09 AM

BS

“ My dearest condolences to the Family.
Thank you Baldy for the great memories and friendship. I can remember spending Thanksgiving at your mom's house and being the only gringo, lol. I had the pleasure of meeting Richard in Las Vegas on one of our adventures, Top notch brother. And thanks for introducing me to Tanya Trujillo.
Since we met in Artillery school and we're stationed together since then I could go on and on about our times together. But I will leave with this, Semper Fi brother. I will see you again one day.
Smitty.

Brian Smith - December 27, 2016 at 08:22 PM

CH

“ His great mood was infectious, funny, outgoing and a true Warrior are just a few words that come to mind when I think of Baldy.
Guard the gates with pride Marine....Hess

charles hessler - December 27, 2016 at 07:57 PM



“ Baldy, you forever had a smile and always made us laugh. Please, keep an eye on us while you guard the gates. Rest in peace Marine.

Christopher Fritsche - December 27, 2016 at 05:54 PM

 Daniel
Evans

“ *Fernando always had a smile. Always making Marines laugh during the most "miserable" times.*

Fair winds and following seas "Baldy". Semper Fi Brother!

Daniel Evans - December 27, 2016 at 05:41 PM

TS

“ *May your journey into the next life be peaceful. Rest In Peace and Semper Fi my brother.*

Tom Sawyer - December 27, 2016 at 04:32 PM

FS

“ *Frank Solis lit a candle in memory of Fernando E. Baldonado*



Frank Solis - December 27, 2016 at 03:43 PM

FS

Fernando was my roommate in the Marine Corps, we graduated the same day from Boot Camp, MCT, Marine Artillery school in Oklahoma, and did a tour to Okinawa Japan and a Western Pacific float on the USS Anchorage. Spent 4 years with my brother known to us in our unit as BALDI. We served with India 3/11 and Bravo 1/11. Fernando was one of the greatest persons I have known. In a good way he would make your life miserable, but at the same time make you laugh. My prayers goes out for the family, mom, brothers, and sisters. Thanks for the sacrifices you did for all the american people by serving. See you tomorrow at your services my brother.

Frank Solis - December 27, 2016 at 03:52 PM

OR

“ *Acasia & Family,*

You are in our thoughts and hearts during this time. May time bring solace to your hearts knowing Fernando is now in God's hands and at rest. May you continue to applaud his life as you share him with Heaven! Our sincere condolences on our behalf and our family.



Oscar & Sue Ramirez

Oscar S. Ramirez - December 23, 2016 at 04:19 PM

 Mark Grebetz

Baldy was one heck of a Marine. I pray for continuing strength for his family and friends. God bless us all.

Mark Grebetz - December 27, 2016 at 05:17 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Fernando E. Baldonado.*



December 23, 2016 at 02:15 PM

LG

“ *Lydia, I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your baby, Fernando. My prayers are with you.*

Lucy Tapia Gonzales

Lucy Tapia Gonzales - December 23, 2016 at 12:06 PM

AS

“ Auntie Sylvia lit a candle in memory of
Fernando E. Baldonado



Auntie Sylvia - December 23, 2016 at 05:36 AM

BG

“ Betty Gutierrez lit a candle in memory of
Fernando E. Baldonado



Betty Gutierrez - December 22, 2016 at 07:27 PM

BG

Lydia and family i am so sorry for your loss, my prayers are with you,
may God give you the strength and peace only he can give you at your
time of grief.

Betty Gutierrez - December 22, 2016 at 07:35 PM

 Beverly
LaBate

“ We are so sorry for your loss. You will be in our thoughts and
prayers. Chris and Beverly LaBate.

Beverly LaBate - December 22, 2016 at 05:52 PM

BM

“ My deepest sympathy to the Baldonado
family for your loss. Berna



Bernadette Moya - December 22, 2016 at 03:15 PM

LP

“ Sorry to hear about Fernando he was always at my house during his high school.
Preme and Lorraine Padilla



Lorraine Padilla - December 21, 2016 at 03:59 PM

RR

“ Our condolences to the family at this very sad loss. Our love and prayers to David and Cindy and to all the family.

Ray Rondeau and Beth Nicholson

Raymond Rondeau - December 21, 2016 at 02:53 PM

LC

“ **LAWRENCE AND DOLORES CONTRERAS**
lit a candle in memory of Fernando E. Baldonado



LAWRENCE AND DOLORES CONTRERAS - December 21, 2016 at 01:27 PM

DR

“ *Dicky And Suzanne Romero lit a candle in memory of Fernando E. Baldonado*



Dicky and Suzanne Romero - December 21, 2016 at 01:23 PM

TJ

“ *Tanya Jaramillo lit a candle in memory of
Fernando E. Baldonado* ”



Tanya Jaramillo - December 21, 2016 at 11:55 AM