

Frank M Herrera

February 29, 1932 - May 25, 2024

1932 - 2024

Frank M. Herrera, February 29, 1932 – May 25, 2024, with sadness we share the passing of our beloved husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather Frank M. Herrera, who left us peacefully on May 25, 2024 with his wife, Nellie, holding his hand at his side. Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated at Our Lady of Guadalupe Mission, 4 Guadalupe Rd., Los Chavez, NM. Starting with a Visitation at 9:30 a.m., Rosary and Eulogy at 10:00 a.m., Funeral Mass to be celebrated at 10:30, Interment will follow at Our Lady of Belen Memorial Gardens. Married for 70 years, their love laid the foundation for their children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. Growing up in the North Valley near Rio Grande and Chavez Rd., working his father's dairy farm, he and his brothers enjoyed racing modified cars against the Unser's early days. He graduated from Albuquerque Business College where he met his wife, Nellie. They married in 1954 at Our Lady of Belen Catholic Church. From 1966-1970, he gained popularity as State Representative for Valencia County, as well as the House Chaplain, and whole-heartedly pursued legislation for the betterment of the community. Some of those include beginning the process to bring a branch of the University of Albuquerque to Rio Communities; establishing the Dennis Chavez Elementary School name change; partnering to establish the Los Chavez Fire Department, and many more. A lasting legacy was established when he successfully sponsored the

first White Cane Law in the US in protection of blind pedestrians. He remained in active leadership in community affairs for many years. After his legislative terms, he and Nellie took in six foster children, ages 2 to 12, and raised them for six years until they were successfully adopted. Together, Frank and Nellie taught and supported their own sons, Steve and Richard, in many disciplines from farming to music, leadership to ministry, work ethics to comedy. They enjoyed countless activities including international cruises and square-dancing, even winning a few blue ribbons for the jitterbug. A successful entrepreneur, his love of sales took him and Nellie across the country meeting and creating lasting friendships. He is preceded in death by his parents Tomas and Manuela, and siblings Josie, Tomas, Jesus, and Benny; and survived by his wife Manuela (Nellie), sons Stephen (Celeste) and Richard (Linda); Grandchildren Jesse (Michelle), Joshua (Taylor), Bethany (Michael), and Shelby; five Greatgrandchildren; and many nieces and nephews. The Herrera family would like to extend special and sincere gratitude to staff and specialists at Gentiva Hospice, Woodmark at Uptown Assisted Living, as well as friends and relatives for their help and support during difficult times. Please sign Frank's online tribute at www.romerofuneralhomenm.com Romero Funeral Home, 609 N. Main St., Belen, NM.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 4. 9:30 AM (MT)

Our Lady of Guadalupe Mission
4 Guadalupe Rd
Los Chavez, NM 87031

Rosary

JUN 4. 10:00 AM (MT)

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4 Guadalupe Rd
Los Chavez, NM 87031

Funeral Mass

JUN 4. 10:30 AM (MT)

Our Lady of Guadalupe Mission
4 Guadalupe Rd
Los Chavez, NM 87031

Interment

JUN 4. 11:30 AM (MT)

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

Tribute Wall

TA

“ *The winds that form from all corners of the world will blow indefinitely for Frank. Rest in peace.* ”



Tali - October 06, 2025 at 12:33 PM

TA

“ *Tali lit a candle in memory of Frank M Herrera* ”



Tali - October 03, 2025 at 02:34 AM

VV

“ *My condolences go out to the family. I met Frank October 1998, he was a generous and kind Man with me and my family, May he rest in peace. God bless.* ”



Victor Vigil - July 01, 2024 at 12:52 PM

AN

“ *Peace and prayer* ”



Angela - June 07, 2024 at 03:30 PM

EG

“ *What a beautiful service for Frank especially with all the family participating. Stephen and his children were so great and Richard and his daughter spoke so beautifully of their father and granddaughter. Nellie you and Frank did a beautiful job with your family. That has to be so much peace for you. God bless. Eileen Gabaldon*

eileen gabaldon - June 05, 2024 at 02:27 PM

JL

I am so sorry Frank has passed. He was such a gentleman in his little shop and he carried great products. May the respect we have for him ease your sorrow. Rest in heavenly peace Frank. Prayers for sweet Nellie and family.

Judy cruz littlecreeksaloon - June 06, 2024 at 07:07 PM

GH

Steve, Marilyn and I were so impressed by your father's obituary and wish we could have gotten to know him. We only met him once briefly but now know what a great example he and Nellie were of giving to others and serving their community. So sorry we weren't able to attend his funeral.

George and Marilyn Human - June 07, 2024 at 03:14 PM

EW

“ *Dear Nellie, Tom and I are so sorry for your loss.*



Edwina Weathersby - June 04, 2024 at 01:14 PM

YT

“ Yvette Tapia lit a candle in memory of Frank M Herrera



Yvette Tapia - June 04, 2024 at 11:54 AM

DR

“ Dorothy L Rogers lit a candle in memory of Frank M Herrera



Dorothy L Rogers - June 04, 2024 at 05:05 AM

DB

“ Denise Tafoya Braun lit a candle in memory of Frank M Herrera



Denise Tafoya Braun - June 03, 2024 at 02:44 PM

TC

“ We are so sorry for the loss of your husband , dad ,and grandpa, may he be resting in heaven Love to Steve from Theresa and Irene Romero

Theresa chavez - June 03, 2024 at 02:40 PM

RT

“ *May perpetual light shine upon him throughout eternity. My condolences to his family, his wife and sons. Cherish the memories. His legacy will live in through you and his grandchildren. Much love.*


Reneé Tabet - June 03, 2024 at 12:40 AM

FG

“ *Fred And Nina Garcia lit a candle in memory of Frank M Herrera*



Fred and Nina Garcia - June 02, 2024 at 10:49 AM


Theresa
Montoya
Marshall

“ *Offering my most sincere condolences to the Herrera family. Frank and Nellie were so wonderfully involved with my mom and dad, along with Larry and Anna Rivera, back in the early 70's as the Folk Mass group met for practices, services, and many fun trips. I'm grateful to have many fond memories and wish them all healing as they make their way through this difficult time. Much love to all.*



Theresa Montoya Marshall Czt - June 01, 2024 at 01:59 PM

GG

“ *Glen & Mary Gabaldon lit a candle in memory of Frank M Herrera*



Glen & Mary Gabaldon - June 01, 2024 at 12:11 PM

AD

“ *My heartfelt condolences thoughts and prayers are with his wife and his family. Always your CDA sister in Christ Aimee Delano Chavez*



Aimee Delano-Chavez - June 01, 2024 at 10:41 AM

DS

“ *Condolences to the family. God bless Mr. Herrera's memory.*

Danny and Loretta Sachs - June 01, 2024 at 10:18 AM

JE

“ *We are so sad to hear of your husband and father - Always a hello and a happy hug was what you received from this generous man. Prayers and hugs to you Richard and family! Benny P. Chavez and Jeanine Chavez Eden*

jeanine - May 31, 2024 at 08:06 PM

FR

“ *Condolences to the Herrera family. Frederica Chavez*



frederica - May 31, 2024 at 06:02 PM

EV

“ *Eloy & Deborah Tafoya And Vangie lit a candle in memory of Frank M Herrera*



Eloy & Deborah Tafoya and vangie - May 31, 2024 at 02:02 PM

JM

My condolences to the Herrera family. I pray 🙏 that Jesus gives you peace that is beyond understanding. It was a pleasure that Frank was apart of my life, highly intelligent person who always gave me good advice. He will be missed 😞.

Joe Maestas - June 01, 2024 at 10:19 AM