



## Fred Richard Mata

July 13, 1950 - September 20, 2020

1950-2020

Fred Richard Mata, age 70, a resident of Rio Communities, NM, passed away on September 20, 2020. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather & brother. Fred enjoyed spending time with his family, kicking back watching old westerns, hunting shows or his favorite Dallas Cowboys, who often made him question his allegiance to the team. He was an avid outdoorsman and spent most of the fall scouting for that monster he was gonna knock down that year. Fred loved nothing more than cruising in the mountains with his dog, Mo, & anyone else who would go, drinking coke with peanuts, chomping on Carne Seca and planning the next hunt.

He moved around the globe while in the Army and finally settled back in his home of New Mexico, where he and Elaine raised 3 children, Lisa, Angel & Freddie all of whom gave him grandchildren and great grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his wife, Elaine Mata; father, Fred Mata and mother, Cecilia Montoya. Fred is survived by his three children Lisa & Joe Gallegos, Angel & Herb Blackbear & Freddie & Geneva Mata and a large extended family.

Pops, you'll always remain in our hearts! Services will take place at a later date and burial will take place at Santa Fe National Cemetery. Please sign Fred's online tribute at [www.romerofuneralhomenm.com](http://www.romerofuneralhomenm.com) Romero Funeral Home, 609 N. Main St., Belen, NM



# Tribute Wall



“ Used to hang with Fred at Chilis (where I first met him) and more recently at BWW. We had some good laughs. Rest in Peace, Bud.

Robert Torres - September 29, 2020 at 05:59 PM

AB

Thanks for hangin out with him! He enjoyed having beer with you!!

Angel Blackbear - October 16, 2020 at 07:36 AM

LR

“ Sympathy, condolences, and prayers for all Freddie's loved ones. I am sorry for your loss.



Lauren L. Ruff - September 29, 2020 at 02:45 PM

LB

“*“Via Con Dios”. Fred...My Family, My Friend. Good and happy memories of you and Elaine are many. To your children, Lisa, Angel, Freddie and their families, thank you for your support and God's strength for your dad and for us who waited on the sidelines for any news.*

*.  
Fred was always ready for the Hunting Season. I don't think he ever took his camo off! He loved the outdoors, carne seca and camping with friends and family... and his dog Mo.*

*May Fred warm his hands over the "Eternal Campfire" with friends and family that have gone before us.... and don't worry Fred has many, many hunting stories to tell at the campfire.*

*Louie and Rose Barreras & Family*

---

**Louie and Rose Barreras** - September 28, 2020 at 01:00 PM

CB

“*Uncle Freddie  
We will all miss you. 🥺*

---

**Carol Barreras** - September 24, 2020 at 06:59 PM

JG

“*My thoughts and prayers are with you all!  
Rest In Peace, Fred. You will be missed by many!*



---

**Jamie Grice Garner** - September 24, 2020 at 07:35 AM

TG

“ *Tom & Lucille Gonzales lit a candle in memory of Fred Richard Mata*



Tom & Lucille Gonzales - September 24, 2020 at 12:25 AM

TO

*Our condolences, love and hugs to Fred's family. Your presence, energy and ready smile will certainly be missed. You were a real inspiration to all of us that knew you. God's blessing.*

Tom - September 24, 2020 at 12:32 AM

CJ

“ *My prayers and condolences to the family....Fred you will be missed by many.....God Bless.....*

Chris Jojola - September 23, 2020 at 11:50 PM

DP

“ *Our sincerest condolences to the Mata Family. God Bless!  
Dan and Dolores Padilla*

Dan Padilla - September 23, 2020 at 10:46 PM

IA

“ *Fred it was a pleasure to work with you at Socorro Motors, you kept us in stitches. May you rest in peace. My condolences to all of your family.*



Inez Aguilar-Davis - September 23, 2020 at 09:27 PM

KL

“ We will miss your *Laughter and Beautiful smile* - love you forever  
*Fred* ❤️

---

**Kat and Mark Long** - September 23, 2020 at 07:53 PM

KL

“ *Kat And Mark Long lit a candle in memory of  
Fred Richard Mata*



---

**Kat and Mark Long** - September 23, 2020 at 07:49 PM

JV

“ *Janet Valles lit a candle in memory of Fred  
Richard Mata*



---

**Janet Valles** - September 23, 2020 at 07:28 PM