



Gary Ray Chavez

February 2, 1970 - May 21, 2020

1970-2020

Gary Ray Chavez, age 50, beloved husband, father and soon to be grandfather, was called to Heaven on May 21, 2020. He was preceded in death by his loving wife, Toni Torres Chavez, in 2014. Gary is survived by his amazing children, Shaylene and Lucas. He was born February 2, 1970, in Albuquerque, NM. Gary attended and graduated High School in Los Lunas and lived most of his life in Belen. He fulfilled many jobs and made a difference among many. Gary worked as an Iron Worker, a Corrections Officer and for the State Forestry department. He later retired as a captain for the New Mexico Corrections Department in Los Lunas, NM.

Gary was known for his love and dedication to his family, hunting, camping, fishing, dancing, riding his motorcycle and his sense of humor. He was a loyal man and would always go the extra mile to help out others, make someone laugh, or be there for support. Gary will always be remembered for his big heart, hard work throughout his life, love of the saints and his pride in his family's accomplishments.

Lucas and Shaylene would like to warmly thank everyone for their comforting words and genuine acts of kindness in their time of sadness. They are grateful to be surrounded by such amazing people with loving hearts. They also very

much appreciate the hard work and exceptional care provided for their dad by Romero Funeral Home during this difficult time.

Services will take place on Friday, May 29, 2020, at Romero Funeral Home Chapel, beginning with a Final Visitation from 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM and a Funeral Service at 11:00 AM.

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

Previous Events

Final Visitation

MAY 29. 10:00 AM (MT)

Romero Funeral Home Chapel
609 N. Main St.
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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

CN

“ *Shaylene and Lucas I am so sorry to hear the news of your father's passing. Both of your parents were so incredibly supportive. I remember our hot cocoa and donuts they would bring in to the morning program! I know that they are still with you! They will continue to celebrate your life successes! They will shine down on you Shaylene when your beautiful baby arrives! Take care of each other. They live on in your hearts!*

Chris Nieto - June 02, 2020 at 07:43 PM

CP

“ *Our Prayer's and Condolences for Gary along with Shaylene and Lucas! May Our Lord's Perpetual Light shine upon him as he entered into heaven and touched the face of God! Much Love & Respect Chris Sr., Caitlyn & Chris Peralta.*



Chris Peralta - May 29, 2020 at 10:44 AM

RC

“ *Roseann Chavez lit a candle in memory of Gary Ray Chavez*



Roseann Chavez - May 28, 2020 at 09:04 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gary Ray Chavez .*



May 28, 2020 at 03:28 PM



“ *Antoinette Ulibarri-Franco lit a candle in memory of Gary Ray Chavez*



Antoinette Ulibarri-Franco - May 28, 2020 at 11:26 AM



“ *Dear Shaylene and Lucas. It is hard to believe that your dad is no longer with us, that he won't call on the phone to see if we are alright or if we need anything. Remember how much we love you and your wonderful family. We are so sorry for your loss and are sending our love and prayers. May God bless you with comfort and beautiful memories of special events and fun adventures. Donna and Lloyd Haslett*

Donna and Lloyd Haslett - May 27, 2020 at 07:36 PM



“ *Shaylene @ Lucas words cannot say the sadness I feel for you in the time of your great loss but he was a great husband and father. May God bless and keep you both always. Leisa Carr@ Steven Carr*

Leisa carr - May 27, 2020 at 06:16 PM

LC

“ *Leisa Carr lit a candle in memory of Gary Ray Chavez*



Leisa carr - May 27, 2020 at 06:11 PM



“ *Simply Lily was purchased for the family of Gary Ray Chavez .*



May 27, 2020 at 05:12 PM

FG

“ *Felix Gurule lit a candle in memory of Gary Ray Chavez*



Felix Gurule - May 27, 2020 at 01:15 PM

IK

“ *Ivan and Debra Kalister purchased the Lavender & White Standing Spray for the family of Gary Ray Chavez .*



Ivan and Debra Kalister - May 27, 2020 at 01:05 PM

RG

“ *Randy Garcia lit a candle in memory of Gary Ray Chavez*



Randy Garcia - May 27, 2020 at 12:26 PM

GS

“ *Gerald Sanchez lit a candle in memory of Gary Ray Chavez*



Gerald Sanchez - May 27, 2020 at 12:21 PM

AS

“ *Alane Stanton lit a candle in memory of Gary Ray Chavez*



Alane Stanton - May 26, 2020 at 06:04 PM

MG

“ *Shaylene and Lucas,*

I'm terribly saddened about the untimely passing of your father. It's true and evident that only God himself has the master plan. My heart, sadness, prayers, and condolences are with you. Continue to be strong and make your family proud by your success in life. God Bless you

Manny Garcia

Manny Garcia - May 26, 2020 at 05:33 PM

LP

“ *Lenore Pena lit a candle in memory of Gary Ray Chavez*



Lenore Pena - May 26, 2020 at 03:24 PM

LI

“ *Lillian lit a candle in memory of Gary Ray Chavez*



Lillian - May 25, 2020 at 07:07 PM

LI

“ So sorry for your loss! But the joy of knowing that he is home in paradise with his mom Corine, and his brother Peanuts. Our love and prayers for all the family! The Gutierrez clan. Lillian, Frances, Nellie, Bobby and Gigi

Lillian - May 25, 2020 at 07:02 PM

CR

“ Chris Rael lit a candle in memory of Gary Ray Chavez



Chris Rael - May 25, 2020 at 04:10 PM

LH

“ My dearest condolences to the Chaves family. Gary was a Great guy who will be missed by many. Sending hugs to his children.

Loretta Hanson - May 24, 2020 at 04:12 PM

GF

“ Garcia Family lit a candle in memory of Gary Ray Chavez



Garcia Family - May 23, 2020 at 08:01 PM

JG

“ *Shaylene and Lucas, Our condolences are with you both. We are very sad to hear about your dad. We have a lot of fond memories that put smiles on our faces. Your dad was a good friend of our family that will be truly missed. He loved you both so much, you were the world to him and your mom. Your dad will be able to join your mom in heaven and be reunited. May he rest in peace. We love you both, Coach Joe, Georgia, and Family.*

Joe&Georgia Garcia - May 23, 2020 at 07:59 PM

DS

“ *We are very saddened to hear about the loss of your father. Our prayers for you and your family. he always was very nice to us. We will always remember the times we shared with him...His time on earth is done he has been called to our heavenly father and dancing with the angels and reunited with your mother. RIP Gary*

*Our sincere condolences,
the Smythe's or as he would say the Smyfer's*

DS - May 23, 2020 at 01:04 PM

RC

“ *My condolences and prayers to the family . To his friends , class mates, coworkers, he had many, touched many lives. We all want to thank him for his service, military and law enforcement. Great man.*

Raymond De La Cruz - May 23, 2020 at 12:54 PM

VM

“*Shaylene and Lucas, i am so sorry for the loss of your awesome dad! I got the time to create a relationship in the past years with my cousin and it was so nice to get to truly know your dad. He was loving, fun, silly, and very thoughtful. I was able to introduce him to many of my own friends and it was like he just fit in. I just wish we would of had more time. God took another angel and he is now with your beautiful mom! May the Lord comfort you both and carry you through the days ahead. Much love to you both and know you have family here. Like your dad would say, "love you prima and primo!"*

Veronica & Chris Martinez - May 23, 2020 at 12:46 PM

MC

“*My deepest sympathy to Arthur and family for the loss of My Little Brother.*



Mary Chavez - May 23, 2020 at 12:15 PM

KG

“*Ken Garcia lit a candle in memory of Gary Ray Chavez*



Ken Garcia - May 23, 2020 at 10:43 AM

PC

“ *Patsy Carrasco lit a candle in memory of Gary Ray Chavez*



Patsy Carrasco - May 23, 2020 at 10:14 AM

CH

“ *Carlos Herrera lit a candle in memory of Gary Ray Chavez*



Carlos Herrera - May 23, 2020 at 10:13 AM

DG

“ *Dodo Griego lit a candle in memory of Gary Ray Chavez*



Dodo Griego - May 23, 2020 at 08:17 AM

BC

“ *Beverly Castillo lit a candle in memory of Gary Ray Chavez*



Beverly Castillo - May 22, 2020 at 09:08 PM

DR

“ *Dicky And Suzanne Romero lit a candle in memory of Gary Ray Chavez*



Dicky and Suzanne Romero - May 22, 2020 at 07:39 PM

BJ

“ *Shaylene & Lucas,*

I am so sorry to hear about your Dad, my deepest condolences to you both. My thoughts & prayers are with you. I know how much he meant to you and how much you both meant to him, he'd do anything for you both, he was always there for you both at La Merced, and I always saw him at Middle/High School sporting events, he was so proud of you both. Remember how much your Mom & Dad both loved you guys, they will always be with you in your heart. May God comfort you during these difficult days and years ahead.



Beatrice Jojola - May 22, 2020 at 05:22 PM

IJ

My deepest condolences my dear Shaylene and Lucas Gary was my very good friend I loved him and you guys dearly my thoughts and prayers are with you both he was an amazing caring man. Love you guys

Isabel Jaramillo - May 23, 2020 at 01:00 PM

NC

Family of Gary Chavez, Our deepest sympathy to the entire family on the sudden loss of your father, brother, son and friend. May God give you peace and comfort during this very difficult time. God's GRACE and MERCY be with you.

Nick and Deborah Carrasco - May 25, 2020 at 01:56 PM

DW

Our deepest sympathy to the entire family, Keep the faith, I know God has a plan for all of us. May God send angels to give you peace and comfort during this time.

Dan Walz - May 29, 2020 at 11:57 AM

ET

Shaylene and Lucas and the Chavez Family, We send you our deepest condolences on this tragic loss. Our prayers are with you both and your family, that you may have the peace and comfort that you need during this difficult time. The Toca Family

Elvira Toca - June 01, 2020 at 10:45 AM