



Gerald D. Chavez

May 6, 1944 - October 22, 2021

1944 -2021

Gerald D. Chavez passed away peacefully on October 22, 2021 at the age of 77. He was a life-long resident of Los Lunas, New Mexico. Gerald was one of nine siblings raised in the Catholic Faith. After graduating at Los Lunas High School, he enlisted in the Army and proudly served our country during the Vietnam War. In 1967, he married the love of his life, Jane. They raised two children, Clarissa and Gerald Jr. A career in financing led him to real estate. He and Jane opened up Gerald Chavez Realty in 1975. He was very proud to be a Realtor and served as President of the Valencia County Board of Realtors. Gerald worked with several organizations to promote affordable housing and to preserve property owner's rights. He was instrumental in the creation of Casa Esperanza. If you know "Riff-Raff", then you were his friend. He enjoyed riding his horse, fishing, dancing, making people laugh, but most of all golfing. He was thrilled to share his passion of golf with his grandsons, John and Jake. Life with Parkinson's was his biggest struggle. The brightest part of his last year was Tuesdays and Thursdays, when he would spend the day with his great-granddaughter, Emilia.

Gerald is preceded in death by his loving wife, Jane Chavez; his parents, Polidor and Sarafina Chavez; and his brother, Ernie Chavez. He is survived by his daughter, Clarissa Chavez-Rivera and husband, Victor Rivera; son, Gerald "Chopper" Chavez Jr; grandson, John Rivera and wife, Natalia Rivera;

grandson, Jake Rivera; great-granddaughter, Emilia Ava Rivera; siblings, Pete Chavez, Pila Marquez and husband, Manuel, Roberta Archuleta, Ambrose Chavez and wife, Mildred, Ruben Chavez and wife Eileen, and Cordy Chavez; and several nieces and nephews who each was his favorite. The family will have private funeral services and ask that you celebrate Gerald in the way that was special to just you two. Thank you for all the love and support you showed him and his family throughout the years.

Tribute Wall

MC

“ *My sincere condolences for the loss of your loved one.*



Mary Chavez - November 13, 2021 at 12:01 PM

RG

“ *We are sending our deepest condolences to the Chavez family. May our Lord give you comfort, strength, peace and grace. Gerald was a wonderful friend to our family. We will always remember years ago when he and Marty surprised us on Christmas Eve. He came dressed as Santa Clause and Marty dressed as his Elf. My parents Libby and Mary Frances Marquez planned the surprise visit. They came with a big bag of Christmas presents! My sisters and I were so excited because we really thought he was the REAL Santa with his REAL Elf! We would always thank Gerald for the best Christmas of our lives! He would laugh every time! We will miss Gerald dearly but know that he is resting in the arms of Jesus! Gerald has gained his angel wings and is now holding his beloved wife Jane and his entire family! We shared many wonderful memories together because Gerald and Jane always joined our Marquez' family gatherings. They were our family and we loved them dearly. We will continue to keep your family in our thoughts and prayers! Blessings and Love, Rick and Anna Garcia*

Rick and Anna Garcia - November 09, 2021 at 11:56 PM

SF

“ To the family I am very sorry for your loss. Gerald to me will always bring a smile to my face his advice was always helpful!! He always told me KISS (keep it simple stupid) I still use that mantra today for everything! He will truly be missed!

Shannon Fitzgerald - October 31, 2021 at 12:33 PM

PF

“ My sincere condolences to the Chavez Family. May he rest in peace.



Paul, Corine Trujeque and Family - October 28, 2021 at 10:25 AM

JA

“ Uncle Gerald was an icon in our community. He was never too busy to say hello or offer his assistance to his fellow citizen. As he would always tell me, "it's nothing serious. " You'll be missed amigo.

Jeff Aragon - October 28, 2021 at 01:18 AM

DM

“ You were a very special and loving Uncle to our family.



Dennis & Dolores Marquez - October 27, 2021 at 11:39 PM

LP

“ Lorenzo & Sally Perea lit a candle in memory of Gerald D. Chavez



Lorenzo & Sally Perea - October 27, 2021 at 09:40 PM

DC

“ Diane Chavez lit a candle in memory of Gerald D. Chavez



Diane Chavez - October 26, 2021 at 09:18 PM

BM

“ An awesome, helpful, kind, friendliest, non-judgmental, loving, nicest, respectful, funny, mannered. down to earth, so many names for this man.. So many memories I have of this man I loved just because like he used to tell me, he liked me coz I did all I did with honesty, said La Mera Verdad. I met Gerald when I first sobered up. Gerald & some of his group shared their experiences with us in a meeting while I was in rehab 25 years ago I always valued his wisdom & knowledge in more ways than one. It as been years since I had contact with you...but you are one man I am so grateful to have known. Thank you Gerald for your knowledge & your friendship. Love you Always Berna



bernadette moya - October 26, 2021 at 02:52 PM

BM

My sincere condolences to Gerald Chavez family

bernadette moya - October 26, 2021 at 02:54 PM

EH

Condolences to the entire Chavez family from Ed Hernandez and family. RIP Gerald

Ed Hernandez - October 27, 2021 at 09:31 AM

AB

*I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Gerald Chavez. I have such fond memories of Gerald on my Realtor Tours with Rio Grande Title. He was a hoot to be around. We all enjoyed his company. Gerald you will be missed. Rest in Peace my Friend.
Condolences to Chopper and Merissa and all his family.*

Anita Baca - January 25, 2022 at 01:11 AM

LF

“ *Chavez Family,
Please accept our deepest condolences on the passing of your father. He was such a great neighbor and person. He will be greatly missed. Our prayers and thoughts are with you during this difficult time.
The Louis Huning Family*

Louis Huning Family - October 26, 2021 at 02:30 PM

TM

“ *Clarissa, I'm so sorry to hear about your dad's passing. May God give you and your Family peace, my prayers are with you and your family. May he fly with the angels.*

Threasa Maestas - October 25, 2021 at 08:09 PM

LG

“ *To the family of Gerald Chavez, my deepest condolences. It was an honor having known Gerald. He was such a gentleman and always showed such respect when you were around him. May he Rest In Peace. My prayers are with you all!*

Lucy Tapia Gonzales

Lucy Tapia Gonzales - October 25, 2021 at 06:51 PM

CE

“ *Charles Eaton lit a candle in memory of Gerald D. Chavez*



Charles Eaton - October 25, 2021 at 06:39 PM

KA

“ *Deepest Heartfelt Sympathy..*

Kathy - October 25, 2021 at 05:35 PM

PL

“ *Clarissa, Gerald Jr., Grandchildren and Chavez Family:*

I am so sorry to hear of Gerald's passing. I know the many wonderful memories you have with him will help sustain you through this difficult time, find peace in the love you shared!

Gerald was always a friend to everyone he knew and everyone he ran into, he was so proud of his family and loved each of you so much!

Wishing each of you peace and love, know that you are being prayed for and thought of. Many Blessings to each of you!!!

Paul T. Luna

Paul T. Luna - October 25, 2021 at 02:48 PM

SG

“ *Sylvia Garcia lit a candle in memory of Gerald D. Chavez*



sylvia garcia - October 25, 2021 at 11:19 AM

AC

“ *Anna Castillo lit a candle in memory of Gerald D. Chavez*



Anna Castillo - October 24, 2021 at 10:42 PM

PS

“ *There are countless memories I have of my dear uncle; he was a wonderful role model and like a second dad to me. You will be dearly missed to no end. Thank you for the laughter and silliness, family gatherings, and Christmas parties we shared throughout the years. May you and aunt Jane golf on God's beautiful course he has prepared for you both. We will always love you.*

Patty and John Shaw

Patty Shaw - October 24, 2021 at 01:37 PM

TG

“ *Tony Griego lit a candle in memory of Gerald D. Chavez*



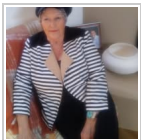
Tony Griego - October 24, 2021 at 06:16 AM

E ♥

“ *Eileen & Ruben Chavez Never Forgotten, ♥ lit a candle in memory of Gerald D. Chavez*



Eileen & Ruben Chavez Never forgotten, ♥ - October 23, 2021 at 10:07 PM



“ *Condolences to the Chavez family. Mr. Chavez contributed so much to Valencia County. He was trustworthy and a joy to be around. May he rest in peace with the Holy Family in heaven.*



Loretta Gabaldon - October 23, 2021 at 07:51 PM

TG

“ My sincere condolences to the Chavez family Gerald and I were good friends and classmates since first grade we shared a lot of good memories God bless you my friend RIP.

Tony Griego - October 23, 2021 at 12:03 PM

MM

“ Our beloved Uncle Gerald always had a smile on his face no matter how he was feeling. We will cherish all our memories with him and his brothers and sisters will miss him dearly. We love you Gerald Our thoughts and prayers are with all the family. -Manuel & Pila Marquez



Manuel & Pila Marquez - October 22, 2021 at 06:37 PM

LG

Clarissa, Gerald Jr. and Chavez Family, We are so sorry to hear of the passing of your beloved Father. Your Dad was instrumental in setting so many wonderful examples for the Real Estate Community to follow here in Valencia County. I lost my own Father five years ago and he lives in my heart everyday as your Father will live in your hearts too everyday. Many Blessings to your Family! Lorraine Sachs Garcia and Anthony Garcia

Lorraine Sachs Garcia - October 26, 2021 at 04:50 PM