

Gilfred Chavez

August 21, 1929 - March 5, 2017

1929-2017

Gilfred Chavez, age 87, was peacefully welcomed into the embrace of his heavenly Father after a courageous battle with Parkinson's. Gilfred was active in his community. He held office as a Belen Councilman and Mayor Pro-Tem. He loved to sing and was a strong voice in his church choir. Gilfred was instrumental in bringing U of Albuq satellite campus to Rio Grande Estates. Always a visionary, in an era when girls were considered insignificant in sports, he broke a cultural barrier and started a girls AAU track club. He retired from the AT & SF Railroad after 41 years of dedicated service.

He was preceded in death by his father, Epifaño; mother, Frances; daughter, Priscilla; son, Gilfred; brother, Joe; and sister, Josie Cowper.

He was married for 66 years and is survived by the Dear of his life, Mary Priscilla. They will forever be united by the bond of love that kept them together through the joys and adversities of life.

His legacy lives on in his children, Debbie Leach (Jeff), Wilfred (Dianne), Kathleen (Bill), Patricia Wagy; grandchildren, Eric, Tisha, Matthew and Molly Chavez; and great grandson, Milo. He is also survived by sister, Jennie Lucero and many loving nephews, nieces and godchildren. All services will be held at Our Lady of Belen Catholic Church on Thursday, March 23, 2017. A Visitation will begin at 9:30 a.m. with a Rosary to be recited at 10:30 a.m., and a Funeral Mass to be celebrated 11:00 a.m.

Special thanks to Gentiva Hospice for their excellent care. Memorials can be made in his name to the Gilfred Chavez Ministry for the Homeless, C/O Univ. Heights UMC, 2210 Silver Ave SE, Albuquerque, NM 87106.

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

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR **23**. 9:30 AM (MT)

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

Rosary

MAR **23**. 10:30 AM (MT)

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Funeral Mass

MAR **23**. 11:00 AM (MT)

Our Lady of Belen Catholic Church
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Belen, NM 87002

Tribute Wall

WC

“ 5 files added to the tribute wall



Wil Chavez - February 06, 2020 at 11:58 PM

BL

“ Please accept my most sincere condolences on the death of your loved one. Early in my teaching career he was extremely supportive and I have always remembered this. Godspeed Gilfred and to his family, may your fond memories sustain you in this time of grief.

Sincerely,
Berlinda Lawson

Berlinda Lawson - March 23, 2017 at 11:07 AM

MC

“ 1 file added to the album New Album Name



Matthew Chavez - March 21, 2017 at 04:00 PM

CG

“ Clyde & Sandra Griego lit a candle in memory of Gilfred Chavez



Clyde & Sandra Griego - March 21, 2017 at 02:35 PM

CC

“ Gilfredo. You were such an amazing and extraordinary man. Thank you for always opening your home to me... for always greeting me with your warm and gentle smile, your huge bear hugs, always open arms, and of course, Priscilla's unbelievable meals. Your kind and endearing words were something I never felt worthy of, but you made me feel like the most important person in the whole world when we would talk or see one another.

Lamentations 3:31-32 For the Lord will not cast off forever, but, though he cause grief, he will have compassion according to the abundance of his steadfast love; for he does not willingly afflict or grieve the children of men.

Thank you, Gilfredo, for your precious friendship and most importantly,for your love. God bless and give comfort to the entire Chavez family at this time.

Chuck Coulter

Chuck Coulter - March 20, 2017 at 09:33 PM

FR

“ Good bye Gilfred
*It was nice knowing you. U were so kind to me and my family. May u rest in peace. May The goodLord console all your family My family will miss u
Love the Reyes family.*

Frances Reyes - March 20, 2017 at 02:13 PM

LS

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. I always loved running into
Prescilla and Gilbert. Love and prayers for the family.*
*Loretta
Gabaldon Sanchez*



Loretta Sanchez - March 18, 2017 at 06:21 PM

RL

“ *Gilfred Chavez was a good man. His strength of character and his wisdom and gentleness of spirit were something to admire. He truly loved his family unconditionally. The world is a better place due to his time on it and now Heaven get the benefit of his strong spirit. Our heartfelt condolences to his family. We are thankful to have known him.*



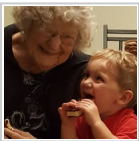
Richard Long - March 17, 2017 at 06:27 PM

Jim Sloan

“ *Jim Sloan lit a candle in memory of Gilfred Chavez*



Jim Sloan - March 16, 2017 at 12:54 AM



“ *I was always blessed by Gilford, when visiting in Los Lunas. His kind loving welcoming spirit, to being the life of the party, making sure everyone was ok and taken care of. . He will be missed and always loved.*

Janet Reinhardt - March 15, 2017 at 09:06 PM

RT

“ *I'm so very sorry for the loss of your Father. My thoughts and prayers are with you. May God give you peace and love.*



Renee Tabet - March 14, 2017 at 11:14 PM

CM

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



Camille and Max - March 14, 2017 at 07:38 PM

PL

“ It is so hard to believe that my compadre Gilfred has died. My compadre was my second dad. It is hard to loose 2 dads. My compadre was such a strong, robust, funny, and loving man. He was always there for my family. My compadres were so much more than neighbors. We lived next door to each other for 40 years. They were my compadres and padrinos. They married me and my husband, they baptized my daughter Jamie, they confirmed my daughters Jamie and Amber, and myself. They loved Nevaeh and accepted her as they did all of us and she loved her nino. They were my advisors and always gave me the right advice. My compadre was so talented not just with his singing but also his wood work. I will miss him so much. I thank God for bringing him into my live when I needed my compadres the most. I am blessed to been thought of as part of the family. I will miss you compadre. Until we meet again I love you and watch over all of us.

Pamela Lueras - March 14, 2017 at 12:03 AM

FC

“ Frederica Chavez lit a candle in memory of Gilfred Chavez



frederica chavez - March 11, 2017 at 03:17 PM

FC

My condolences to the Chavez family and May God bless you during this time.

Frederica & Mark Chavez - March 12, 2017 at 10:28 PM

OR

“ Priscilla & Family,

I am saddened by the passing of Gilfred, my childhood friend and school mate at Belen High School. I have nothing but fond memories of him! I can still sense the fever in his blood when he sang and acted in our high school plays. Then there were those football practices, a good athlete he was!

If I might lend his life a voice, he was a good man with passionate hopes and dreams that would not falter. Though quiet, he was fearless but always provided room for others to see and hear. He will be missed. He is at rest in that eternal garden.

I submit sincere condolences on behalf of Sue, our family and myself. May time bring solace to your hearts.

Oscar S. Ramirez

Oscar Ramirez - March 10, 2017 at 03:51 PM



CC

“ Cathy Chavez lit a candle in memory of Gilfred Chavez



cathy chavez - March 09, 2017 at 01:10 PM

LP

“ Lenore G Pena lit a candle in memory of Gilfred Chavez



Lenore G Pena - March 09, 2017 at 12:29 PM

JR

“ We're so sorry to hear of your loss. Mr. Chavez was a very kind neighbor to me & my kids & grandkids. We loved watching him & his wife (Precilla) out on their front yard

JR & Rosemary Rodriguez - March 09, 2017 at 09:04 AM

JR

“ *Share a memory of Gilfred Chavez or send condolences to the family.*

JR & Rosemary Rodriguez - March 09, 2017 at 08:56 AM

CE

“ *To the Chavez family. I'm so sorry for the loss of your loved one. I would like to share a comforting thought from the bible. Revelation 21:4 reads "And he will wipe out every tear from their eyes, and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore. The former things have passed away. For information on this you may want to go to JW.org. Sincerely yours Charlie.*

Charlie Espinosa - March 09, 2017 at 08:41 AM

MC

“ *Maryann Contreras lit a candle in memory of Gilfred Chavez*



Maryann Contreras - March 08, 2017 at 05:50 PM

LC

“ *Lawrence And Dolores Contreras lit a candle in memory of Gilfred Chavez*



Lawrence and Dolores Contreras - March 08, 2017 at 05:49 PM

 Randal
Lucero

“ *My condolences go out to Aunt Priscilla, Debbie, Kathleen, Wilfred, Patricia and there children. Prayers being said and sent for strength and peace as they go thru this most difficult and sorrowful time. Rest in Peace Uncle Gilfred you will always be in our hearts.*



Randal Lucero - March 07, 2017 at 03:19 PM

Randal
Lucero

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Randal Lucero - March 07, 2017 at 02:47 PM

DC

“ Diane Chavez lit a candle in memory of Gilfred Chavez



Diane Chavez - March 07, 2017 at 02:43 PM

DL

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Debbie Leach - March 07, 2017 at 01:44 PM

DT

“ Donna & Dan Trujillo lit a candle in memory of Gilfred Chavez



Donna & Dan Trujillo - March 07, 2017 at 11:19 AM

CA

“ Cynthia Aragon lit a candle in memory of Gilfred Chavez



Cynthia aragon - March 06, 2017 at 10:23 PM

BS

“ Bernardine Baca Spiers lit a candle in memory of Gilfred Chavez



Bernardine Baca Spiers - March 06, 2017 at 08:15 PM

DR

“ Dicky And Suzanne Romero lit a candle in memory of Gilfred Chavez



Dicky and Suzanne Romero - March 06, 2017 at 07:13 PM

TF

“ Tony F Padilla Family lit a candle in memory of Gilfred Chavez



Tony F Padilla Family - March 06, 2017 at 11:23 AM