



Jerry R. Jaramillo

June 16, 1942 - January 12, 2024

1942-2024

Jerry R. Jaramillo, 81, of Littleton, Colorado passed away amidst family at 7:18 on the morning of January 12, 2024. He died following surgery and complications associated with an accidental fall one week previous. In accordance with Jerry's wishes, there will be no official memorial service; however, a gathering to celebrate his life will occur later this year at a date and time yet to be determined.

Jerry, the most devoted and loving husband, father, and grandfather, is survived by his wife of 54 years, Nury; son Marco and his wife Lorelei; daughters, Tatiana and her fiancé Aaron Slocumb, Rosina and her husband Vann; and grandchildren Anja, Gabby, Luke, Alex, Lily, Violet, and Camille. Jerry is also survived by his brother Gillie Jaramillo of Los Lunas, New Mexico; his surviving in-laws include Nury's siblings Kenneth Salas, Maria Amalia Salas and husband Samuel Balmaceda, and Uriel Salas of Ciudad Quesada and San Jose, Costa Rica respectively.

Born the youngest of nine children on June 16, 1942, in Belen, New Mexico to The Honorable Henry T. Jaramillo and Casiana Aragon Jaramillo, Jerry is preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Eddie, Henry, and Alfonso; sisters Barbara Ortiz, Lucy Sanchez, Rose Aragon, and Lena Frazee; in-laws Uriel Salas and Aracely Salazar; and brothers-in-law Chale and Bernal Salas.

Upon graduation from Belen High School in 1960, Jerry attended The College of St. Joseph on the Rio Grande, Albuquerque, New Mexico, eventually earning a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1965. Jerry also completed post-graduate work at the University of New Mexico (UNM) and at Texas Tech University. Often, Jerry would fondly recall his days as a member of his high school's marching band playing the trombone, and it was during this time he developed his love of cars which remained constant his entire life.

Following his academic career, Jerry embarked on the adventure of a lifetime by joining the United States Peace Corps where he was assigned to the country of Costa Rica from 1965-1967. As a Peace Corps Volunteer, Jerry worked tirelessly to establish credit unions consequently boosting local entrepreneurship in the Province of Cartago. Following his two-year commitment to the Peace Corps, Jerry elected to remain in country this time working for the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) from 1968-1970. Jerry considered his time with the Peace Corps and USAID among his proudest accomplishments with local credit unions thriving decades following their establishment and his work on community projects with USAID promoting long-term socioeconomic development across Costa Rica. During this time, he traveled to every corner of that nation and often boasted he knew how to get around Costa Rica better than most locals. In no short order, Jerry simply fell in love with Costa Rica, its population of proud and gentle Ticos, and their vibrant culture. Equally significant, it was during this time he met a beautiful young woman working in the Peace Corps office named Nury Salas that would eventually become the love of his life and his bride for over five decades.

Following the birth of their first child, Jerry and Nury returned to Belen, New Mexico where, after a brief foray in the banking industry, Jerry began his career with the State Farm Insurance Company. He opened his agency by the

“Valencia Y” in Los Lunas, New Mexico and, over the course of 44 years from 1973-2017, Jerry grew his business to become one of the largest and most successful agencies in the State of New Mexico. Jerry’s business career would eventually grow to include the acquisition and management of commercial properties in the States of New Mexico and Colorado. Jerry approached every aspect of his professional life with determined effort, passion, and vigor. As a Los Lunas business owner, he often donated to multiple causes and youth organizations in the local area.

To know Jerry was to know the immense pride he held for his family. He loved to speak of his family roots beginning with their arrival to New Spain during the early years of the 16th century and through over 480 years of civic and professional contributions to what would eventually become the United States of America, and the State of New Mexico. But more than anything, he loved his children, their spouses, and his grandchildren beyond measure. He always made the effort to call, fax, and email each of his kids to see how they are doing, offer words of encouragement, and wish everyone an enthusiastic “TGIM” (thank God it’s Monday)!

During his life, Jerry would often be seen jogging or going to the gym, enjoying a red chile enchilada with his brothers Henry and Gillie, and laughing at the funny faces his children made following a hearty swig of pickle juice. A long-time member of the Lobo Club, Jerry had a passion for UNM sports rarely missing an opportunity to cheer on the Lobos in basketball and football. In concert with his days in the Peace Corps, Jerry was an active member of Sister Cities International and Friendship Force International expanding his love of travel and foreign culture despite lack of easy access to a “hair blower” and his constant bouts of “sinus” while traveling.

While Jerry has now joined those loved ones who have predeceased him, he

leaves behind a legacy of international and domestic entrepreneurship, a passion for foreign culture and discovery, and a love of all things family. If Jerry were able to speak to us from the heavens today, he would likely say that while he may be dead, we should all take comfort in the fact that he “didn’t die of anything serious.” His soul now rests with all the Jaramillo ancestors, and he will always be remembered by his loved ones.

“I’ll see you when I look at you.”

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

Tribute Wall

LJ

“ Nury and family, our heartfelt condolences at this difficult time. Jerry was a good cousin to me and my sisters, Charlene, Susie and Marie. He always made an effort to stay in touch with us through the years. When Marco moved to DC he was in touch with my husband Paul and me more often and we got to know both him, Nury, Marco and Lorelei well. I was always impressed that Jerry was not only successful at his insurance business, but a doting father. I found it quite amazing how good he was with babies. He was able to calm down both my girls when they were infants and could instantly make them smile. He had a special touch in all he did. He will be missed. May he Rest in Peace. Prayers and hugs to all the family.



Louise Jaramillo, Paul Laudicina and family

Louise Jaramillo - February 12, 2024 at 05:15 PM

IP

“ Irma P. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Jerry R. Jaramillo.



Irma P. - February 01, 2024 at 04:19 PM

JG

“ Our prayers for your family during this difficult time , many good memories not only as our agent but serving your family at both Benny's and Benny's II

Zamora and Gonzales family

Jeannie Gonzales - January 29, 2024 at 09:26 PM

KP

“ Nury and family I am sorry for your loss. I have such fond memories of our times together in Los Lunas. You and Jerry gave us such great guidance for our first trip to Costa Rica. Such a wonderful man.



kay prrather - January 28, 2024 at 12:04 PM

LC

“ Jerry was a dear friend of our family. And he did a lot to mentor my son Greg for many years as Greg worked in his State Farm office in Los Lunas. He was also very supportive of me and our family during the time my wife Bobbi was so ill with cancer. We will always have a warm spot in our hearts for Jerry and all of his family. Leo Carbajal and family.

Leo Carbajal - January 26, 2024 at 08:37 PM

MM

“ My heartfelt condolences to Nury and family. Jerry was a consummate professional as our insurance agent for decades. Beyond that, he was kind and generous to my daughter who was a friend of Rosina. In the New Mexico vernacular, "lo siento mucho". Praying for you all at this difficult time. Mary Montañó

Mary Montano - January 25, 2024 at 06:42 PM

ES

“ I was best friends with Rosina growing up in Los Lunas and Jerry was always so good to me when I spent countless days at their house. He would only get a little upset with me and Rosina when we would “accidentally “ fall into his hot tub. Jerry always had a clever line and would often remind me that if I ever got lost walking home I could always follow my nose! May Jerry’s soul and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

Elizabeth (Montaño) Sanchez - January 25, 2024 at 06:33 PM

BS

“ I met Jerry in 1976 after purchasing a home from Ernie Sichler in Los Lunas. Jerry was on a ladder hanging a now open sign on his new State Farm office at the Valencia Y. I needed homeowners insurance so I stopped got out of the car and said hello to Jerry. Jerry got off the ladder and asked if he could help me. I told him I needed insurance on the new home. He invited me into his new office offered me coffee and donuts and the rest they say is history.

This began a 40 plus year relationship with Jerry as my State Farm agent. Not only did he sell me home owners insurance he sold me two car policies and 4 life insurance policies. I was newly married and 21 years old at the time. Jerry set me up on insurance and investments over the years. Jerry remained my agent even after I moved to Albuquerque. Jerry and I would meet every year for a coverage review and lunch. It was truly a career long relationship. When Jerry retired he referred me to a new young female State Farm Agent. He told me she would be an excellent agent to handle all my needs and she has been.

Jerry was a true gentleman and a true professional, but more than that he became a great friend and confidant. My sincere condolences to Jerry's family.

I will always remember him fondly.

Bradley K. Scott

Bradley Scott - January 22, 2024 at 07:14 PM

CW

“ *My thoughts and prayers for the family. Kerry may you RIP*



Cathy Walker - January 20, 2024 at 03:05 PM

JJ

“ *Jennifer Jaramillo lit a candle in memory of Jerry R. Jaramillo*



Jennifer Jaramillo - January 20, 2024 at 01:55 AM

JT

“ *John Peter And Gloria Torres lit a candle in memory of Jerry R. Jaramillo*



John Peter and Gloria Torres - January 19, 2024 at 08:49 PM

DH

Jerry Jaramillo was a great friend of our family and our wonderful State Farm agent. Our thoughts and prayers for Nury and family. David and Kathy Hsi

David Hsi - January 30, 2024 at 12:31 PM