



John Luna

March 28, 1942 - January 28, 2018

1942-2018

John Luna, age 75, passed away peacefully at home on Sunday, January 28, 2018 in Belen, New Mexico.

John was born in 1942 in Bosque, New Mexico to Fidel and Tomasita Luna. He was the youngest of six children. John graduated from Belen High School in 1961 where he was an exceptional athlete participating in football, basketball, and track. He married the love of his life, Glenna Deemer in 1961. John and his family moved to San Jose, California in 1964 and began working for Ford Motor Company. Over twelve years, the couple welcomed six children into their home, and John worked very hard to support his family. His children remember him as a kind, gentle man with a wonderful sense of humor who encouraged them to pursue their goals. Following the closing of Ford Motor Company, John retired as an Assembly Line Relief Supervisor, and in 1988 most of the family moved back to Belen, New Mexico.

John was an all-star athlete in high school and has received many awards and honors, and friends and classmates still talk about his athletic accomplishments today. He was a generous, witty, dedicated individual who loved his family and friends and who would help out anyone that was in need. His children and grandchildren were his pride and joy. He was an active and dedicated supporter of the Special Olympics and often volunteered as a track and field coach, and was an assistant coach for the bowling team. John was also a devout Catholic and an active member of Our Lady of Belen Catholic

Church.

Those that know John referred to him as “Big John” that is because he stood out not only because of his height at 6’ 5” tall, but because of his larger than life personality that always made him the life of the party. John was loved by not only his immediate family, but all of his nieces and nephews, who many consider a father figure. John loved to cook for his family and friends and made the best homemade green chili stew and salsa in Belen. John and Glenna enjoyed going to the casino together; winning or losing they always had fun. For those that knew him well, they know he was as avid pool player and a boxing fan that had an amazing left jab. He loved watching football, whether it was seeing his kids and grandkids play or watching his alma mater the Belen Eagles, and he was also a longtime Forty-Niner and Raiders fan. His competitive nature made him a fighter to the end. John was happiest when spending time with his family and was so proud of all of them. He is preceded in death by his son, Richard Glen Luna; his father, Fidel Luna; his mother, Tomasita Luna; his brothers and sister, Robert Luna, Solomon Luna, Mary Gallegos and Ernest Luna.

John is survived by his wife, Glenna Luna; children, John Luna (Chris Luna), Lisa Whalen (Kenny Whalen), Danny Luna, James Luna (Lindsay Luna), Vicky Baldonado (Jeff Baldonado); grandchildren, Justin Whalen, Tyler Luna, Brandon Gonzalez, Alyssa Luna, James Luna Jr., Ashley Gonzalez, Jacob Luna, Loraine Luna; great grandchildren, Alexis Whalen, Braydon Luna; and sibling, Raymond Luna.

All services will be held at Our Lady of Belen Catholic Church on Friday, February 2, 2018. A viewing will begin at 8:30 a.m., with a Rosary to be recited at 9:30 a.m., and a Funeral Mass to be celebrated at 10:00 a.m. Interment will follow at Our Lady of Belen Memorial Gardens. All are welcome to attend and celebrate John’s life. The family would request that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the American Cancer Society, Albuquerque - 8500 Menaul Blvd. NE, Ste. A-500, Albuquerque, NM 87112. The family would also like to thank the caregivers at Ambercare hospice for their care and

compassion.

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

Cemetery Details

Our Lady of Belen Memorial Gardens

101 N. 10th Street
Belen, NM 87002

Previous Events

Viewing

FEB 2. 8:30 AM (MT)

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

Rosary

FEB 2. 9:30 AM (MT)

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

Funeral Mass

FEB 2. 10:00 AM (MT)

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

Tribute Wall

JC

“ Jason And Christy lit a candle in memory of John Luna



Jason and Christy - February 02, 2018 at 03:23 PM

BM

“ Bryan And Stephanie Mascarena lit a candle in memory of John Luna



Bryan and Stephanie Mascarena - February 01, 2018 at 11:44 PM

LF

“ Love, Jennifer Luna Reese and Family. purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of John Luna.



Love, Jennifer Luna Reese and Family. - February 01, 2018 at 12:56 PM

JR

“ My condolences to My Auntie Glenna and all the kids. I was always very fond of My Uncle John. He was always very kind and so thoughtful. I did not have the honor of growing up around him very often but I was always proud that he was known as my Uncle "Big John". When it came to sports I was compared to him all the time at school. I was very Proud of that... It was so special that when ever he was in town he would make it a point to go and watch me play Basketball. It made me feel special the way he always showed interest in my Athletic Talent (no doubt that was a trait I got from My Uncle John)... May God Bless you Uncle John and may you now rest in peace. Lord please cover my family during their time of need. Love to Uncle and the family.

Niece Jennifer Luna Reese

Jennifer Luna Reese - February 01, 2018 at 12:37 PM

DS

“ Dear Luna Family may the Good Lord bless the memory of Mr. Luna. We will miss seeing him at Mass.

Danny and Loretta Sachs - February 01, 2018 at 10:46 AM

DF

“ Glenna, Danny and family, I am SO sorry to hear about John. He was such a kind man with such a beautiful smile! Thank you Danny for allowing us to know your Dad! Our prayers are with all of you. May GOD send you his peace and comfort! Debbie (Belen High School)

Debra and Steve Francis - January 31, 2018 at 02:43 PM

MS

“ *Mercy & Francisco Santacruz lit a candle in memory of John Luna*



Mercy & Francisco Santacruz - January 31, 2018 at 11:02 AM

LC

“ *Lawrence And Dolores Contreras lit a candle in memory of John Luna*



Lawrence and Dolores Contreras - January 30, 2018 at 09:33 PM

TG

“ *Tony And Oralia Garcia lit a candle in memory of John Luna*



Tony and Oralia Garcia - January 30, 2018 at 09:13 PM

 James Luna

“ *Time goes by too fast. Feels like this was yesterday. You brought us so many good times. We will never forget you. All of your grandkids love you.*



James Luna - January 30, 2018 at 08:22 PM

LO

“ *My condolences to Glenna, and family. How beautiful the tribute to John. Yes, John was kind, loving and compassionate to all of us that knew him. I can think of so many times that I would run into John and Glenna. He always had a big smile, a loving thing to say. I can imagine the tribulations when he appeared at heaven's gate. Welcome John, you have done your best. I am proud. Glenna, I am so sorry for your loss. John is at peace. May our Divine Mercy bring you peace. Love you. Loretta Gabaldon Sanchez.*



Lortta - January 30, 2018 at 06:22 PM

BC

“ *I am so very sorry for your loss. God bless you and comfort you all...*

Beverly Castillo - January 30, 2018 at 06:12 PM

DR

“ *Dicky And Suzanne Romero lit a candle in memory of John Luna*



Dicky and Suzanne Romero - January 30, 2018 at 05:14 PM

BR

“ Beverly Dominguez Romero lit a candle in memory of John Luna



Beverly Dominguez Romero - January 30, 2018 at 05:14 PM

JL

“ 3 files added to the album Athlete and Coach



John Luna - January 30, 2018 at 04:55 PM

LP

“ Lenore G Pena lit a candle in memory of John Luna



Lenore G Pena - January 30, 2018 at 03:51 PM



“ Sentimental Dreams was purchased for the family of John Luna.



January 30, 2018 at 12:20 PM

LW

“ 1 file added to the album I Love My Family



Lisa Whalen - January 30, 2018 at 10:48 AM

ML

“ Mrs. Iori Lujan lit a candle in memory of John Luna



Mrs. Iori Lujan - January 30, 2018 at 10:10 AM

TG

“ Tony Griego lit a candle in memory of John Luna



Tony Griego - January 30, 2018 at 09:12 AM

 James
Luna

“ I remember you always taught us how to play basketball. No one could have asked for a better grandpa. I miss you and I can't believe you are gone. I know you loved all of us the same. I will never forget you. I will never forget the good times we had. I will see you again some day. Rest in Paradise Pa. I love you and miss you very much. -James Jr.

James Luna - January 30, 2018 at 12:39 AM

TG

*Our condolences to the Luna family,
The Griego and Gomez families*

Tony Griego - January 30, 2018 at 09:18 AM

AG

“ *Pa,
You'll always be my number one. Thanks for being the best dad &
grandpa I could ever ask for. Thanks for always remembering to tell
me you loved me the most. I never left your side and now I know
you'll never leave mine. I hope you're having fun playing basketball
in heaven. Teach them how to do a left layup! & tell everyone all
your jokes.
I love you and miss you more than words can explain.*

- your baby Ashley.



Ashley Gonzalez - January 29, 2018 at 11:39 PM

AP

“ *Our condolences to the family.
Albert, Linda, Darlene & Dylan Peña*



Albert & Linda Peña - January 29, 2018 at 10:52 PM

MS

“ *Glenda and family, deepest condolences. John, is home now. No more pain or suffering. It was a great pleasure for me to take him communion. He was a gentle giant. Be comforted tat you were ther for him and with him 24/7. God bless all of you*
Mary Lee & Gabe Serna.

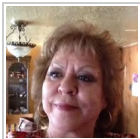
Mary Lee Serna - January 29, 2018 at 08:54 PM

FM

“ *Frank & Dolores Marquez lit a candle in memory of John Luna*



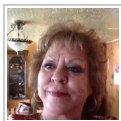
Frank & Dolores Marquez - January 29, 2018 at 08:45 PM



“ *Evelyn Gallegos lit a candle in memory of John Luna*



Evelyn Gallegos - January 29, 2018 at 08:38 PM



Glena and family we are so sorry for your loss. Johnny will be missed. God Bless you all.

Evelyn Gallegos - January 29, 2018 at 08:43 PM



“ *Danny and Glenna,
I'm sorry for your loss. John was a great guy
and he will be missed. You're in my heart and
prayers.*
Bernardine Baca Spiers and family



Bernardine Baca Spiers - January 29, 2018 at 07:41 PM



“ *My dear great uncle. You will be greatly missed. You had a one of a
kind personality. Always enjoyed sitting and talking to you at my
grandma's house. Oh how you loved life. I find comfort in that you
no longer are suffering. Rest In Peace. Love always Michael,
Brenda and Abigail Montoya*

Brenda Montoya - January 29, 2018 at 07:10 PM



“ *Dad,*

*You are truly going to be missed, you made the world a better place
to live. I think to myself how lucky heaven is to have you. You are
the definition of what a husband, father, grandfather and great
grandfather should be. You will always be in my thoughts and heart
for the rest of my life. I love you and miss you.*

Johnny

John Luna - January 29, 2018 at 04:24 PM

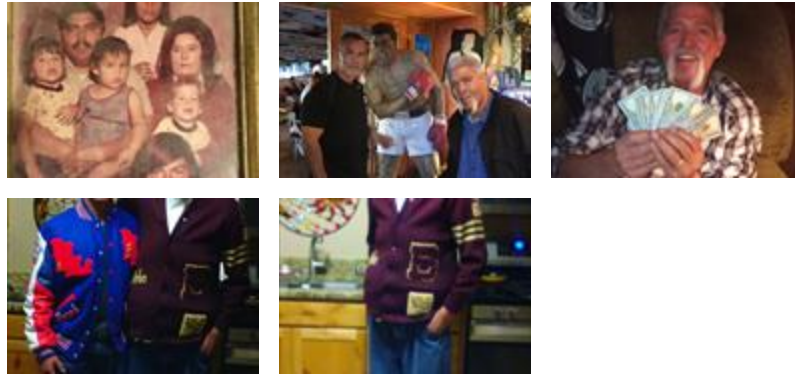
MW

“ Dear Glenna, Danny, and Family,
David and I send our deepest condolences. John was a very caring
and gentle man ml be truly missed.
God Bless You All,
Always, Frances and David

Mary Frances Wells - January 29, 2018 at 01:39 PM

JL

“ 5 files added to the album New Album Name



John Luna - January 29, 2018 at 12:24 PM

JM

“ My deepest condolences to Auntie Glenna, Johnny, Lisa, James,
Vicky, Danny and the rest of the family. My uncle will be greatly
missed but just knowing that he is no longer suffering or in pain
gives us great comfort. Rest in peace uncle and we love you.

Jennie Mascarena - January 29, 2018 at 12:20 PM