

Johnny B. Torres

July 18, 1945 - August 16, 2016

1945-2016

Johnny B. Torres, left us after a fierce battle with cancer, surrounded by his loved ones on August 16, 2016. Johnny was born in Tome, NM, on July 18, 1945, and lived in Albuquerque with his family. He graduated from Los Lunas High School, was a drummer with Los Jesters, was the County Clerk for Valencia County, and retired as a financial analyst for the City of ABQ. He and his wife, Lenise recently celebrated their 36th anniversary and were blessed with two children, Jessica Sutherland (husband, Kenny; daughters Julia and Madilyn), and Chris Torres (wife, Amanda; kids Isaiah and Hannah); he was a very proud "Tata." Johnny's also survived by Ramon Torres (brother); Teresa Rojas, Connie Padilla, Cecilia Sanchez, Frances Sanchez (sisters); and dozens of adoring nieces, nephews, and cousins. Johnny was preceded in death by his mother and father, Concepcion and Pablo Torres; aunt, Tillie Baca; and brother, Eppy Torres. A public viewing will be held at Sangre de Cristo Church (8901 Candelaria Rd NE, Albuquerque, NM, 87112) on Monday, August 22, 2016, at 5:00 p.m., followed by a rosary at 6:00 p.m. A final viewing will be held at Immaculate Conception Church (7 Church Loop, Tome, NM, 87060) on Tuesday, August 23, 2016, at 10:00 a.m., followed by a funeral mass at 11:00 a.m. Interment will follow at Tome Catholic Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Pancreatic Cancer Center at John Hopkins. As an avid UNM Lobo fan, we're asking that you wear red to the

services celebrate Lobo JT's life. Johnny's family would like to thank the many friends, family, and neighbors who have been so supportive. We take great solace in knowing that Johnny is now running around (on two legs) and making friends in heaven. Please sign Johnny's online tribute at romerofuneralhomenm.com Romero Funeral Home, 609 N. Main St. Belen, NM.

Cemetery Details

Tome Catholic Cemetery

Tome, NM 87060

Previous Events

Viewing

AUG 22. 5:00 PM (MT)

Sangre de Cristo Catholic Church
8901 Candelaria rd NE
Albuquerque, NM 87112

Rosary

AUG 22. 6:00 PM (MT)

Sangre de Cristo Catholic Church
8901 Candelaria rd NE
Albuquerque, NM 87112

Final Viewing

AUG 23. 10:00 AM (MT)

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church
7 Church Loop
Tome, NM 87060

Funeral Mass

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

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church
7 Church Loop
Tome, NM 87060

Tribute Wall

DB

“ As a young boy growing up I remember that Johnny always took the time to talk to you and treat you with as much respect as he treated the grown ups. I always would look forward to talking to him when I was with my dad Max. Johnny was always funny and upbeat. He will be greatly missed. Rest in peace..
David Baca

David Baca - August 25, 2016 at 11:27 AM



“ Maria Elena O'Canna lit a candle in memory of Johnny B. Torres



Maria Elena O'Canna - August 24, 2016 at 12:06 AM

TT

“ Johnny was a great friend and a wonderful person. He loved to joke around with people. I enjoyed working with him at the City as he would always make a hard day easier just by talking to him. There will never be any bigger Lobo fan then him. I never finished a conversation with him without some disccussion about the Lobos. I am going to miss seeing and talking to him at the football and basketball games. The upperdeck will never be the same without him.

My condolences go out to the famiily. May God Bless you in this special time of need.

Thomas Torres - August 23, 2016 at 09:05 AM

PP

“ *Preme And Lorraine Padilla lit a candle in memory of Johnny B. Torres*



Preme and Lorraine Padilla - August 22, 2016 at 07:52 PM

BJ

“ *Beatrice Jojola lit a candle in memory of Johnny B. Torres*



Beatrice Jojola - August 22, 2016 at 06:56 PM

SW

“ *Go Lobos! Miss seeing you up on the concourse above me at the men's Lobo basketball games. God bless you in heaven!*

*Sue Williams
Volunteer at Pres/Kaseman*

Sue Williams - August 22, 2016 at 05:26 PM

BL

“ Johnny Torres was a gentle hearted man who always put his faith in God first. He attended the same health plex as my mother did and would often ask her about her own health and wellbeing. I have had the honor of knowing him as well as his family since I was in elementary school as I grew up with his daughter Jessica. Mr. Torres has always been able to put a smile on my face and will be greatly missed. Sangre De Cristo Catholic Church may have lost a gentle hearted man, but it has also gained a new soul to call home. May your soul continue to bless our church. Much love as well as prayers to your family.



Beth LeCam - August 22, 2016 at 05:11 PM

PH

“ Beloved Friend, I know you are with us, surrounding those who loved you (and there are many) with your love and strength, to help us understand we are only saying "goodby for now"
Some of my sweetest memories are of you and all our crazy friends who campaigned together in the Valencia County of the 1970's. Your wonderful, wacky humor kept us all hopeful and sane. Well--- as sane as any of us were capable of. And, when we won that initial victory, I had such respect for you as we worked together. Then you went on and won your own victories.
I will never forget that you and Lenise took the time to come and see Gene and me in California. Though physical distance prevented us from seeing one another often, our love and respect for each other weathered that distance.
Knowing you helped make me a better person--You did that for all who had the good fortune to know you.
You will always be in my heart--
Love, always,
Pat Heth

Pat Heth - August 22, 2016 at 04:47 PM

DB

“ *My special memory of my cousin Johnny Torres*

It was the early 70s, I was 12 or 13 years old and Johnny was County Clerk for Valencia County. He hired me to help him set up voting machines on a Saturday. These were old style machines, 7 feet tall, on cast iron wheels with gray privacy curtains that hung half way down to the floor.

Johnny removed metal covers from each machine exposing an array of holes and wires. My job was to insert brass pins into the holes according to a chart Johnny had for each machine. I remember thinking the work was like playing the game Battleship because the pattern of holes was identified by a number and a letter. Also, the brass pins were similar in size and shape to the pegs used in Battleship.

After I was done, he checked my work and reinstalled the cover plates. I asked him, “What happens if I forget to put a pin in the hole?” He explained, without that pin a vote could not be recorded even if the voting lever was thrown. “You could vote for that guy all day long and he’d never get one.” I asked him if that ever happened. He raised his eyebrows, a little bit of his tongue exposed between his teeth and nodded. I learned so much that day. But the best part was lunch. We had sandwiches, chips, soda and Little Debbie cakes.

Johnny is one of the happiest people I have ever known. He was kind, honest and fun loving. May his happiness now be complete and eternal. Amen.

Dante Berry

Dante Berry - August 22, 2016 at 01:45 PM

RJ

“ Ray & Jeanine lit a candle in memory of Johnny B. Torres



Ray & Jeanine - August 22, 2016 at 01:37 PM

BE

“ From Cande, Berna, Julian
We give you our condolences



Berna - August 22, 2016 at 01:35 PM

RP

“ I will remember Johnny as a wonderful and happy person. He sure did take his job in the Tome Fiestas as the announcer of the cake walk very serious. Paul and were there to say hello and see what we could do to help. I knew nothing about the cake walk as it was my first time at the Fiestas. Johnny would say "Rose we need those cakes ready, if I have to work you got to as well" and I wasn't even part of the plan! It was so much fun and did I get teased from then on. Enjoyed seeing Johnny at the annual Sanchez Matanza. He loved to joke around. Most of all when talking to Johnny you felt better. My prayers to the Torres family. He was a lovely man and will be missed.



Rose Perez

Rose Perez - August 22, 2016 at 01:23 PM

LN

“ *Loretta Narrell lit a candle in memory of Johnny B. Torres*



Loretta Narrell - August 22, 2016 at 12:38 PM



“ *Tony Griego lit a candle in memory of Johnny B. Torres*



Tony Griego - August 22, 2016 at 12:21 PM



From the Griego family Moises Tony and Charles our deepest condolences to the Torres family....

Tony Griego - August 22, 2016 at 12:23 PM

ST

“ *STEVE&MAGDALENSANCHEZ lit a candle in memory of Johnny B. Torres*



STEVE&MAGDALENSANCHEZ - August 22, 2016 at 11:15 AM

BR

“ *Bea Resnick lit a candle in memory of Johnny B. Torres*



Bea Resnick - August 22, 2016 at 09:53 AM

RF

“ *Robert & Frances lit a candle in memory of Johnny B. Torres*



Robert & Frances - August 21, 2016 at 02:34 PM

TG

“ *The Moya's Rose, Maria, Agida & David and Gloria purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Johnny B. Torres.*



The Moya's Rose, Maria, Agida & David and Gloria - August 19, 2016 at 11:47 PM

MT

“ *Mary Trout lit a candle in memory of Johnny B. Torres*



mary trout - August 19, 2016 at 09:07 PM

NL

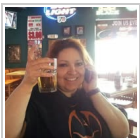
“ One of my favorite memory of Johnny is when he chauffeured Lenise and I to a Monkeys concert, such a gentleman. And when it was Lenise's birthday or their anniversary, he would send flowers to where we worked at Kaseman rehab. I admit I was kinda jealous since my husband is not the type who sends flowers. One more thing, when he came to visit Lenise at work, he always had a smile on his face. He always greeted me which made me feel special. I'm really sorry for your loss and I pray that all of you will have peace and comfort during this difficult time. Love, Nancy

Nancy E Liu - August 19, 2016 at 02:46 PM

DA

“ I well remember first meeting Mr. Johnny Torres; despite feeling poorly he was cheering on the Lobos. I met him shortly after that. We were able to have a number of good years together working on making him as healthy as possible. Every visit we had was a pleasure and it has been my honor to be involved in his healthcare. His joie de vie and positive outlook affected us all positively!! I know he will be watching us and cheering on all of us who are left here; the Lobos particularly need the help :). I will miss our visits. My sincere condolences Lenise. Fondly, Dr. Kathy Allen

Dr. Kathy Allen - August 19, 2016 at 02:43 PM



“ Our heart felt thoughts are with you at this time. My mom Erminia is there to greet him. She always spoke of such wonderful times when they worked together. We love and pray for all the family may God bless you with strength and love for this difficult time. Love to all , Chewie & Rose Mary Baca.

Rose Baca - August 19, 2016 at 12:28 PM

LG

“ My deepest sympathy to the Torres family. Johnny was just such a wonderful person that I don't know where to start. The most interesting and a "never forget moment", was one day some years ago, I was staying at my daughter's in Albuquerque, and I decided to go to Sangre de Cristo Church. I was seating in the pew before mass started thinking that I would not know anyone here. Lo and behold, who walks in, if it isn't Johnny Torres, a very familiar face. I saw him and he saw me, and we were both very glad to see each other. After that time, I made it a point to go to Sangre de Cristo every time I was there. He introduced me to his wonderful wife, and then I introduced him to my grandchildren, my daughter and my son-in-law, who they find out knew each other for a long time. In fact, Johnny and I had a mutual friend that he would keep me in touch with. Every time he came to the Treasurer's office when I was working there, he always asked for me, and I would gladly help him out and of course, we would catch up on everything. And the humor that this gentle man had was great! Rest in Peace, my friend.

Lucy Tapia Gonzales

Lucy Tapia Gonzales - August 19, 2016 at 11:51 AM

GO

“ I will always have fond memories of Tio Johnny whether it was at family gatherings discussing Lobo sports or the countless times he stopped in to say hello when I was working at Walgreens or now at AAA. Besides my wife, Maria Elena Tio Johnny was my biggest fan referring family members and anyone else he could to buy insurance from me! So blessed to have known Tio Johnny and will miss him dearly.

Glen O'Canna - August 19, 2016 at 11:24 AM

CM

“ *Cherie Masitti purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Johnny B. Torres.*



Cherie Masitti - August 19, 2016 at 11:16 AM

CS

“ *My sincerest condolences to Johnny's family...especially his family in Tome. I grew up in Tome with all the Torres family. Who can forget their wonderful and quaint store, Paul's Place! Johnny and most of his family worked there and one would always come out of the store with a smile. They were always courteous...Johnny was the jokester, always quick with his wit!! May God give all his family strength and courage in the days to come...and faith that he IS running on two legs in heaven and making family and friends laugh! 😊*

*With all Sincerity,
Clara Chavez Serafin*

Clara Serafin - August 19, 2016 at 11:05 AM

GO

“ *Uncle Johnny always had a beautiful smile and a kind word for everyone. We will always appreciate how welcoming he was when our son, Glen, married his god daughter, Maria-Elena. His life was an example of Christian love. Our sincere condolences to his entire family, Gary & Myra O'Canna*

Gary & Myra O'Canna - August 19, 2016 at 09:48 AM

OD

“ I Loved Johnny’s sense of humor, when I started working with Lenise Johnny would call to speak with her and she was busy and could not come to the phone I would ask Johnny if I could take a message and he would say let her know that her boyfriend called. :) I just loved when he would say that because to me that meant that he still loved her after all of those years of marriage.

Odela

Odela - August 19, 2016 at 09:46 AM

GO

“ Gary & Myra O’Canna lit a candle in memory of Johnny B. Torres



Gary & Myra O’Canna - August 19, 2016 at 09:41 AM

GM

“ Johnny

I will always remember the trip to Las Cruces for the Oliva Newton-John Concert. Frances Robert and I and think Loretta went too . After the concert we ran into Oliva Newton John and Johnny was so excited he ask her "can I give you my autograph" she just look her him her expression on her face was price-less that was so funny. Then we went to Juarez what a trip I remember taking a cab ride Johnny up front and we were int the back. The seat had a American flag for a seat cover we didn't know if we should sit on it or try to stand up. The cab driver offered us some peannuts and Johnny was enjoying his conversation with the driver and were hanging on for dear life

That was a fun trip and my first concert. Johnny you wil me missed your cousin Gogie

Gloria Moya - August 18, 2016 at 11:04 PM

JF

“ *Thinking of all of you! I know my mom and dad were there to greet him at the gates. And I'm sure the battles of Lobos vs Aggies continues even up in Heaven!*

Janet Davila Ferrera - August 18, 2016 at 07:53 PM

MP

“ *Dear Cousins,
I am so saddened to hear of Johnny's passing. I admired him for his bravery, not just now, but throughout his life.
Today and always, may loving memories bring you peace, comfort, and strength.
God Bless you all*



Mary Ellen (Torres) Pruess - August 18, 2016 at 05:19 PM

LN

“ So many fond memories of my fun loving cousin. His band the Jesters played at my wedding. I used to ride with him to business school in Albuquerque where we shared fun times in addition to getting educated.

One of my fondest & funniest memories was when he took us to Juarez & as we were headed back to the US we were asked if we had anything to declare & he would say " yea I've got a leg in the trunk". Always joking & making us laugh.

He always managed to gather all his siblings together when I would come home to visit from Louisiana & we would meet at Gardunos & enjoy dinner with everyone. Him & Lenise visited me & my husband in Louisiana during the 1984 Worlds Fair in New Orleans. Jessica was just a baby then. It was a wonderful visit.

After my husband died I moved back here & visited with him on many occasions usually at family gatherings in Tome. I would go visit his mom & Aunt Tillie he was always there spreading joy & laughter. I used to bring them my homemade Chocolate Peanut Butter cookies that they all loved.

I'm happy to say that I had the opportunity to visit him last Tuesday at the hospital & brought him some of those cookies & more importantly had the opportunity to pray with him & shared Gods word. I'm broken-hearted & sad to have lost a precious cousin but rejoicing that he is no longer suffering & home with Jesus. To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord. We love you Johnny. You will always be in our hearts. Say hello to my Jim.

Your prima,
Loretta Narrell

Loretta Narrell - August 18, 2016 at 04:26 PM

DR

“ *Dicky And Suzanne Romero lit a candle in memory of Johnny B. Torres*



Dicky and Suzanne Romero - August 18, 2016 at 08:18 AM