



Joseph Cordova

May 26, 1935 - April 25, 2022

1935-2022

Joseph (Joe) G. Cordova, age 86, a resident of Bosque Farms, NM, passed away on Monday, April 25, 2022. He was a world-renowned custom knife craftsman. Joe was a dedicated member of the Knifemaker's Guild, as well as the American Bladesmith Society (ABS). He served the ABS as Treasurer and as Chairman of the Board. Joe was a member of Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church where he sang with one of the church choirs for over 20 years. Singing was a dear passion of his. Joe served his country in the Air National Guard and US Airforce. He loved his adventures fishing and hunting with his grandchildren and friends. Joseph is preceded in death by his parents, Frank and Librada Cordova; brothers, Micky and Candido Cordova; youngest sister, Joyce Cordova; and sons, Joseph and Philip Cordova. He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Amelia (Kay) Cordova; daughters, Susan Suazo-Martinez and Maria Appenzeller; grand-daughters, Aubry Padilla and Rachel Appenzeller; grand-sons, Orlando (Sarra), Carlos (Jamie) and Lorenzo Suazo (Deborah); and great-grandchildren, Isaiah, Aria, Shane, Brandon, Gavin, Aidan and Jonny. Joe, an accomplished and respected custom knife craftsman, aided many of the younger talents in this field of interest. He always encouraged young learners to work towards success with honesty and pride. Joe took the time to share his knowledge and many skills he had acquired with others. A visitation will take place on Thursday, May 26, 2022 at

Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church at 11:00 a.m., followed by a funeral mass to be celebrated at 11:30 a.m. Interment will follow at Mt. Calvary Cemetery. In lieu of flowers the family requests a donation be sent in his name to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, 4550 Montgomery Ave. Suite 1100 N, Bethesda, MD 20814. Please sign Joseph's online tribute at www.romerofuneralhomenm.com Romero Funeral Home, 609 N. Main St., Belen, NM

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY **26.** 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (MT)

Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church
3674 Highway 47
Peralta, NM 87042

Funeral Mass

MAY **26.** 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM (MT)

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3674 Highway 47
Peralta, NM 87042

Interment

MAY **26.** 1:30 PM (MT)

Mount Calvary Cemetery
1900 Edith Blve. NE
Albuquerque, NM 87102

Tribute Wall

CB

“ Carol "Baughman" Butler lit a candle in memory of Joseph Cordova



Carol "Baughman" Butler - May 24, 2022 at 09:45 PM

KC

“ As Joe and Kay's neighbors, we are so very sorry to hear of Joe's passing. He was such a wonderful man and neighbor, and gifted craftsman. We loved hearing his forge start up, it meant Joe was at work making one of a kind knives. Our heart felt condolences to Kay and the Cordova family.

Karen and David Charlesworth - May 06, 2022 at 10:44 AM

LF

Extending condolences, from the Fastnacht family. Monte and Lana, Cody and Lenore and Ben and Leah Whiteker.

Lana Fastnacht - May 25, 2022 at 09:06 PM

BC

“ 3 files added to the album Memories Album



bryan del curto - April 29, 2022 at 12:43 PM

SS

“ Dad, from the times when you first agreed to be father to one more snotty nosed kid with an attitude to the time when you needed your hand held on your final journey, I have been blessed with all you had to give.

You taught me to shoot an arrow, how to vacuum carpet right, how to drive, how to make eggs the way you like them, how to tie off a loaded pickup truck and a zillion other things. Your influence, guidance and examples will forever impact my life. I miss you.



Susan Suazo-Martinez - April 29, 2022 at 07:23 AM

NC

“ Nathan, Torrie, Sawyer & Laura Carey purchased the Healing Tears - Blue and White for the family of Joseph Cordova.



Nathan, Torrie, Sawyer & Laura Carey - April 28, 2022 at 03:09 PM

KC

“ Joe (and Kay) have been an important influence in my life. Not only as Joe being my mentor, but as to their friendship , wisdom and kindness. They have treated me like family, a kid who came out of nowhere. Joe showed me his skills, his humor, his faith and his maturity. I learned a lot of what it meant to be a man from him. Our paths have varied, but I will never forget his kindness. Earth's loss is Heavens gain and now he has heard: "Well done thou good and faithful servant, enter into the joy of your Lord". Thank-you Joe

Keith Coleman - April 28, 2022 at 01:11 PM

CS

“ Tata,

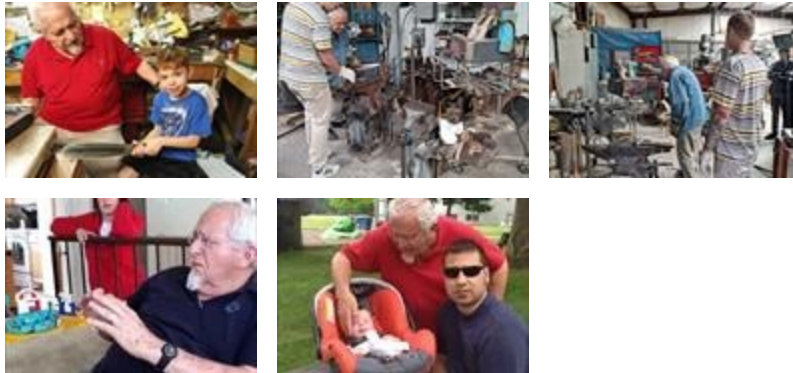
I am who I am today because of you. Thank you for never giving up on me. You taught me many valuable lessons. Some of them just took me a little longer to learn. Thanks for the love and support. And for the periodic well deserved thumps across the head. I need those.

I'm grateful for the time we got to spend together the last few years. I'm thankful that my boys got to know you. I appreciate you spending time with them. They will always remember drawing squiggles with you and helping them with their knives.

May your forge continue to burn, metal stay hot and your hammer strike true up there.

With all our love,

Carlos (Curly), Jamie, Shane, Brandon, and Gavin



Carlos Suazo - April 27, 2022 at 11:05 PM

LH

I have such fond memories of Joseph. His kindness and loving ways. His awesome knife making skills. My father cherished the knife Joe made for him and our family will keep Joseph in our hearts forever. Rest in peace dear Joseph. With love, Lonny Hernandez-Newell

Lonny Hernandez-Newell - April 28, 2022 at 05:08 AM

LH

Rest in peace Joseph

Lonny Hernandez-Newell - April 28, 2022 at 05:09 AM

AM

Such a beautiful tribute Carlos. We love you all, Cousin Amanda Medina-Baxter

Amanda Medina-Baxter - April 28, 2022 at 09:52 AM

CC

Joseph was a wonderful, kind man. The Eloy Cordova Family loved him, and we always looked forward to his visits. He and his wife came to my mom's 90th Birthday, and that made her so happy. There was a warmth in him, polite and kind to all of us, and his hello and goodbye hugs is something that will remain in my memories of him. Dear Joseph, Rest in peace, and give my mom and Dad one of your hugs when you meet them heaven. You have earned God's praise. Cathy Cordova

Cathy Cordova - April 28, 2022 at 03:18 PM

OS

“ Tata,

As a young man I did not recognize the impact you had on me while I was growing up. When I joined the Navy over 20 years ago, those lessons that you spent years instilling in me became more and more relevant. The example that you and grams have set for what a loving marriage should be, will continue to guide Sarra and I in our marriage.

I would not be the man I am today if you weren't for you. Having you pin my anchors the day I made Chief Petty Officer and placing on my cover when I was commissioned to Chief Warrant Officer, were some of the proudest days of my life. Those gestures were just that little something that I could publicly do to recognize the impact you have made on me.

I will love you and miss you always.

*Love,
Orlando*



Orlando Suazo - April 27, 2022 at 08:08 PM

DH

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Don Hethcoat - April 27, 2022 at 06:59 PM

DH

<< WE WERE AT A SHOW IN ALABAMA-WE WERE JUST LEAVING FROM BREAKFAST >>

DON HETHCOAT - April 27, 2022 at 09:23 PM

RL

“ *Mr Cordova I am truly grateful for our conversations you taking the time with me and my love of knives and also with my son Justin. There was not enough time to hear all you had to tell us but what we did share will be forever remembered in our hearts! Thank you for making an impact in my boys life, I know you are in peace and happiness now hopefully still making blades up there my friend!!*

*Ray
Leeann
Justin*

Ray lovato - April 27, 2022 at 06:34 PM

ML

“ *We send our condolences to the Cordova family.*



Mark and Crissie Leyba - April 27, 2022 at 12:26 PM