



Juan Maestas

May 28, 1936 - March 3, 2017

1936-2017

Johnny (Juan) A. Maestas, a resident of Jarales, New Mexico, was called home on Friday, March 3, 2017. Johnny was a member of Our Lady of Belen Catholic Church. Johnny had a strong faith in God, Jesus and our Blessed Mother Mary. He loved his wife Nila, of 56 years, and family very much. He was always ready to lend a helping hand and never met a stranger. For "Good Friday" he made the pilgrimage to Tome Hill for 33 years (wearing no shoes). He was very proud of serving in the Army. He was drafted and sent to Germany at the beginning of the Cold War. He loved jogging in marathons and competing in the Senior Olympics. He loved to talk about the hardships on the road while hauling hay and adobes; mostly fixing tires. He is preceded in death by his first son, Juan Maestas; parents, Jose Maria and Lugarda Maestas; siblings, Sam, Lupe, Leo, Ramon, Avelisio, Joe and Dolores. He is survived by his wife, Nila of 56 years; sons, Joe, Christopher and Anthony; daughter, Marie Kirtley; brother, Frank. All services will be held at Our Lady of Belen Catholic Church on Wednesday, March 8, 2017. A viewing will begin at 10:30 a.m., with a Rosary to be recited at 11:30 a.m., and Funeral Mass to be celebrated at 12:00 p.m. Interment will follow at Our Lady of Belen Memorial Gardens. Pallbearers are Jose Maestas, Anthony Maestas, Christopher Maestas, Stephen Kirtley and Michael Kirtley. Honorary Pallbearer is John Kirtley. Please sign Johnny's online tribute at www.romerofuneralhomenm.com Romero Funeral Home, 609 N. Main St. Belen, NM.

Previous Events

Viewing

MAR 8. 10:30 AM (MT)

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

Rosary

MAR 8. 11:30 AM (MT)

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Funeral Mass

MAR 8. 12:00 PM (MT)

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Interment

MAR 8 (MT)

Our Lady of Belen Memorial Gardens
101 N. 10th Street
Belen, NM 87002

Tribute Wall

JG

“ *Our condolences and prayers are with you all. Joseph and Georgia Garcia and Family*

Joseph Garcia - March 13, 2017 at 08:06 AM

JK

“ *Rest in peace dear friend. Im very happy to have known you and walked with you. Condolences to the wonderful family.*

Jen (Montoya) K. - March 10, 2017 at 11:51 PM


Christina
Kirtley

“ *I didn't get to know Grandpa Johnny very well but he came to my husband (his grandson, Gary Kirtley) and my wedding in 2009 and then we visited them at their home in NM shortly after that. He was very sweet and kind and just very welcoming to me being the new one in the family. I know he left a big hole in everyone's hearts. Just from the little that I did know about him I could sense that he was a good man. I am praying for his soul and all of the family.*



Christina Kirtley - March 10, 2017 at 04:23 PM

OR

“ *My dad Simon Ornelas loved him very much and always talked about how he loved running with him in the Senior Olympics. Rest In Peace sir.*

Ornelas - March 09, 2017 at 07:44 PM

Gary
Kirtley

“ *I will always remember the good times we had working together on the land. I have learned so much from grandpa and my only regret is not spending more time with him.*



Gary Kirtley - March 09, 2017 at 06:59 AM



“ *We had so much fun when we were kids with Uncle Johnny, great memories ! See you in heaven . Rest in His arms !*
Paul Castillo

Pablo Edwardo - March 08, 2017 at 08:53 PM

LP

“ *Lenore G Pena lit a candle in memory of Juan Maestas*



Lenore G Pena - March 08, 2017 at 05:41 PM



“ *Louise Maestas lit a candle in memory of Juan Maestas*



Louise Maestas - March 08, 2017 at 11:25 AM

SB

“ *Rest In Peace Uncle Johnny.*

Sandra Baeza - March 08, 2017 at 11:17 AM

BM

“ *Benjamin And Danielle Maestas lit a candle in memory of Juan Maestas*



Benjamin and Danielle Maestas - March 08, 2017 at 10:05 AM

CB

“ *Christina Benavidez lit a candle in memory of Juan Maestas*



Christina Benavidez - March 08, 2017 at 12:53 AM

CB

“ *My most sincere condolences to the entire family. I met Juan when I was going thru the rcia program there at our last of belen. He was always so full of information of the scripture. May he rest in peace. My prayers are with all of you during this time of loss and sorrow.*

Christina Benavidez - March 08, 2017 at 12:52 AM

Rain
Castillo

“ *Rain Castillo lit a candle in memory of Juan Maestas*



Rain Castillo - March 07, 2017 at 10:09 PM

BC

“ *Beverly Castillo lit a candle in memory of Juan Maestas*



Beverly Castillo - March 07, 2017 at 09:27 PM

EC

“ *Ernie L. Castillo lit a candle in memory of Juan Maestas*



Ernie L. Castillo - March 07, 2017 at 08:33 PM

EC

“ *Johnny enjoyed doing fun things with our kids, like treasure hunting , going to the Indian reservation and meeting with some very interesting native americans .And Johnny had nine lives. He had so many accidents throughout his life. Johnny , rest in peace with our Lord Jesus. Ernie and Barbara Castillo will miss you very much.*

Ernie L. Castillo - March 07, 2017 at 08:26 PM

MR

He was so faithful to his religion! We saw him every Sunday for mass. We had just seen him on Ash Wednesday! May he Rest In Peace. His work here is complete! So sorry to his wife for her loss! Manuel and Carol (Maestas) Romero.

Manuel and Carol (Maestas) Romero - March 08, 2017 at 04:01 AM

RK

“ *Robert And Marilyn Kaneshiro lit a candle in memory of Juan Maestas*



Robert and Marilyn Kaneshiro - March 07, 2017 at 06:53 PM

AC

“ *You will be dearly missed Uncle Johnny! I will always remember your happiness and positive outlook on life.*

Angela Castillo - March 07, 2017 at 06:13 PM

MB

“ *My heartfelt sympathies go out to the family.
R.I.P Johnny 🌺
Mildred C. Baldwin*



Millie Baldwin - March 07, 2017 at 12:17 PM

MA

“ *My Deepest Condolence to the Maestas family. McDonald's gang will surely miss Mr. Johnny Maestas.*



Monalisa Apodaca - March 07, 2017 at 11:13 AM

TC

“ *Johnny was always there to help whenever you needed it. He would go out of his way to help strangers also.*

Toby Castillo - March 07, 2017 at 11:03 AM

CE

“ *To the Maestas 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 more information on this you may want to go to JW.org. Sincerely yours Charlie.*

Charlie Espinosa - March 07, 2017 at 07:40 AM

KF

*Our family is very saddened at the loss of our dear friend Johnny. He was always so happy and joking that it made your day just talking to him. It is a great loss not only for his family and us, but for the town of Belen who he cared for so much...
He will be dearly missed...
Ken, Shirley, Danielle, Derek and Deidra Garcia.*

Ken Garcia & Family - March 07, 2017 at 09:20 PM

SJ

“ I am going to miss seeing you at the noon Mass and ushering the area where my family sits. Thanks for your many years of service. RIP Juan.



Sandra Jaquez - March 06, 2017 at 09:25 PM

BF

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Bertha Flores - March 06, 2017 at 12:38 PM

BF

Juan RIP

Bertha Flores - March 06, 2017 at 12:38 PM

LA

Sorry for your loss prayers for the family my dad saw him everyday at the Jarales post office he will be missed! Leroy & Armelina Chavez Family

Loretta Armijo - March 07, 2017 at 02:38 PM

BF

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Bertha Flores - March 06, 2017 at 12:37 PM

SM

“ *Mr. Maestas was an usher at our church. He was a role model to us, especially my son & I. We didn't know him personally but we just saw through his actions what a shining example of Christian life he modeled his life after. We will miss seeing you in mass, rest in peace & prayers for him & his family.*



S. McKnight - March 06, 2017 at 11:21 AM

WG

“ *Juan (Johnny) was a good Christian and a good man. Our Prayers are with the family. From all of the Wayne Golliehair family.*

Wayne Golliehair - March 06, 2017 at 10:35 AM

DM

“ *Desirae Molina lit a candle in memory of Juan Maestas*



Desirae Molina - March 06, 2017 at 05:03 AM

DR

“ *Dicky And Suzanne Romero lit a candle in memory of Juan Maestas*



Dicky and Suzanne Romero - March 05, 2017 at 02:35 PM

PR

“ *Very sorry for your loss! Joseph and Patricia Reagan*



Patricia Reagan - March 05, 2017 at 12:18 PM

JM

“ *Jennie Mascarena lit a candle in memory of Juan Maestas*



Jennie Mascarena - March 04, 2017 at 08:27 PM

BF

“ *Johnny you will be missed . Me and my family will miss you so much. God bless your family*



Bertha Flores - March 04, 2017 at 05:31 PM

LM

“ *Lenore Maez lit a candle in memory of Juan Maestas*



Lenore Maez - March 04, 2017 at 03:47 PM