



Karl Gene Thomas Chiwiwi

October 24, 1965 - April 21, 2026

Karl Gene Thomas Chiwiwi, age 60, of Isleta Pueblo, NM passed away on Tuesday, April 21st, 2026 at his home. Karl was a beloved husband, father, and grandfather. He was veteran of the US Army Rangers and a noted member of the community.

Karl was born and raised in Isleta Pueblo, and was a graduate of Los Lunas High school where he played football and ran track. Upon graduation he enlisted in the United States Army and was assigned to 1st Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment where he later graduated US Army Ranger School and served on active duty. Karl met his wife, Joan (Bradshaw) Chiwiwi while both were serving at Hunter Army Airfield, GA. Karl and Joan married in November of 1986 ,where he welcomed a daughter by marriage. Karl and Joan were honorably discharged in 1987, at which time they returned to New Mexico to make their home in Isleta where they welcomed three sons. Karl was a graduate of the Federal Law Enforcement Training Academy and spent the majority of his career in the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Department of Interior as a Facilities and Safety Specialist, working in several branches of focus within those agencies. He retired from federal service in 2023, however he continued to farm full-time, and formed his own contracting company, working with his sons in both endeavors.

Karl was a lifelong farmer, an avid hunter, a talented distance runner, and lover of music. Most of all, he was a family man and a devoted grandfather, spending as much time as possible with his grandchildren. His grandsons

were his constant companions, and granddaughters were known as his princesses. Karl was preceded in death by his parents, Jose D. Chiwiwi and Marie D. (Otero) Chiwiwi of Isleta, NM and his sister, Diane D. Chiwiwi of Isleta, NM as well as his father and mother-in-law, Alton & Michalena Bradshaw of Princetown, NY and his brother-in-law Paul Bradshaw of Schenectady, NY. He is survived by his wife, Joan (Bradshaw) Chiwiwi of Isleta, NM, his children Erika Patton (son Scott Patton) of Johnsburg, NY, Karl F. Chiwiwi (sons Jonathan & Jayce) of Isleta, NM, Justin Chiwiwi (daughter Olivia) of Los Lunas, NM, and Joshua Chiwiwi (wife, Marie, daughter Mia) of Isleta, NM. Karl is also survived by his sister Esther (Chiwiwi) Emond (husband Greg) of Laurel, MS, and his brother Aloysius Chiwiwi of Isleta, NM and his brothers-in-law Thomas Bradshaw (wife Patricia) of Rotterdam, NY, Curtis Bradshaw (wife Maggie) of Princetown, NY, Brian Bradshaw of Princetown, NY, Alton Bradshaw (wife Illana) of Mesa, AZ and sisters-in-law Lorriane Bradshaw McConnelee (husband Bruce) of Burnt Hills, NY, Ramona Bradshaw Decker (husband Sidney) of San Marcos, TX. Karl is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews.

A funeral mass will be held for Karl on Saturday, May 2nd, 2026. Visitation will begin at 9:30 am, followed by a Rosary with mass to begin at 11:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Guadalupe in Peralta, NM. Reception to follow at Bosque Farms Rodeo Association Cowboy Hall. Karl will be interred at the Angel Fire Veterans' Memorial cemetery on Monday, May 4th, 2026 at 1:00 pm.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 2. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM.

Our Lady Of Guadalupe Catholic Church Los Lunas

Rosary

MAY 2. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM.

Our Lady Of Guadalupe Catholic Church Los Lunas

Funeral Mass

MAY 2. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM.

Our Lady Of Guadalupe Catholic Church Los Lunas

Graveside Service

MAY 4. 1:00 PM - 1:30 PM.

Angelfire State Memorial Cemetery

Tribute Wall

TC

“ I'm so sorry to hear of Karl's death. He was a good, hardworking man. He fierecy loved his grandchildren. After all your hard work my friend you can finally rest in peace. Thank you for your service. TC and Howard

TC Chavez - May 03 at 02:19 PM

GC

“ Glenda Chavez lit a candle in memory of Karl Gene Thomas Chiwiwi



Glenda Chavez - April 30 at 10:26 AM

ME

“ Mary Encinias lit a candle in memory of Karl Gene Thomas Chiwiwi



Mary Encinias - April 29 at 06:27 PM

MG

“Karl was a brave and kind person that always knew how to light up a room with his smile. He will be missed. We always shared grand children stories, he was so very proud of those little ones. Rest in peace soldier and cowboy. My thoughts and prayers to all of the family. respectfully,
Mitzi Garcia-



Mitzi Garcia - April 29 at 05:44 PM

KS

“Kristen Stasi lit a candle in memory of Karl
Gene Thomas Chiwiwi



Kristen Stasi - April 29 at 01:18 PM

KS

Karl was the kind of man who made life brighter just babying in it. For over 30 years, I was blessed to call him my friend, and in all that time, he never changed in the ways that mattered most. He had the warmest, most genuine smile, the kind that put people at ease instantly, and a laugh that could lift any room. He spoke of his family with such pride and love - you could see in his eyes they were his greatest joy.

That same love extended to his friends. Karl was always there when you needed him without hesitation, ready to help, listen or simply share a moment or a joke.

He gave so much of himself both personally and through his work as a civil servant, and touched more lives than he probably ever realized. I will miss him deeply. God bless you Karl. Deepest sympathy to all of his friends and family.

V/r, Kristen Stasi

Kristen Stasi - April 29 at 01:28 PM

KS

Karl was the kind of man who made life brighter just by being in it.

Kristen Stasi - April 29 at 01:28 PM

AC

“ *Albert Chavez lit a candle in memory of Karl Gene Thomas Chiwiwi*



Albert Chavez - April 29 at 12:23 PM

AC

Thank you for your service to our country Sir.

Albert Chavez - April 29 at 12:25 PM

MZ

“ *Karl was a great man and loved his grandsons so much they were his “scrumptious” boys! He going to be missed so much.*



Melanie Zuni - April 29 at 10:07 AM

BT

“ *Rest in peace my brother.
RLTW*



Brian Twohig - April 29 at 08:39 AM

RP

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Rick Peterson - April 29 at 01:05 AM

LF

“ *We were so lucky to have a cousin like Karl who continued the matazas like Grandpa. Thank you Karl for all the beautiful memories. Love you Cuz. With Peace and Love. Laura Fletcher*

Laura V Fletcher - April 28 at 06:09 PM

TS

“ *Theresa Sanchez lit a candle in memory of
Karl Gene Thomas Chiwiwi*



Theresa Sanchez - April 28 at 06:03 PM