



## Michael John Torres

December 12, 1958 - July 14, 2025

1958 – 2025

Michael John Torres “Mike”, age 66 departed for eternal rest with his Lord and Savior on July 14, 2025. Services will take place on Tuesday, July 29, 2025, at Our Lady of Belen Catholic Church, beginning with a Visitation at 9:00 a.m., followed by a Rosary at 10:00 a.m., and Funeral Mass to be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. Interment Following at Our Lady of Belen Memorial Garden. He is survived by his children, Emerson Torres (Haven), Marie Torres, Dr. Billie Adams (Matthew), Keith Torres, Andrea Sutton (Carlos), Brittany Lucero (Christopher): grandchildren, Anyssa, Caleb, Luke, Elliot, Hudson, Alex, Adam, Peytyn, Lawson, Asher, Isaac and Ellie; siblings, Mercy Howell, Theresa Padilla (Alfred) and Pete Torres (Tenci); as well as many aunts, uncles and a wide circle of family members who loved him. Michael is preceded in death by his parents, Pete and Eligia Gurule Torres; son, Jeramiah Torres; paternal grandparents, Pedro and Mercedes Torres; maternal grandparents, Juan and Teresa Gurule; brother in law, William Howell; nephew, Carlos Maez and several uncles, aunts and relatives. He was born in 1958 and was a lifelong resident of Belen, NM. Michael attended St. Mary’s Catholic School and went on to graduate from Belen High School, where he played football for the Eagles. Perhaps one of Michael’s most passionate hobbies was riding anything with a powerful motor. He could do a wheelie all the way down First street for the thrill of it, though he always feared his mother watching him. Michael loved to ride his off-road vehicles at the

river, often joined by his lifelong friends. He enjoyed boating and spending time with his sisters and family at Elephant Butte. In his final years, he cherished being with his children and his furry companions-Missy and Blitz. Michael found joy in life's simple pleasures, going for ice cream, cruising through Belen with family, and visiting his brothers' beautiful home in Taos. But above all he delighted in spending time with his grandchildren and being surrounded by family at gatherings. Michael's career primarily followed in the footsteps of his parents in the family business, Pete's Café where he held multiple roles. He will always be remembered for his infamous food truck, "Mike's Munchies." Though his health eventually made it difficult for him to continue working, he never allowed it to take away his spirit or sense of humor. Pallbearers will be Caleb Torres, Luke Garcia, Elliot Adams, Hudson Adams, Isaac Lucero, Jay Torres, Mario Maez and Chris Padilla. Honorary Pallbearers will be Lawson Sutton, Asher Sutton, Alex Torres, Adam Torres, Barney Jaramillo and Steven Scalf. Please sign Mike's online tribute at [www.romerofuneralhomenm.com](http://www.romerofuneralhomenm.com) Romero Funeral Home, 609 N. Main St., Belen, NM.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 29. 9:00 AM (MT)

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

## Rosary

JUL 29. 10:00 AM (MT)

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Belen, NM 87002

## Funeral Mass

JUL 29. 10:30 AM (MT)

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

## Interment

JUL 29. 11:30 AM (MT)

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

# Tribute Wall

MK

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Corine & Jim Knecht*

Mr. & Mrs. James Knecht - July 29, 2025 at 09:34 AM

CS

*He was such a kind person.*

carol sanchez - August 01, 2025 at 02:13 PM

AO

“ *Alberta Olguin lit a candle in memory of Michael John Torres*



Alberta Olguin - July 26, 2025 at 11:31 PM

AJ

“ *Annette Olguin Jaramillo lit a candle in memory of Michael John Torres*



Annette Olguin Jaramillo - July 26, 2025 at 11:31 PM

GB

*We lived next door to the Torres family in 1961. The house was their rental property. Our son Troy loved playing with Michael . He was Troy's first playmate. Pete's Cafe was always on our list to visit every time we visited Belen. So sorry for your loss. RIP Michael 🌹*

Gloria Boliver - August 15, 2025 at 02:09 PM

BR

“ Barbara Rodriguez lit a candle in memory of Michael John Torres



Barbara Rodriguez - July 26, 2025 at 04:38 PM

AB

“ To all Michael's family: We are so sorry to hear of Michael passing. What a nice guy~~, so friendly & always smiling. We had a nice conversation with him at Pete's, just maybe 3 weeks ago, & there he was smiling. I know he was loved and will be missed by so many. REST IN PEACE MICHAEL 🌹🙏



Annabelle Barela - July 25, 2025 at 06:06 PM

PR

“ Phil and Sharie Romero



Phillip Romero - July 24, 2025 at 07:02 PM

PT

“ At Saint Mary's he always sat behind me due to our names. I remember him as always making me laugh. Good memory, may You Rest in Peace. Save me a seat lol 💜



Phyllis Tabet - July 24, 2025 at 03:23 PM

KG

“ Ken Garcia lit a candle in memory of Michael John Torres



Ken Garcia - July 24, 2025 at 12:02 PM

JU

“ Bless your Family Mike and may they grieve in peace. And the friends we share on this page also Grieve in peace. Though you are in heaven you bring a smile on our faces as we share the precious moments went spent with you. You gave us laughter and memories that we shall cherish. Thank you for being in our lives . love you Mike now go ride . Jude

jude - July 24, 2025 at 11:45 AM

DS

“ May our Dear Lord bless Michael's memory.

Danny Sachs - July 24, 2025 at 10:06 AM

FC

“ Floyd And Cindy Carabajal lit a candle in memory of Michael John Torres



Floyd and Cindy Carabajal - July 23, 2025 at 08:38 PM

BT

“ Thank you, Mike T, for becoming my best friend! I'm surely going to miss you, Fly high with the angels... 🙏🌸✨



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**Billie Alice Sanchez Torres** - July 21, 2025 at 06:13 PM

RS

“Lit a candle In Memory of Michael John Torres.” 🦋

My most sincere condolences 🌸 to The Torres Family. Michael will be be greatly missed by all whose lives he touched. Prayers to all of Michael's Family at this most difficult time.

Sincerely,  
Ruby Salas



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**Ruby Salas** - July 21, 2025 at 06:03 PM

TC

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with all of Mikes family during this most difficult time. He was a good friend we had lots of fun times at the "B" and the river he was always happy and smiling. May he rest in peace. Love from Theresa Sanchez and Carlos Lopez



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**Theresa and Carlos** - July 21, 2025 at 04:15 PM

PP

“ Preme And Lorraine Padilla lit a candle in memory of Michael John Torres



Preme and Lorraine Padilla - July 21, 2025 at 10:28 AM

CR

“ Cynthia Romero sent a virtual gift in memory of Michael John Torres



Cynthia Romero - July 20, 2025 at 10:52 PM

CG

“ I was deeply saddened to hear of Michael's passing. Please accept my heartfelt condolences for your loss. Michael was not only my childhood friend but someone whose kindness and spirit touched the lives of many. I will always cherish the memories we shared, and I hope you find comfort in knowing how much he meant to so many. My thoughts are with the family during this difficult time, and I wish you strength, peace, and comfort in the days ahead.  
Sincerely, Charles Garcia

Charles Garcia - July 20, 2025 at 08:40 PM

EG

“ To the Torres family my sincere condolences to you. Emerson, Marie, and Billie you all hold a special place in my heart. May peace and comfort though Jesus Christ help you at this time, and may Jer welcome his dad with open arms.

Eileen gabaldon - July 20, 2025 at 04:12 PM

MS

“ Michael will be missed as he joined us at Alice's or my house for Christmas, Easter, and every holiday or birthday celebration. Nothing stopped Mike. He just kept on trucking. Gathered in Jesus with Jeremiah now, rest in peace and in the arms of Our Blessed Mother Mary whom you loved so much.

Martha Sanchez - July 20, 2025 at 09:20 AM

ML

“ Our deepest condolences go out to Michael's family and friends. Our prayers are with Michael's family and friends. I remember his food truck at lunchtime when I was in Jr. High. My friends and I would get a Navajo taco and a soda, I think it costed \$1.25, definitely lower than \$2. May Michael be resting in Jesus Christ's Peace.



Mark and Crissie Leyba - July 19, 2025 at 06:06 PM

AP

“ Albert, Francine & Kage Peña lit a candle in memory of Michael John Torres



Albert, Francine & Kage Peña - July 19, 2025 at 01:49 PM

JA

“ Jessica Romero Aragon



Jessica Romero Aragon - July 19, 2025 at 02:52 AM

JA

“ *Jessixa Romero Aragon lit a candle in memory of Michael John Torres*



Jessixa Romero Aragon - July 19, 2025 at 02:51 AM

LM

“ *Rest in peace, Michael.*



Linda Maxwell - July 18, 2025 at 10:12 PM

DS

“ *Darlene Sanchez lit a candle in memory of Michael John Torres*



Darlene Sanchez - July 18, 2025 at 07:33 PM

SR

“ *Sky Romero lit a candle in memory of Michael John Torres*



Sky Romero - July 18, 2025 at 07:06 PM

CE

“ Charles Eaton lit a candle in memory of Michael John Torres



Charles Eaton - July 18, 2025 at 06:59 PM

MH

“ Going to visit you on Saturdays and you asking me, we are going to Dion's aren't we Sis, remember you have to get Mona, your secretary, cigs in Isleta right, what could I say to my precious Bro!! U Bet!!

Mercy Howell - July 18, 2025 at 04:29 PM

CG

“ Sending our condolences to the Torrez family. Wilmer and Consie Gabaldon



Consie Gabaldon - July 18, 2025 at 04:27 PM

DU

“ Diana Phillips Ulibarri lit a candle in memory of Michael John Torres



Diana Phillips Ulibarri - July 18, 2025 at 04:06 PM

AP

“ Albert & Linda Peña lit a candle in memory of Michael John Torres



Albert & Linda Peña - July 18, 2025 at 02:44 PM

MC

“ Max Y Rosemarie Cordova lit a candle in memory of Michael John Torres



Max y Rosemarie Cordova - July 18, 2025 at 01:17 PM

EW

“ Tom and I are so sorry for your loss. Because we were neighbors during Michael's younger years, and our daily interactions, he holds special memories in my family's lives. He will be truly missed and will be included in our ofrenda.



Edwina Weathersby - July 18, 2025 at 12:37 PM

PO

“ Patricia Olguin lit a candle in memory of Michael John Torres



Patricia Olguin - July 18, 2025 at 12:34 PM

AS

“ Adela Sanchez lit a candle in memory of Michael John Torres



Adela Sanchez - July 18, 2025 at 09:42 AM

AL

“ Anthony And Velda Lovato lit a candle in memory of Michael John Torres



Anthony and Velda Lovato - July 18, 2025 at 09:39 AM



“ Marie Sedillo lit a candle in memory of Michael John Torres



Marie Sedillo - July 17, 2025 at 10:02 PM

BS

“ Betty Sanchez sent a virtual gift in memory of Michael John Torres



Betty Sanchez - July 17, 2025 at 09:11 PM

TS

“ Theresa Sanchez lit a candle in memory of Michael John Torres



Theresa Sanchez - July 17, 2025 at 08:39 PM

RS

“ Roberta Sanchez lit a candle in memory of Michael John Torres



Roberta Sanchez - July 17, 2025 at 08:32 PM

AS

“ Aurora Sanchez lit a candle in memory of Michael John Torres



Aurora Sanchez - July 17, 2025 at 08:31 PM

CL

“ CLARA lit a candle in memory of Michael John Torres



CLARA - July 17, 2025 at 08:04 PM

PL

“ Michael was a very dear friend. We met in Jr High School. We had many fun times together. Went on many scary rides on his motorcycle. Glad we survived. Became good friend with his Ex-Wife Alice. What an amazing woman she is. We have stayed friends all these years. I loved Michael's laugh. He was always smiling. Last time I saw him was in February. And yes, he laughed. Friends like Michael are a gift. I will treasure all my memories. We sure had fun. My deepest condolences to his family. Stay close and hold each other tight. Fly with the angels. Gonna take a toke for you. Always  
Patricia Lopez-Termini

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Patricia Lopez-Termini - July 17, 2025 at 07:29 PM

RO

“ Ron&Debbie Ortega lit a candle in memory of  
Michael John Torres



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Ron&Debbie Ortega - July 17, 2025 at 06:54 PM

TR

“ Trish Romero lit a candle in memory of  
Michael John Torres



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Trish Romero - July 17, 2025 at 05:14 PM

LE

“ *Leroy,Baca lit a candle in memory of Michael John Torres*



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**Leroy,Baca** - July 17, 2025 at 05:01 PM

JT

“ *John Peter And Gloria Torres lit a candle in memory of Michael John Torres*



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**John peter and Gloria Torres** - July 17, 2025 at 03:35 PM

AT

“ *I'm so saddened to hear of Michael's passing. I've know Michael and his family for many years. Have great memories of him when I worked at Pete's Cafe in years gone by. The Torres' were like my second family . Condolences to all of his family and may God grant you the strength and comfort during this difficult time. Rest in Paradise Michael, you will be missed 🌹 🙏*

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**Angie and Benji Torres** - July 17, 2025 at 02:24 PM

BZ

“ My condolences to all of Mike’s children and the Torres family..Your dad touched many people’s lives—mine included. I’m grateful to have him as my cousin ❤️ some of my best memories are when we lived with my auntie Eligia and uncle Pete so a short time, and of course, Mike, we did so many crazy things together I remember us running across the railroad tracks to the restaurant and then we’d run across the alley to Eva’s and then across the street to the Sugar Bowl Lanes . Mike was always a fun guy, Lots of great memories



“You always had a smile on your face Mike “  
and this how I will remember you, though you suffered so much especially this last year you will always be in my thoughts & prayers. God Bless you cousin, may you Rest in Peace with your mom and dad and Jeremiah..🙏  
Bernadette & Marty Zamora

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**Bernadette Zamora** - July 17, 2025 at 01:05 PM

KS

“ May Mike rest in peace. My God grant his children Emerson, Marie and Billie strength in his passing. I pray Jeremiah and his Dad are together again.



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**Karen Siegman** - July 17, 2025 at 01:03 PM

MK

“ Marilyn And Robert Kaneshiro lit a candle in memory of Michael John Torres



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**Marilyn and Robert Kaneshiro** - July 17, 2025 at 01:01 PM

MH

“ Mike and I shared a special time in our lives when we were in 7th and 8th grade. We rode everywhere, me on my little Honda 50cc and Mike on his bigger motorcycle. It was a special time in our lives!

Michael A Hawkes - July 17, 2025 at 12:54 PM

DT

“ Dan & Donna Trujillo lit a candle in memory of Michael John Torres



Dan & Donna Trujillo - July 17, 2025 at 12:23 PM

GG

“ Glen & Mary Gabaldon lit a candle in memory of Michael John Torres



Glen & Mary Gabaldon - July 17, 2025 at 12:07 PM