



Patrick Anthony Romero

November 27, 1941 - March 21, 2014

1941-2014

Patrick Anthony Romero, a resident of Belen, NM born in Las Nutrias, NM to the late Arsenio and Mela Jojola Romero. Pat fought the good fight, he finished the race and kept the faith (2 Timothy 4:7). Pat passed away in the early morning of Friday, March 21, 2014 at home after a two week hospitalization. Pat passed into the loving arms of his Lord and Savior on what would have been his son Dion's 47th birthday, and a few hours after the start of spring, the season of new life and renewal and Pat's favorite time of the year. He was already planning his garden and had plans to fix his well. Pat was owner and operator of Romero Building Maintenance for 45 years. He loved his work and always said God gave him that job. He was a volunteer firefighter for Belen for 25 years. Pat relished in the joy of going dune bugging with Matt and Libby, Norbert and Oly and a host of other friends. He loved to make people laugh and had a special talent to do just that. He loved life and always lived to the fullest. Everyone Pat called a friend was special to him and he "would climb the highest mountain" for any of them. His most fervent desire was always to share God with others and pray for the salvation of those who did not know God. God was Pat's best friend and he was not ashamed to let others know that. Pat had the faith of a child, oh that we all did. He was preceded in death by his parents, Arsenio and Mela Jojola Romero; his mother-in-law, Vetrice Trembly VanHavermaat; son, Dion Romero; and infant son, Gregory David Romero. Pat is survived by his wife of 31 years, Patricia VanHavermaat-Romero; daughter, Jermaine Ulibarri and husband, Kevin; and son, Gino Romero and wife, Delfina; grandchildren, Alyssa Romero, Jonathan Romero and Marcos Balido Romero and his mother, Leticia; step-grandchildren, Kylee and Emilio Ulibarri; he was the oldest of nine, he is also survived his sisters, Clara and husband, Richard, Mary Helen Griego, Lorraine and husband, Henry, Annette and husband, Jess and brothers, Leo and wife, Judy, Joe and wife, Georgene, Frank and wife, Mary and Rudy; and brothers-in-law, Joe VanHavermaat and wife, Janice, Danny VanHavermaat and wife, Linda, John VanHavermaat and wife, Lisa; Pat is also survived by his beloved uncles, aunties, nephews, nieces, cousins, and by many many friends that meant the world to him.

A Viewing will be held at Romero Funeral Home Chapel, on Wednesday, March 26, at

4:00 p.m. A Final Visitation will take place at Calvary Chapel Rio Grande Valley in Belen (the old Wal-Mart) on Friday, March 28, at 5:00 p.m. with a Funeral Services to begin at 6:00 p.m. Interment will be private, held at a later date for family. Pat supported Mano De Ayuda in Mexico and Joy Junction in Albuquerque should you wish to donate in lieu of flowers in Pat's memory. Sign Pat's online tribute at www.romerofuneralhomenm.com
Romero Funeral Home, 609 N. Main Street, Belen, NM Romero Funeral Home, 609 N. Main St., Belen, NM

Cemetery Details

Las Nutrias

1010 HWY 304
Los Nutrias, NM

Previous Events

Viewing

MAR **26.** 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (MT)

Romero Funeral Home Chapel
609 N. Main St.
Belen, NM 87002
(505) 864-8501
romerofuneralhome@comcast.net
<https://www.romerofuneralhomenm.com>

Final Visitation

MAR **28.** 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM (MT)

Calvary Chapel Rio Grande Valley
19381 New Mexico 314,
Belen,, NM 87002

Funeral Service

MAR **28.** 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (MT)

Calvary Chapel Rio Grande Valley
19381 New Mexico 314,
Belen,, NM 87002

Tribute Wall

LS

“ Pat & I went to high school together. We were friends then and I am really sorry to hear of his passing. Larry Standard

Larry Standard - May 05, 2014 at 04:10 PM

TR

Thank you.

trish - May 15, 2014 at 11:28 PM



“ Trish, Jermaine, Gino, and family
My thoughts and prayers go out to you every day! Pat's love of The Lord played an integral part of my now being saved and my ongoing relationship with The Lord! Pat's persistence would not allow me to just know "of The Lord" but to build that NECESSARY relationship WITH The Lord, so that I may know him personally and intimately! Looking back at the time that I knew Pat, I can't think of a single time that he didn't make me smile or laugh! Although, my heart aches, because I know I won't get to see him again, until The Lord calls me home, I can't help but smile and rejoice knowing that Pat KNEW the love of Jesus and is visiting with him now!

Adam Lovato (aka Rudy to Pat, lol)

Adam Lovato - April 16, 2014 at 07:38 AM

TR

Thank you Adam. I burst out laughing when you said aka Rudy to Pat! That was so Pat. I remember that. Thank you for your kind words. What a great day of rejoicing that will be when we all are together with God!!!!!! Blessings Adam.

Trish - April 16, 2014 at 01:35 PM

DO

“ Dolores lit a candle in memory of Patrick Anthony Romero



Dolores - April 10, 2014 at 10:32 PM

TR

Thank you so much!

trish - April 11, 2014 at 04:52 PM

TM

“ Tony, Judy, Steven & Mary lit a candle in memory of Patrick Anthony Romero



Tony, Judy, Steven & Mary - April 08, 2014 at 11:32 AM

TR

Thank you so much!

Trish - April 09, 2014 at 09:22 AM

MG

“ Patricia we know you are hurting because we are too. Pat was the perfect Friend & Neighbor. He is and will Always be missed. May God Bless You & Your Family, we are here for You when you need us. Love, Tony Padilla, Judy, Steven, & Mary

Mary Gabaldon - April 08, 2014 at 11:28 AM

TR

Thank you Tony, Judy, Steven and Mary. Adela, Bing, Pat.....our neighborhood family will NEVER be the same. I feel so blessed to have "family" in my "hood". :0) Again, thank you for your love and kindness. Blessings!

Trish - April 09, 2014 at 09:22 AM

MC

“ Trish and Romero family,
Our condolences prayers and thoughts are with you at this time. It is always with great sorrow to hear of the passing of a classmate and friend. Jean and I have lived in Colorado since 1968 but I was born in Pueblito's and knew Pat, his parents and siblings as neighbors. I just finished reading all the wonderful tributes that friends and relatives have written about Pat.
Pat was truly a man of God who loved to share his faith and his love for his fellow man. What a comfort and blessing to know that Pat is resting in the arms of the Savior . As a brother and sister in Christ we know that when God calls us home we will be able to see all of our fellow Christian friends & family.

May God bless and keep you in comfort during this time of sorrow.

Marty & Jean Chavez
Lakewood, Colo

Marty Chavez - March 28, 2014 at 12:55 PM

TR

Thank you Marty and Jean. Yes, as brothers and sisters in Christ, we do know we will have a wonderful reunion one day! In the words of a Bill Gaither song, "because HE lives, we can face tomorrow!" Thank you again!

trish - March 28, 2014 at 02:27 PM

ML

“ *Trish: Remembering Pat and his gentle kindness as my dear friend, Chela Gore, and I would walk to the park and often stopped to visit him in the front yard. He and Chela will be smiling in heaven. Sincere condolences to you and your family.*
Marge Lewis

Marge Lewis - March 28, 2014 at 01:03 AM

TR

Thank you Marge.....as much as Pat loved his flowers and grass, he loved being in the yard so he could visit with friends. Thank you so much for your kind words. We missed Chela too. Now two of the brightest stars in our night sky!

trish - March 28, 2014 at 02:25 PM

MP

“ *Marlene Chavez Pino lit a candle in memory of Patrick Anthony Romero*



Marlene Chavez Pino - March 27, 2014 at 11:50 AM

MP

Romero Family, So sorry for your loss. Marlene Chavez Pino

Marlene Chavez Pino - March 27, 2014 at 11:50 AM

TR

Thank you so much!

trish - March 27, 2014 at 10:52 PM

GG

“ *Trish, I am so sorry for your loss. It is a loss for our community also. Pat took good care of his mom and dad. He and his dad would go for coffee every day. Pat was genuine and real, Pat was admired by many people for his kindness, faith and love for fellow humans. We were all fortunate to have Pat in our lives. Thank you Pat for everything.*

Gilbert Garcia

Gilbert Garcia - March 26, 2014 at 04:54 PM

TR

Thank you Gilbert.....I totally agree with everything you said about Pat. He was an amazing son, friend, dad and husband and will be deeply missed. Again, thank you.

Trish - March 27, 2014 at 05:40 AM

KT

“ *Kristin & Terri lit a candle in memory of Patrick Anthony Romero*



Kristin & Terri - March 26, 2014 at 10:57 AM

TR

Thank you.

trish - March 26, 2014 at 12:23 PM

LT

“ *Dear Patty and Family,*

Please accept our deepest sympathy on the loss of your husband, Pat. You and your family are in our hearts and prayers. I've have known you since grade school and saw you at a class reunion several years ago. My husband and I now live in Virginia but Belen and our classmates are always in our thoughts. I just wanted you to know that Reggie and I are thinking of you and your family at this time. This morning I read the wonderful notes that people have written about Pat and I can tell what a wonderful and loving man he was. God bless you and know that we care.

Love,

Linda Garcia Trujillo and Reggie Trujillo

Linda Garcia Trujillo - March 25, 2014 at 10:13 AM

TR

Yes, Linda and Reggie....I remember the class reunion when we got to see and visit with you all. And, I also remember our school days! :0) Thank you so much for taking the time to let us know that your are praying and that you care. Both mean more than we can say. And, yes, Pat was a man among men! A very, very wonderful man!!!!!! Thank you again Linda and Reggie.

trish - March 26, 2014 at 10:02 AM

AN

“ Hi Patty Germaine Gino & Family

As I know you are, we are still struggling with believing that Pat is home with Our Beloved Savior> I know Jesus greeted him with "Well done my good and Faithful Servant, come enter into your rest." Pat was a wonderful living example of always being a servant of God and yes you are right he was never bashful or ashamed to share the True and Simple Gospel of our Lord Jesus. I sure in my younger years he had to constantly pray for Me and Donnie but it worked, as we were born again many years ago and our children and grandchildren walk strongly with Jesus. I loved having Pat over to the farm because after my Aunt Sid passed away he who would tolerate me talking about and showing him our 4 legged family members. Pat would always tease me about getting one more horse or keeping one more baby goat. But he would love being around them when ever he came out. Well remember we may sorrow but there is a great party going on in heaven as a son has made it home to always be with the Lord. Of that there is no doubt. Take care remember we are always here for all of you

Luv

Anne & Donnie Currier

Anne - March 24, 2014 at 08:21 PM

TR

Thank you Ann. He did enjoy going out to see you all. And, matter of fact, he prayed for you guys all the time. He really respected Donnie and often said he wished he could make him better. He did love the Currier's, who just happened to be cousins too!

Trish - March 25, 2014 at 04:38 AM

AC

“ Anne & Donnie Currier lit a candle in memory of Patrick Anthony Romero



Anne & Donnie Currier - March 24, 2014 at 08:07 PM

TR

Thanks Anne and Donnie.

Trish - March 25, 2014 at 04:35 AM

AL

“ Hi Patty, Germaine & Gino

I am so sorry that Pat is gone. I can hardly beleive it. I loved him from the first time I met him so 30 plus years ago. He was always my special newpew and I could always talk to him about anything and he would put up with his Auntie. When I would see he around town or when he came to the farm his special smile would light up the room. I know he is with our Lord and Savior Jesus now and as you said he is planting his spring garden with Dion in Heaven. Remember I love all of you and I am there for you always.

Luv

Auntie "Vicki Long"

Auntie Vicki Long - March 24, 2014 at 08:05 PM

TR

Thank you Auntie. Pat loved you too. And, so do I.

Trish - March 25, 2014 at 04:34 AM

V(

“ Vicki Long (Auntie) lit a candle in memory of Patrick Anthony Romero



Vicki Long (Auntie) - March 24, 2014 at 07:55 PM

TR

Thank you Auntie.

Trish - March 25, 2014 at 04:33 AM

DC

“ Trish and family,

My deepest condolences go out to all of you! I pray God shower everyone of you with His peace, comfort and love through the days ahead. Joe, as well as I, valued your and Pat's friendship! Much love!

Diane Chávez

Diane Chávez - March 24, 2014 at 02:36 PM

TR

Thank you Diane. And, we valued your and Joe's as well.

Trish - March 25, 2014 at 04:32 AM

EB

“ Trish,
I can't believe Pat is gone. He was such a icon in the community. He will truly be missed. I'm not worried about Pat, he is in the Glory of Gods Love. Please Trish if you need anything, please call me. Love You.

Liz Baca

Elizabeth Baca - March 24, 2014 at 01:43 PM

TR

Thank you Liz. ILY2.

Trish - March 25, 2014 at 04:31 AM

JS

“ *Joe A. & Agnes Sanchez-Garcia lit a candle in memory of
Patrick Anthony Romero*



Joe A. & Agnes Sanchez-Garcia - March 24, 2014 at 01:35 PM

TR

Thank you Agnes and Joe.

Trish - March 25, 2014 at 04:30 AM

DA

“ *Dearest Trish,
My thoughts and prayers are with you at this most difficult time. There is peace
now that he is with the Lord. My heart goes out to you to wish you the same.
Love, Donna Alfonso*

Donna Alfonso - March 24, 2014 at 11:47 AM

TR

Thank you Donna. He is at peace now.....a very much deserved peace. ILY too.

Trish - March 25, 2014 at 04:30 AM

CV

“ *May the Peace of the Lord be with you all during this most difficult time.
Mr. & Mrs. Charles Vaisa*

Charles & Amanda Vaisa - March 24, 2014 at 11:35 AM

CV

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Charles & Amanda Vaisa - March 24, 2014 at 11:35 AM

TR

Thank you.

Trish - March 25, 2014 at 04:29 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of
Patrick Anthony Romero.*



March 24, 2014 at 11:03 AM

EV

“ *Eugenia Vigil-Pena lit a candle in memory of Patrick
Anthony Romero*



Eugenia Vigil-Pena - March 24, 2014 at 10:29 AM

TR

Thank you so much!

Trish - March 25, 2014 at 04:28 AM

KK

“ *Kay Killebrew lit a candle in memory of Patrick Anthony
Romero*



Kay Killebrew - March 24, 2014 at 06:19 AM

TR

Thank you Kay.

Trish - March 25, 2014 at 04:26 AM

DC

“ Trish, Germaine, and Gino, we are so sorry about our beloved friend, Pat. We have such good memories of all the dune buggy rides and trips we took. And all the good times and laughter we had together. We always remember when we went out dancing and he borrowed some cowboy boots that were a little too big for him but we danced the night away. Remember. Trish? May God Bless you all and give you comfort through this trial. With all our love, Country and Dolores, Ernest, JJ and Mildred.

Dolores Contreras - March 23, 2014 at 07:26 PM

TR

Oh my yes Dolores.....I do remember the boots! Pat used to bring it up every so often and we'd laugh. Pat sure did love you guys. Thank you for your words to comfort.

Trish - March 25, 2014 at 04:27 AM

CS

“ Trish and Family,
My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.
Pat will be missed dearly and will always hold a special place in the heart of the Sanchez family.
God bless you.
With Much love, Celina Sanchez



Celina Sanchez - March 23, 2014 at 07:18 PM

TR

Thank you Celina.

Trish - March 25, 2014 at 04:25 AM

JE

“ Trish, I remember when Pat came to my house and shampooed all my carpet so I could get my house sold. He wouldn't take a dime. He helped so much during a difficulty time for me. My thoughts and prayers are with you and all the family right now. Love you!! Jeri

Jeri - March 23, 2014 at 12:58 PM

TR

I remember that time too Jeri. He really wanted to try to help you out....Thanks Jeri! ILY too.

Trish - March 25, 2014 at 04:24 AM

MS

“ Trish we share your grief in the loss of Pat. You are in our hearts and prayers.
Love you! Larry and Maxine Scripter

Maxine Scripter - March 22, 2014 at 10:27 PM

TR

Thank you Maxine and Larry. We do share grief and loss don't we Maxine. ILY!

Trish - March 23, 2014 at 06:25 AM

CG

“ Awesome man of God! Our deepest condolences and prayers to Patty and family
for the loss of Pat Romero! A friend and brother in Christ Jesus! Always in our
Hearts, Charles & Bernadette Giron :+)

Charles Giron - March 22, 2014 at 07:32 PM

TR

Thank you Charly and Bernadette. Pat loved running into you guys and we so enjoyed
the wonderful visit we had at Denny's that day! God bless you guys!

Trish - March 23, 2014 at 06:29 AM

FT

“ Trish and Family.
WE, Pat's extended family are the losers because of our brother and dear friend
Pat has
entered eternal life. Some might ask how do I know that? Because Pat prayed a
simple
prayer of dedication to the Lord Jesus forty plus years ago! It was (the Prayer)
like this
"Hevenly Father I am a sinner and I am truly sorry for all my sins. Jesus died on
Calvary's Cross for all my sins and receive and ask forgiveness for my sins.
Jesus is the Son of God and he resurrected from His death on the cross. Jesus
come into my life and be my Lord and Savior forever! Thank you for saving my
Soul! In Jesus Name I
pray. Amen
You know Trish, Pat lived his commitment along side his Trish. Your loss is great
bu it is
very temporary and we will see Pat again!!! Love you guys
fidel tabet

FIDEL G. TABET - March 22, 2014 at 03:48 PM

TR

Yes Fidel. And what a reunion that will be! :0)

Trish - March 23, 2014 at 06:31 AM

AS

“ *Lit a candle in memory of Patrick Anthony Romero.*



*Trish & Family,
Our most sincere condolences go out to all of you on your loss of Pat. We will miss seeing him in town. He was such a nice man, and always made time to stop and talk with us whenever we met him in Belen. May God Bless all of the Family at this most difficult time. Trish, our prayers are with you.*

*Sincerely
Adam & Ruby Salas & Family
Bosque, N.M.*

Adam & Ruby Salas - March 22, 2014 at 03:10 PM

TR

Thank you Ruby and Adam. We appreciate your prayers and words of comfort.

Trish - March 23, 2014 at 06:34 AM

DC

“ *Us Friends of Pat's will miss him,,,,,,but we know just where he is now. He is with Our Lord and Savior ! and yes, he would always say "I will climb the highest mountain to help you". He always spoke very lovingly about you, Trish. I know you will miss him dearly.
My deepest and heartfelt condolence ! Take care and God Bless !,,,,,,,,,,,,,Dylia*

Dylia Castillo - March 22, 2014 at 02:27 PM

TR

Thank you Dylia. And, I hope you know how much Pat cared for you! You were very special in his life.

Trish - March 23, 2014 at 06:36 AM

KB

“ I want to share a memory about my brother Pat who I loved very much, he used to tell me when he was visiting with daddy, he would ask him "who is your favorite"? and daddy would tell him you are because you are sitting in front of me, which mean he really never had a favorite he loved everyone the same, the same way my brother Pat did. Rest In Peace brother we love you and will miss you tremendously.

Love,

Henry and Lorraine Vigil

Krista Baca - March 22, 2014 at 02:14 PM

TR

:0) Thanks Lorraine and Henry

trish - March 26, 2014 at 09:59 AM

MA

“ My condolences go out to Pats family. I first met Pat when I was 16 years old. I will always remember how friendly he was and how welcome he made me feel. Pat always went out of his way to say hello and ask how my parents were doing. I know you are resting in Heaven now. Until we me again.. God Bless all of his family members!!

Marilyn Sanchez-Kaneshiro

marilyn - March 21, 2014 at 11:22 PM

TR

Thank you Marilyn.

Trish Romero - March 22, 2014 at 11:38 AM

KB

“ *My heart is poured out with sympathy to the familyOne memory I have of my uncle pat is all the jokes he would crack, like one in particular "You can call me late to dinner, but just don't call me Sue". Another memory is his taco Tuesday fetish, Me and him had a few lunch dates thereThe waitresses new exactly what he drank and ate, no questioned asked....I'm going to deeply miss you uncle Pat.*

I LOVE YOU!

Your niece,

Krista Baca

Krista Baca - March 21, 2014 at 06:05 PM

TR

Yes Krista, Taco Tuesday will NEVER be the same! Benny's should thank Pat :0). He loved you deeply Krista too.

Trish Romero - March 22, 2014 at 11:37 AM

LP

“ *1 file added to the album New Album Name*



Lenore Pena - March 21, 2014 at 02:18 PM

TR

Thank you Lenore. That's my Pat! :o)

Trish Romero - March 22, 2014 at 11:35 AM

EG

Is was a Great person can't believe he is gone I met him years ago at ALS Mini Mart when he went to do the floors he was always happy an very nice RIP Pat we will meet again in Heaven !

Elizabeth Gonzalez - March 26, 2014 at 11:54 PM

TR

Thank you Elizabeth.

Trish - December 04, 2014 at 09:50 AM