



## Paul "Joseph" Moya

May 15, 1951 - October 3, 2022

Farmer and retired teacher Paul “Joseph” Moya was called to his heavenly home to be with his Lord and Savior on October 3, 2022 surrounded by his loving family. His kindness, wisdom, and humor will continue to live on through the lives that he impacted in his 71 years on this earth. Joseph was born on May 15, 1951 to Paul S. and Mary Jo (Garley) Moya. He was raised on the family farm in La Costancia, NM and was the eldest of six children. He graduated from Belen High School in 1969 before completing his undergraduate degree in Agricultural Education at New Mexico State University and his master’s degree at New Mexico Highlands University. He started his career at Belen Middle School and then moved to Belen High School, where he served as the Agricultural Education teacher and FFA advisor. He received both the State FFA Degree and the Honorary American FFA Degree. His work impacted thousands of students over his 27-year-career, and the ripple effects of his ability to inspire and teach life-long lessons to his students and help shape them into the best versions of themselves will be seen for generations to come. He served as a wise “father figure” for many, as has been made evident over the past week by the number of times his family has been told, “I felt like I had lost my own father when I heard that Mr. Moya died.” He was a lifelong member of Tome Immaculate Conception Church, where he served as both an Altar Server and played the guitar and sang in the Spanish Choir. His faith was fundamental in his life, and he would pray throughout the day and fall asleep each night after praying the

Holy Rosary. He had an uncanny ability to bring joy and laughter to all he encountered. He loved sharing his newest jokes or playing “Las Mananitas,” “Tiny Bubbles,” or “Okie from Muskogee” on his guitar to bring a smile to a friend’s (or stranger’s) face. He adored his dog Suerte who would respond to commands in both English and Spanish. People were always so impressed with this, and being the jokester that he was, Joseph would often respond by saying, “The trickiest part has been teaching her to bark in Spanish!” and then just chuckle at their astonishment. He believed that every great blessing brought even greater responsibility and was committed to serving the people in his community in every way he could. He was the longest-tenured member of the Board of Supervisors for the Valencia Soil and Water Conservation District Board and one of the founders of the Whitfield Wildlife Conservation Area, where he served for 25 years in positions including Board Chair, Board Treasurer, and Board Parliamentarian. He was also a volunteer firefighter with the Tome Adeline Fire Department. In his free time, he loved cooking hamburgers for his friends at local businesses, using his tractor to clean up and beautify his community, showing off his machine shop, welding, and fixing tractors and farm equipment that no one else could. Joseph possessed a saintly ability to truly see people for who they were and who they could become. He was constantly opening up his home as a place of welcoming for those without a place to stay, buying food for those who went without, donating hay or money to help people get by, and showing people a type of love that allowed them to see themselves the way God sees them. He was simply a magnificent soul, and the many rare eternal values that Joseph exemplified are what made him so special and what will be so dearly missed by all. He was the kindest man that we have ever known, and his legacy will continue to live on through those he leaves behind. He is preceded in death by his father and mother. He is survived by his loving partner, Peggy Gutjahr; his three children, Max (Melanie), Irene, and Paul Moya; the loving mother of his children, Sylvia Jaramillo; his two grandchildren, Maxim and Maisie Moya; his siblings, Mary Ellen Hodges (Benny), Ron Moya (Mary), Eugene Moya

(Janet), Anna Moya-Troyer (Gerry) and Theresa Moya-Johnson (Lawrence); as well as many uncles, aunts, nieces, nephews, and countless family members and life-long friends. Pallbearers will be Benny Hodges, Mary Moya, Janet Zamora-Moya, Gerry Troyer, Xavier Moya, Francisco Romero, Benito Moya, Maria Troyer, Victoria Troyer, and Joey Troyer.

Memorial services will be held at Tome Immaculate Conception Catholic Church. There will be a visitation

held on Tuesday, October 11 from 5:00 - 6:00pm followed by a Rosary at 6:00pm. The final visitation will be held on Wednesday, October 12 from 10:30 - 11:30am followed by a Funeral Mass at 11:30am. He will be laid to rest at Tome Immaculate Conception Cemetery with a reception to follow at the Parish Hall. All are encouraged to come break bread and share memories of Joseph with the family. The family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the Tome Immaculate Conception Church "Renovation Project" or the charity of your choice in Joseph's honor.

# Previous Events

## Viewing

OCT 11. 5:00 PM (MT)

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church  
7 Church Loop  
Tome, NM 87060

## Rosary

OCT 11. 6:00 PM (MT)

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## Final Viewing

OCT 12. 10:30 AM (MT)

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## Funeral Mass

OCT 12. 11:30 AM (MT)

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# Tribute Wall

AS

“ Anthony Silva lit a candle in memory of Paul "Joseph" Moya



Anthony Silva - October 13, 2022 at 10:31 PM

BF

“ Mr. Moya was so nice to me when I would buy hay from him, Always like taking about his mom and dad , We are going to miss seeing you around town RIP



Bertha Flores - October 13, 2022 at 12:39 PM

DB

“ Deborah S. Baca lit a candle in memory of Paul "Joseph" Moya



Deborah S. Baca - October 13, 2022 at 08:28 AM

KA

“ Kyle & Liz Autry lit a candle in memory of Paul "Joseph" Moya



Kyle & Liz Autry - October 12, 2022 at 04:11 PM

GR

“ *Gilbert & Beverly Romero lit a candle in memory of Paul "Joseph" Moya*



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**Gilbert & Beverly Romero** - October 11, 2022 at 09:21 PM

JG

“ *Joseph And Georgia Garcia lit a candle in memory of Paul "Joseph" Moya*



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**Joseph and Georgia Garcia** - October 11, 2022 at 07:22 PM

AC

“ *Albert & Alice Chavez lit a candle in memory of Paul "Joseph" Moya*



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**Albert & Alice Chavez** - October 11, 2022 at 02:23 PM

EG

“ *I knew Joseph since our 4-H days. The county fair was always a fun time and we remained friends through the years. May God Bless and sincere sympathy. eileen gabaldon*

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**Eileen Gabaldon** - October 11, 2022 at 02:14 PM

JL

“ Our condolences & prayers to the Family of Mr Moya. Joseph was our Ag teacher and our neighbor & friend to my dad for many years before I ever came along. Rest in peace 💙🙏  
John Lopez & Julie Flack Looez

Julie Flack Lopez - October 11, 2022 at 11:16 AM

DT

“ Condolences to Peggy, Irene and all the family. Joe had a wonderful sense of humor and I will keep wonderful memories of him always.



Debbie Trujillo - October 10, 2022 at 10:35 PM



“ Lenore Pena lit a candle in memory of Paul "Joseph" Moya



Lenore Pena - October 10, 2022 at 01:53 PM

CG

“ Sending our sincere condolences on the loss of your brother. May the Holy Spirits peace be with you.



Consie Gabaldon - October 10, 2022 at 11:21 AM



“ *Deepest Heartfelt Sympathizes to his entire family ..*

Kathy Moya - October 10, 2022 at 10:01 AM



“ *Ron And Jan Gentry lit a candle in memory of Paul "Joseph" Moya*



Ron and Jan Gentry - October 09, 2022 at 09:37 PM



“ *Rest in Peace*



Anna Zamora - October 09, 2022 at 08:40 PM



“ *Ruth Lucero lit a candle in memory of Paul "Joseph" Moya*



Ruth Lucero - October 09, 2022 at 07:37 PM

RL

“ Mr Moya you will always be in my heart, I will always remember the welding classes the conversations at your barn all the advise you always passed on If I know you I would bet you are stacking hay up there in those green pastures!

RL - October 09, 2022 at 02:21 PM

IM

“ I have treasured memories having Christmas at NaNa's house for many years. Joseph was a wonderful cousin who always brought levity to all occasions. He will be deeply missed. Sending love to all and holding each of you up in prayer. Ike Moya

Ike Moya - October 09, 2022 at 01:24 PM

FM

“ Frank And Dolores Marquez lit a candle in memory of Paul "Joseph" Moya



Frank and Dolores Marquez - October 09, 2022 at 11:33 AM

JB

“ Our deepest condolences to Joseph's family at this sad time. Sue and I both worked with Joseph at the junior high school. His dedication to students and their success was something that set him apart from others. He will be missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing him.

Jim Burke - October 09, 2022 at 08:25 AM

KG

“ *My sincere condolences to the Maya family. Joe was a good friend, excellent teacher and always willing to help. He will be missed by all who knew him.*

Kenneth Griego - October 09, 2022 at 07:47 AM

DU

“ *Ramon and Diana Uilbarri*



Diana Phillips Uilbarri - October 09, 2022 at 12:42 AM

LP

“ *Lorraine Padilla lit a candle in memory of Paul "Joseph" Moya*



Lorraine Padilla - October 08, 2022 at 10:33 PM

DA

“ *Mr. Moya gave my son Colton his first job helping him irrigate his fields and even promoted him to help working on his tractors. They spent many days together and would often get lunch and Circle T. Mr. Moya would sometimes even have him babysit his best friend in the whole world "Lucky". That summer what a great experience that my Son will take with him is whole life. Thank you Mr. Moya (and Lucky).*

Dawn Ash - October 08, 2022 at 08:20 PM

JT

“ John Allen & Donnita Thompson lit a candle in memory of Paul "Joseph" Moya



John Allen & Donnita Thompson - October 08, 2022 at 06:56 PM

BT

“ Billie Alice Sanchez Torres sent a virtual gift in memory of Paul "Joseph" Moya



Billie Alice Sanchez Torres - October 08, 2022 at 04:48 PM

FE

“ Peggy, so sorry for loss, Felicita



Felicita - October 08, 2022 at 04:27 PM

MJ

“ Marty & Beatrice Jojola lit a candle in memory of Paul "Joseph" Moya



Marty & Beatrice Jojola - October 08, 2022 at 04:03 PM

TF

“ Tony Padilla Family lit a candle in memory of Paul "Joseph" Moya



Tony Padilla Family - October 08, 2022 at 12:06 PM

GG

“ Glen & Mary Gabaldon lit a candle in memory of Paul "Joseph" Moya



Glen & Mary Gabaldon - October 08, 2022 at 12:05 PM

AJ

Joseph was a magnificent man sharing his talent and love for others. In the younger days we had the opportunity to help on the farm with our fathers implements with gave us a chance to spend time with the family through work and fun. We spent many a times bailing, branding, matanzas and good family time. Loosing Joe is like loosing one of my brothers. May you rest in peace until we meet again. LOL

Andrew Jaramillo - October 08, 2022 at 07:58 PM

LB

“ Lisa Beck lit a candle in memory of Paul "Joseph" Moya



Lisa Beck - October 08, 2022 at 12:01 PM

TJ

“ *Tanya Jaramillo lit a candle in memory of Paul "Joseph" Moya*



Tanya Jaramillo - October 08, 2022 at 09:31 AM



“ *Viola Gabaldon lit a candle in memory of Paul "Joseph" Moya*



Viola Gabaldon - October 08, 2022 at 12:05 AM



*So sorry for your loss. He was a good friend. Let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul Rest In Peace. Fly high with the Angels.*

Viola Gabaldon - October 08, 2022 at 12:10 AM

CR

“ *Joseph were sure going to miss you  
Thank you for your kindness  
Sure going to miss your smile  
May God Bless you and keep you in the Pearly gates of heaven my friend  
RIP WITH THE ANGELS 🙏🙏🙏*

Cindy n Robert - October 07, 2022 at 10:55 PM

DF

“ Daniel DeBaca And Family lit a candle in memory of Paul "Joseph" Moya



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**Daniel DeBaca and Family** - October 07, 2022 at 09:42 PM

DF

*Our Prayers are with you and Your Family*

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**Daniel DeBaca and Family** - October 07, 2022 at 09:45 PM

RG

*To all my primos and Joseph's children, my condolences. Joseph was one of the good guys.*

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**Russell & Stacy Garley** - October 11, 2022 at 09:30 AM

MF

*We send our deepest condolences and love to the Paul Joseph Moya family. He will be greatly missed by all those who were fortunate to know him.*

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**Michael and Teresa Ogas and Family** - October 12, 2022 at 08:52 AM