



## Paul Trujillo

December 15, 1952 - February 19, 2024

1952-2024

Paul Edward Trujillo, age 71, passed away unexpectedly on February 19, 2024. Services will be held at Our Lady of Belen Catholic Church on Thursday, February 29, 2024. Visitation will begin at 9:00 a.m., Funeral Mass at 10:00 a.m. Paul resided in Jarales, NM. Paul was a man of many talents and abilities. He graduated from New Mexico State University with a degree in Electrical Engineering. He went on to obtain his law degree from the University of New Mexico. He led a full life; working as an engineer, teacher, county commissioner, school board member, lawyer, and music promoter. But the role he enjoyed most was father and grandfather. He was a talented musician, dedicated farmer, writer, poet, and always had a quick and sharp wit. He was the author of two published books of poetry. Paul loved traveling and spent many summers exploring Europe visiting old friends and making new ones.

He is survived by his children; Erica Manzanares (Gregory), Gabriela Martinez-Trujillo (Garrett), and Serenity Garcia. Grandchildren; Keanu Gabaldon, Athena Manzanares, and Quirina George. Siblings; Lena Hawley, Frank Trujillo, and Betty Sanchez; as well as many other special nephews and nieces, friends, and companions. He was preceded in death by his daughter Reina Martinez-Trujillo, parents Juan de Dios Trujillo and Reina Romero. Please sign Paul's online tribute at [www.romerofuneralhomenm.com](http://www.romerofuneralhomenm.com) Romero

Funeral Home, 609 N. Main St., Belen, NM.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB **29**. 9:00 AM (MT)

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

## Funeral Mass

FEB **29**. 10:00 AM (MT)

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

# Tribute Wall

MD

“ GALWAY IRELAND

Margaret Doherty - December 25, 2024 at 05:37 PM

MD

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Margaret Doherty - December 25, 2024 at 05:36 PM

MD

“ Photo I took of Paul in May 2023 in Galway Ireland it was his 16th visit to Ireland he loved



Margaret Doherty - December 25, 2024 at 05:33 PM



“ My greatest memory of Paul was when he lost his goat due to a dog getting into his yard, he was devastated, I was almost in tears reading his post on Facebook. I then messaged him and told him I have a goat he is almost human his name is Bobby and I'm giving him to you as a gift. Paul was so happy he came to my house and met Bobby and took him home that evening! He continued sending me pictures of Bobby as days went on he spoiled him!

Roberta Gallegos - February 29, 2024 at 10:57 PM



*Rest in peace Paul my condolences to his family.*

**Roberta Gallegos** - February 29, 2024 at 10:58 PM

KG

*I will miss my longtime friend, Paul Trujillo*

**Kenneth Gleria** - June 06, 2024 at 10:22 AM

MD

*I only found out last night paul had passed . I was taking a few photos in Galway 23rd May 2023. I got a few photos of Paul I forwarded to him . A real gentleman. May he rest in peace with the angels 💔*

**Margaret Doherty** - December 25, 2024 at 05:20 PM

KR

“ *Terribly sorry for your loss , a loss to many of us ! He was a friend that shared stories and poems on FB . Was a mutual friend of my son through the Court . He will be missed!! Smart and talented!*

**Karen Romero** - February 29, 2024 at 08:37 PM

LP

“ *Lenore Pena lit a candle in memory of Paul Trujillo*



**Lenore Pena** - February 29, 2024 at 02:22 PM

CS

“ *Paul, I will always cherish the many many times we played guitar! You were a fantastic teacher. I have used your lessons to me now as Director of the Spanish Choir for OLB. Great memories and friendship. God bless you.*

**Clifford Sanchez** - February 29, 2024 at 11:20 AM

DA

“ Gabby, Keanu and Quirina our thoughts and prayers are with you all! Your Uncle Art and I love you all and that you all find peace as you all go through this difficult time of loss. ❤️❤️🙏🙏

Dolores Apodace - February 29, 2024 at 09:58 AM

BA

“ Our deep condolences and our love to Paul's family and friends. We love Paul and treasure his memory--he joined us at many happy events including the Santa Fe Film Festival where he played guitar with us on stage at the Scottish Rite stage, concerts in Albuquerque and at the Colorado Spanish Peaks Celtic Music fest last September and the wonderful Irish flavored concerts he brought to us all in New Mexico including the ones with Sharon Shannon. We shared our love of poetry and music and humanity, and Paul's poems are treasures we will re read and cherish. We are sorry we cannot be at the funeral today Feb 29, but we are literally snowed in at our north NM mountain cabin. We are there in spirit and love for Paul. Much love to all. Bill Nevins and Jeannie Allen

Bill Nevins/Jeanie Allen - February 29, 2024 at 09:51 AM

BN

*This posting is from Bill Nevins and Jeannie Allen*

Bill Nevins - February 29, 2024 at 09:51 AM

TO

“ Theresa Ortega lit a candle in memory of Paul Trujillo



Theresa Ortega - February 28, 2024 at 09:26 PM

MG

“ *Everywhere you went you made friends and connections. You were so loved and so special. Thank you for being so good to me. You could see the flowers that were struggling for light and your friendship was a beam ray of sunlight.*

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**Maighread Ní Ghrásta** - February 27, 2024 at 02:20 PM

CA

“ *My most sincere condolences to the entire Trujillo family. Paul touched the lives of so many people in so many ways. Such an accomplished man. Yet, humble in every way, he saw value in others. He lifted people up. Instead of standing in judgment Paul will forever be missed by his family, friends and all of those whose lives he touched. He is no longer in pain but now rests peacefully in the arms of our Lord.*

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**Carmen** - February 27, 2024 at 11:08 AM

JE

“ *Dear Gabbie and family, I feel really sad that I'm unable to attend Paul's funeral but I do hope there will be a memorial in the future. My heart and thoughts will be with all of you. If you so desire, I would be happy if we stayed in touch. GD BLESS Janet*

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**Jan Ellen** - February 27, 2024 at 08:06 AM

LB

“ *May God bless your family. You were my math teacher in the 10th grade. Always kind and willing to help. Soar with the Angels.*

*Laura Baca*

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**Laura Baca** - February 27, 2024 at 12:22 AM

DG

“ *Debbie Griego lit a candle in memory of Paul Trujillo*



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**Debbie Griego** - February 26, 2024 at 09:19 PM

CE

“ *Charles & Diane Eaton lit a candle in memory of Paul Trujillo*



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**Charles & Diane Eaton** - February 26, 2024 at 05:56 PM

MJ

“ *Marty & Beatrice Jajola lit a candle in memory of Paul Trujillo*



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**Marty & Beatrice Jajola** - February 26, 2024 at 05:18 PM

TS

“ *Theresa Sanchez lit a candle in memory of Paul Trujillo*



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**Theresa Sanchez** - February 26, 2024 at 12:51 PM

AS

“ Anthony Sanchez sent a virtual gift in memory of Paul Trujillo



Anthony Sanchez - February 26, 2024 at 12:50 PM

BS

“ Love,  
Your sister, Betty Ann Trujillo Sanchez



Betty Ann Trujillo Sánchez - February 26, 2024 at 12:48 PM

CS

“ Clara & Gilbert Serafin lit a candle in memory of Paul Trujillo



Clara & Gilbert Serafin - February 26, 2024 at 12:46 PM

BS

“ Love,  
Your sister, Betty Ann Trujillo Sanchez



Betty Ann Trujillo Sánchez - February 26, 2024 at 12:45 PM

JE

“ MY 9/11 written Feb. 24, 2024

*Your death was my 9/11...*

*Your life, your voice..reminding me as you told me "I never stopped loving you."*

*I know, I know and all the emotions I wanted to share only with you, have evaporated with your absence*

*Simply dissolved within a cloud that I know not where you begin or end*

*In heaven's arms you lay, in heaven's gardens you will walk*

*Perhaps you will smile upon me when I least expect it  
Perhaps I shall feel your touch in the most unexpected place at the most unexpected moment*

*Perhaps...Who knows the hour?  
Who knows when death lays waste to the body then stealthily moves in on TIME*

*Something you and I never had much of..*

*Shall I ask why?*

*Shall I be grateful for the moments we did have?*

*Without the knowledge of you in this life, on this earth*

*Without knowing you still exist, you still take my breath away*

*Where am I?*

*Where are you now?*

*I want to feel your presence but I don't - it's like you've been snatched by an invisible hand that stopped your internal clock*

*You weren't ready, I sensed that  
You KNEW but you never said  
Never said a word to anyone  
I know you didn't want to go  
I felt it wasn't your time  
Then why did you agree to leave?  
I still hear your voice calling my name, the one you gave me all  
those years ago..Jeanette*

*I still hear your words: "You will always be the bride of my soul"*

*And I still can't fathom your absence from this life, this earth..  
From my life, still can't fathom your absence from my life*

*Did you also know, really know that I never stopped loving you..*

*Your death was my 9/11*

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**Jan Ellen** - February 26, 2024 at 09:32 AM

JT

“ Mr. Trujillo, you were not only a great high school computer programming teacher, but also an insightful mentor whose impact has stayed with me beyond the classroom. I always remember working on in-class programming assignments along to the beautiful flamenco you played for us on your guitar. You transformed your classroom into a unique and memorable experience. The lessons I learned in your class have shaped my professional journey. I developed the joy for software engineering in that class.

*Beyond the curriculum, your friendship, support, and encouragement made a lasting impression on me. I'm grateful for the conversations where your refreshing worldviews challenged my perspectives and broadened my horizons.*

*Rest in peace, dear Mr. Trujillo. Your presence will be missed, but your spirit will stay with me.*

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**John Trujillo** - February 25, 2024 at 05:50 PM

JE

“ Sending my deepest condolences to Gabbie, Erica, Keanu, Samantha. Paul was a deep soul who knew me from 19. Our deep bond and memories are extraordinarily special as he was. My deepest sympathies and thanks for being in touch. With love hugs Janet

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**Jan Ellen** - February 25, 2024 at 11:17 AM

BN

“ Paul a kind, brilliant, friend. We shared love of music, poetry, friendship. We miss him greatly and we send love to all his family and many many friends. Bill Nevins and Jeannie Allen.

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**Bill Nevins** - February 25, 2024 at 09:18 AM

JE

*My Dearest Love Paul was my twin flame who said he never stopped loving me and that I will always be "the bride of his soul." Thank GD I reconnected with him after 24 years from Nov. 2023 - Feb. 2024. Our souls were always one. I'm so shocked he's gone and way too soon. He wanted me to go with him to Ireland...well GD BLESS YOUR SOUL PAUL I will always love you forever. Jeanette aka Janet*

Jan Ellen - February 25, 2024 at 10:02 AM

DT

“ DANNY AND ANGIE TAFOYA lit a candle in memory of Paul Trujillo



DANNY AND ANGIE TAFOYA - February 25, 2024 at 09:08 AM

RM

*Paul, you were a tremendous human being. We both loved you, even though we only met for two days. We stayed in touch by phone and texts. You are much loved here in Ireland. You will never be forgotten. Rest in peace dear Pul. 🌹🌹🌹. Richard McEvilly and Bridget*

Richard McEvilly - February 25, 2024 at 01:56 PM

EM

“ Paul was a Sweet kind man always stopped by to say hi, As he came to HOMEDEPOT. May he rest in peace,, MISS PEANUT

Eilene Peanut Maez - February 25, 2024 at 02:46 AM

AA

“ *My deepest condolences Paul was a fellow classmate and friend. May you rest in peace*  
*Annette Aragon-Benavidez*



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**Annette Aragon-Benavidez** - February 24, 2024 at 10:32 PM

PP

“ *Preme And Lorraine Padilla lit a candle in memory of Paul Trujillo*



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**Preme and Lorraine Padilla** - February 24, 2024 at 10:18 PM

DT

“ *Dan & Donna Trujillo lit a candle in memory of Paul Trujillo*



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**Dan & Donna Trujillo** - February 24, 2024 at 05:26 PM

JL

“ *June Salazar De Landavazo lit a candle in memory of Paul Trujillo*



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**June Salazar de Landavazo** - February 24, 2024 at 04:14 PM

LM

“ *Rest In Peace Eddie. You were a very good friend to Alfred and I  
Our prayers are with your family.*



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**Linda Montoya** - February 23, 2024 at 11:49 PM

JT

*Rest in Peace Paul*

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**John Peter and Gloria Torres** - February 25, 2024 at 04:41 PM