



Phillip Martin Cordova

April 18, 1965 - January 8, 2025

1965 - 2025

On January 08th, 2025, Phillip (Phil) Cordova was called home to be with his Heavenly Father. Visitation will take place on Tuesday, January 21, 2025, at Romero Funeral Home Chapel, located at 609 N Main St. Belen, NM, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Services will continue on Wednesday, January 22, 2025, at Our Lady of Annunciation Catholic Church, located at 2621 Vermont St. NE ABQ, NM, with a Rosary at 10:00 a.m., and a Funeral Mass to be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. Interment will follow at Mount Calvary Cemetery, located at 1900 Edith Blvd. NE ABQ, NM. A Reception will be held at Embassy Suites by Hilton Albuquerque, located at 1000 Woodward PI NE, ABQ, NM, following services. The Memorial Ranch Sorting will take place on May 18, 2025, and the Bernalillo County Sheriff's Pose as a Celebration of Life for Phillip beginning at 12:00 p.m.

He is survived by his loving children, Daughter Lauren E. Cordova whom he lovingly referred to as "Sweets" and Son, Tristan R. Cordova; Girlfriend, Tabitha Sanchez and her daughters; Parents - Arthur Cordova (Kathy) and Tomasita Cordova; Siblings – Judy Cordova-Romero (Lauren); Jerome Cordova (Susan) and Brenda Cordova-Busick; Nephew - Thomas Cordova and Nieces – Sarah Silva and Olivia Cordova as well many, many close friends and family. He is preceded in death by his loving Grandparents, Arturo and Vivianita Cordova; Juan F. and Olivia Garcia; Brother-in-law, Bill Busick.

Phillip was kind, generous, loving, and the life of the party. He had the most beautiful smile and took pleasure in making other people happy and left a lasting impression with all who met him. He had many interests and excelled at all of them. He was an accomplished horseman who competed in Ranch Sorting and had a successful horse breeding program. He also enjoyed collecting and restoring classic cars. He loved and followed all sports and especially liked watching his Dallas Cowboys and the Oregon Ducks play. He loved all children and they loved him. He had a quick wit and his greatest gift was to make people smile, laugh and lighten their day. He had an uncanny memory, second to none. Phillip was brilliant and extremely talented. He started his professional career working alongside his father and brother at ADC LTD NM where he wore many hats including Manager, Contracts Manager and Facility Security Officer. He went on as an entrepreneur, and started his construction company PMC, which provided many years of varied construction services at Kirtland Air Force Base. He later rejoined his father and siblings to support the growing family business, ADC LTD NM, where as an owner he once again wore many hats including manager of all Physical Security Contracts where he managed all aspects of this division and Facilities Manager.

Pallbearers are: Jerome Cordova; Gilbert Martinez; Dan Sanchez; Lauren Romero; Sarah Silva and Thomas Cordova; Honorable Pallbearers are: Felicity Szanto; Johnny Jacobs; Toby Orona; Andrew Varela; Travis Driscoll; Gil Archuleta; Auggie Archuleta; Robert Archuleta and Amadore Gonzales. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Horsin' Around Therapeutic Riding Center -Robin Thompson at 505-331-5378. Please sign Phillip's online tribute at www.romerofuneralhomenm.com Romero Funeral Home, 609 N. Main St., Belen, NM.

Previous Events

Viewing

JAN 21. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (MT)

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

Rosary

JAN 22. 10:00 AM (MT)

Our Lady of Annunciation Catholic Church
2532 Vermont St. NE
Albuquerque, NM 87110

Funeral Mass

JAN 22. 10:30 AM (MT)

Our Lady of Annunciation Catholic Church
2532 Vermont St. NE
Albuquerque, NM 87110

Interment

JAN 22. 11:30 AM (MT)

Mount Calvary Cemetery
1900 Edith Blve. NE
Albuquerque, NM 87102

Reception

JAN 22. 12:30 PM (MT)

Embassy Suites
1000 Woodward PI NE
Albuquerque, NM 87102

Tribute Wall

DT

“ Our condolences to Jerome and all of the Cordova family. May the memories you shared carry you through as you continue this journey without him. God Bless the Cordovas and may Phillip rest in peace.



Donnita and John Thompson - January 22, 2025 at 11:58 PM

CB

“ I was one of the original ones that worked for Art when he got his first contract with DOE managing Q clearances. I remember when Phil came along and Art was showing him the ropes. I remember talking to Phil quite often and he would come and check on us all the time. He was so funny and would make us laugh. What great memories from a long time ago . Sounds like he turned we out to be an amazing person and he will be missed
Chris Klunczyk

Chris Bustos - January 22, 2025 at 09:46 PM

CB

“ I am so grateful that Phillip was brought into Tabitha's life & we were able to witness the joy & love they had for each other. His kindness, laughter, love & smile was always overflowing to others. So many never get to experience such happiness & we will hold onto those memories to carry us through.

Connie Bizzell - January 22, 2025 at 04:56 PM

KL

“ *Kathy Lucero lit a candle in memory of Phillip Martin Cordova*



Kathy Lucero - January 22, 2025 at 04:37 PM

SP

“ *Phil was such a close friend to our family. We considered him more family than anything. He was always such a sweetheart. An amazing person at heart. I'll never forget him. It's so devastating and difficult losing someone so special. It's sad losing such a great person. I worked for the company for a very long time and Phil was one of the main people that kept me going so many years. He'd always talk to me so kind. He was an amazing boss. Always treated everyone so kind, and fair. We love you Phil always. You will be greatly missed. And you were always so appreciated. -sally padilla*

sally padilla - January 21, 2025 at 10:31 PM

LH

“ *I will always remember Phils big beautiful smile and kindness and will miss seeing him at HQ. Such a great loss too soon. My deepest condolence's to the Cordova family.*



Louise Hackney - January 21, 2025 at 08:04 PM

RW

“ I will remember his smile and all his laughter. Always encouraging my family in sorting and encouraging me to join in. He will be missed. Rachel Buford-Wellito and The Wellito family.



Rachel Wellito - January 21, 2025 at 07:08 PM

RS

“Lit a candle In Memory of Phillip Martin Cordova.” 🦋

Cordova Family, 🌸

We would like to extend our most sincere condolences on your Loss of Phillip. He was such a polite man, always greeting everyone with a smile. May God Bless all of Phillip's Family at this most difficult time. 🌹

Sincerely,
Ruby Salas & Family



Ruby Salas - January 21, 2025 at 03:11 PM

EG

“ Like Marilyn, Phillip encouraged me in those days to do team penning. I first met Phillip and Jerome and art when they were starting a contract with doe and all I can say he is such a beautiful person. When I heard he had passed my heart saddened. Now we live with his beautiful memories. May God grant his family peace and comfort. Eileen Gabaldon

eileen gabaldon - January 21, 2025 at 12:53 PM

EH

“ My FRIEND Phillip I will miss the wonderful memories and messages that we shared and your smiling face....you will be missed I'll see you in heaven. 🙏💕 Elizabeth Wyckoff.

Elizabeth Wyckoff Captain FAA Hampton - January 21, 2025 at 09:24 AM

OR

“ Art Cordova Family and Phillip's Family,

Our hearts have been crushed by the passing of our primo Phillip Though I did not know him well, I did know him through the loving heart of his father Art. With that in mind, Phillip sincerely held that true love is altered in the heart and so he held it in that unvarnished fragrance of life for family and friends to enjoy. He is now in the hands of God to enjoy that mysterious eternity.

But we will see him under the cottonwoods, in the break-of-day as he will be riding his horse, where the grasses grow and he will peer as he passes by our windows thus touching our hearts. He was wise for he accepted his birth-given-right of joy and hardship. When he waves the sadness in our hearts will be gone. He will be with us forever.

May time bring solace to those of us who lament the loss.

Sue, our family and I send condolences to the family and the many who loved Phillip.

Oscar S. Ramirez

Oscar S. Ramirez - January 20, 2025 at 11:17 PM



TP

“ Tony F Padilla lit a candle in memory of Phillip Martin Cordova



Tony F Padilla - January 20, 2025 at 11:39 AM

GG

“ Glen & Mary Gabaldon lit a candle in memory of Phillip Martin Cordova



Glen & Mary Gabaldon - January 20, 2025 at 11:39 AM

RR

“ The halls at headquarters will always be filled with his laugh and emanating his love. His smile lit up the room brighter than any candle. His presence made everyone feel welcome. Physically, he has left us-we can take solace knowing his spirit will always be here to comfort all. Deepest condolences.



Rachael Rosenberg - January 20, 2025 at 11:25 AM

BC

“ Bernie And Jean Chavez lit a candle in memory of Phillip Martin Cordova



Bernie and Jean Chavez - January 18, 2025 at 11:22 AM

BC

Our sincere condolences to Phillip's loving family! May Phillip rest in eternal peace!! Fly high Phillip!!

Bernie and Jean Chavez - January 18, 2025 at 11:25 AM

AH

“ *Phillip Cordova left us on January 08, 2025, a cloud turned into an angel, and flew up to tell God to put another flower on a pillow. A bird gives the message back to the world, and sings a silent prayer that makes the rain cry. People disappear, but they never really go away.*

The spirits up there put the sun to bed, wake up the grass, and spin the earth in dizzy circles. Sometimes you can see them dancing in a cloud during the daytime, when they are supposed to be sleeping. They paint the rainbows and also the sunsets and make waves splash and tug at the tide. They toss shooting stars and listen to wishes. And when they sing wind-songs, they whisper to us, don't miss me too much. The view is nice and I'm doing just fine.

Phillip you will be greatly missed, but never forgotten.

Respectfully, Aloma Hidalgo

Aloma E. Hidalgo Hidalgo - January 17, 2025 at 05:48 PM

MJ

“ *Cordova Family,
Our sincere condolences on your loss of Phillip, our thoughts & prayers are with your family. May God Bless & comfort you all during this difficult time & the years ahead.
Marty & Beatrices Jojola*



Marty & Beatrice Jojola - January 17, 2025 at 04:09 PM

SJ

“ A loss to our community here in Corrales. As an outstanding neighbor Phil will be missed. I enjoyed so much our conversations across the "fence". Always with a smile and the offer of a helping hand. My condolences to his family and loved ones.

Stan Johnston

Stanley w Johnston - January 17, 2025 at 03:49 PM

MT

“ Oh what a difference this man made in so many lives. My heartfelt condolences and prayers go out to his Tabitha and loving daughters, to Phil's children, to his parents and siblings and host of friends who will surely miss him but will never forget his kind and loving spirit. The heavens have gained a bright and shining star. I believe Phil will continue to guide through sweet memory and remembrance. Tabitha, you and Phil were magic together. I'm so glad you found each other and had time to love and grow together.



Michelle Tafoya - January 17, 2025 at 12:20 PM

MS

“ Only had the pleasure of a few brief moments with Phil but he was always smiling & didn't hold back razing me even though our friendship was in the early making... keep smiling down on all your friends and loved ones Phil....

Many prayers & love to all that we're blessed to have Phil in their lives 💜

Michele Sprague - January 17, 2025 at 12:16 PM



“ I never saw Phil without a smile on his face and a sarcastic joke in his back pocket. Always happy and able to make everyone smile. He was, and still is, the humblest person I know. He made me feel welcome and always made time for me, no matter the circumstance. Always a positive force and inspiration in kindness and service to others. If you knew Phil for only 30 seconds of your life, you know exactly what I'm talking about. Phil is one of a kind! He will be missed dearly.

To Phil: I'm going to take a raincheck on our bull ride and beer, until we meet again. Don't try and get out of it next time, my friend.

God's peace and love to Tabitha, the Cordova family and everyone who knew Phil.

*Love and Hugs,
Ronnie*

Ronnie Jock-Dennis - January 17, 2025 at 11:50 AM

LM

“ Lawrence Marquez lit a candle in memory of Phillip Martin Cordova



Lawrence Marquez - January 17, 2025 at 11:00 AM

AS

“ *Arlene Sedillo lit a candle in memory of Phillip Martin Cordova*



Arlene Sedillo - January 17, 2025 at 09:23 AM

RT

“ *Ray & Angela Trujillo lit a candle in memory of Phillip Martin Cordova*



Ray & Angela Trujillo - January 17, 2025 at 08:51 AM



“ *Mel Skeet lit a candle in memory of Phillip Martin Cordova*



Mel Skeet - January 17, 2025 at 08:49 AM

JH

“ *My condolences to the Cordova family. I'm so sorry for your loss. Prayers for peace and comfort during these difficult days. Rest in peace Phillip, God bless you all.*

Jane Castillo Hackett - January 16, 2025 at 08:40 PM

JM

“ *Jennie Mascarena lit a candle in memory of Phillip Martin Cordova*



Jennie Mascarena - January 16, 2025 at 08:22 PM

DR

“ *My deepest condolences to the Cordova Family...May Our Heavenly Father Bless each of you with comfort and peace knowing that Phillip is in the arms of Our Heavenly Father...You are in my thoughts and Prayers.*

Deborah Casaus Ravago

Deborah Casaus Ravago - January 16, 2025 at 08:05 PM

MB

“ *It was nice seeing Phillip in the halls at work, he almost always had a smile on his face and was ready to make you laugh with a joke. May he rest in peace. May God Bless and Comfort the Cordova family during their time of grieving.*

Sincerely, Margaret Baca

Margaret Baca - January 16, 2025 at 06:31 PM

BM

“ *Bernice Montoya lit a candle in memory of Phillip Martin Cordova*



Bernice Montoya - January 16, 2025 at 04:52 PM

RP

“ Raul Padilla lit a candle in memory of Phillip Martin Cordova



Raul Padilla - January 16, 2025 at 03:45 PM

EF

“ Eugenio And Martina Padilla Padilla Farm lit a candle in memory of Phillip Martin Cordova



Eugenio and Martina Padilla Padilla Farm - January 16, 2025 at 02:19 PM

PP

“ Sorry for your loss 🙏🙏



Preme and Lorraine Padilla - January 16, 2025 at 01:17 PM

MW

“ During the January sorting practice, I asked Kim to ride my horse, Sasha, and help me figure out what I needed to do to help her learn to work cows better. Phillip worked the gate, and I sat up on the truck bed and watched. Sasha has a lot to learn and really only has the very basic skills. Because I am still learning myself, it can be overwhelming, intimidating, and discouraging when I look at where we are now versus where I would like for us to be. Phillip chatted with me the whole time, let me ask lots of questions, showed off all the fancy buttons on his horse, smiling and teasing me a little bit. But most of all, he was so encouraging. The unwavering confidence he had that we could get there, to doing all the same fancy things he and his horse were doing, and that we were both capable meant the world to me. He offered lots of advice and even gave me a yo-yo to use with Sasha. I was so excited to tell him what a huge difference even that small change made for us. This was far from the first time Phillip had offered help, advice, and encouragement, and as someone who has only had the opportunity to pursue my passion for horses as an adult, all of those little moments, especially from someone I admire and respect so much as a horsemen, have meant the world. Phillip's kindness, passion, and joyful smile will never be forgotten. He made such a positive impact on our ranch sorting family, and those ripples of kindness will be felt for such a long time to come. My deepest condolences to Tabitha and the Cordova family. I pray you all are surrounded by love.



Marilyn Wright - January 16, 2025 at 11:50 AM

JS

Phillip was always a joy to be around. I could see his smile from the crows nest at every penning. Your positive attitude and generous nature will be missed Phillip. JC & Cheryl Stephens

JC and Cheryl Stephens - January 16, 2025 at 06:17 PM

PT

Sorry for your loss Tommie may God give you strength. Prayers are best.

Peter Torres and Gloria Torred - January 19, 2025 at 09:22 PM

CE

“ *Charles D. Eaton lit a candle in memory of Phillip Martin Cordova*



Charles D. Eaton - January 16, 2025 at 08:33 AM

JP

“ *Condolences 🙏 to the Cordova family*



Jim Perry - January 16, 2025 at 08:17 AM

AJ

“ *Philip was all ways the life of the party. Traveling for team penning to ranch Sorting, we were sure to be laughing. He was also known to prank call me and after a while you could hear him laughing and immediately knew it was Philip. He will be greatly missed by all that knew him.*

Ashley Jacobs - January 15, 2025 at 10:23 PM



“ We didn't know Phillip well, but when we did see him during their holiday parties he made us feel like we'd been friends for years. He was welcoming to us and so kind to my children. Sending Tabitha and his family all our love.

Sarah Madsen - January 15, 2025 at 10:16 PM

DV

“ Our heart goes out to Tabitha and all the Cordova family during this difficult time. We will keep you all in our thoughts and prayers. Phil was a kind and generous man with a big heart. His beautiful smile could lite up any room. Rest in peace Phil.

Debbie Varela - January 15, 2025 at 10:00 PM

KP

“ Kevin & Emma Peña lit a candle in memory of Phillip Martin Cordova



Kevin & Emma Peña - January 15, 2025 at 09:54 PM

CR

“ Phillip always had a smile on his face. He treated everyone with respect and he made you feel special. He was my friend. He made my wife and I feel like family. You will forever live in our hearts. God Bless you, my friend.

Charles Reedy - January 15, 2025 at 09:37 PM

CA

“ Carol Sanchez Archuleta lit a candle in memory of Phillip Martin Cordova



Carol Sanchez Archuleta - January 15, 2025 at 09:16 PM

SB

“ Hugs and prayers to the family. PHIL was a great friend, who always made me smile and laugh! He was one of a kind with a big heart. He will be missed. His Shannanan will treasure our memories. RIP my friend



Shannon Broughton - January 15, 2025 at 09:16 PM

DP

“ My condolences to the Cordova family. Phil was always a pleasure to work for as a subcontractor. He was a good man, always happy and positive. Im grateful for all the opportunities Phil gave my company. He will be missed, rest in peace Phil.

Darrin Putman

Darrin Putman - January 15, 2025 at 08:46 PM

AS

“ Angie And Ron Stoops lit a candle in memory of Phillip Martin Cordova



Angie and Ron Stoops - January 15, 2025 at 08:42 PM

MB

“ *Kathy and Arthur. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and all your family. Eternal rest grant unto Phillip and may perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace.*
Marty and Antoinette Baca



Martin and Antoinette Baca - January 15, 2025 at 08:35 PM

DT

“ *Sending our deepest condolences to the Cordova family. Phillip was the kindest and most generous man we met. May he Rest in Peace.*



Danny and Angie Tafoya - January 15, 2025 at 06:05 PM

HR

“ *Hanna, Kayley, And Mason Rino lit a candle in memory of Phillip Martin Cordova*



Hanna, Kayley, and Mason Rino - January 15, 2025 at 05:55 PM

EH

“ *Eva Hogue lit a candle in memory of Phillip Martin Cordova*



Eva Hogue - January 15, 2025 at 03:20 PM

EH

My Deepest Condolences to the Family. May Phillip Rest in Peace

Eva Hogue - January 15, 2025 at 03:22 PM

AL

“ *Albert lit a candle in memory of Phillip Martin Cordova*



Albert - January 15, 2025 at 12:52 PM

CB

“ *So sorry for your loss ! May Phillip rest in Peace !*

Celestina Baca - January 15, 2025 at 12:09 PM