



## Ray Maestas Jr.

April 17, 1953 - July 10, 2017

1953-2017

Ray (Little Ray) Maestas Jr., a resident of Albuquerque, New Mexico, was called home on Monday, July 10, 2017. Little Ray was a wonderful father, husband, grandpa, uncle, and friend. He loved running the family business, Ray's Bar. He had so many friends and they were all special to him. He always found the good in everyone. He enjoyed telling, as well as listening, to a good story. He could make you laugh when you were having a bad day. He connected with everyone he met. He always had a smile and a hug for everyone. He loved pretty things. He had beautiful black hair. He didn't get gray hair, he gave you gray hair. Ray is preceded in death by his parents, Reynaldo Maestas and Rose Bustamante Maestas; sister, Judy Maestas. He is survived by wife, Cecilia Valdez; children, Ray Maestas III, Manny Maestas, Johnny Maestas and wife Jennifer Kitts, Justin Maestas, Stephanie Maestas and husband Anthony Benavidez, Janelle Carrillo; brother, Ronnie Maestas; and numerous grandchildren, nephews and nieces. Services will be held on Friday, July 14, 2017, at Our Lady of Belen Catholic Church. A Public Viewing will begin at 9:00 a.m., with a Rosary to be recited at 10:00 a.m., and a Funeral Mass to be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. Interment will follow at Our Lady of Belen Memorial Gardens. Pallbearers will be Ronnie Maestas, Ray Maestas III, Manny Maestas, Johnny Maestas, Justin Maestas, Stephanie Rose Maestas, Ray Maestas IV, and Dominik Maestas. Honorary Pallbearers will be Cecilia Valdez, Michelle Maestas, Gaberial Maestas, Johnny Maestas

Jr., Matthew Maestas, Cameron Maestas, Caydence Maestas, Izak Benavidez, Nikko Benavidez, Anthony Benavidez, Jennifer Kitts, and Janelle Carrillo. Thank you family and friends for your support during this difficult time. The family would like for you to join them at the Valencia County Sheriff's Posse, following services, to celebrate the life of Little Ray. Please sign Ray's online tribute at [www.romerofuneralhomenm.com](http://www.romerofuneralhomenm.com) Romero Funeral Home, 609 N. Main St. Belen, NM.

# Previous Events

## Viewing

JUL 14. 9:00 AM (MT)

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

## Rosary

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## Funeral Mass

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## Interment

JUL 14 (MT)

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# Tribute Wall

JR

“ We write to express our sincere condolences with you and your family during this your time of grief. We pray you may have strength in the days ahead. May this scripture bring you hope and comfort during this time as it did our family. Isaiah 26:19 “Your dead will live. My corpses will rise up. Awake and shout joyfully, You residents in the dust! For your dew is as the dew of the morning, And the earth will let those powerless in death come to life.” That’s our loving God’s promise.

JR

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**Jay River** - July 21, 2017 at 09:01 AM

DR

“ Dicky And Suzanne Romero lit a candle in memory of Ray Maestas Jr.



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**Dicky and Suzanne Romero** - July 14, 2017 at 11:21 AM

MB

“ My deepest condolences to the Maestas's Family. Love your cousin Lisa Bustamante.



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**Mona Lisa Bustamante** - July 12, 2017 at 10:44 PM

PF

“ *Peña & Armijo Family lit a candle in memory of Ray Maestas Jr.*



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**Peña & Armijo Family** - July 12, 2017 at 07:28 PM

LP

“ *My cousin Ray, I Love you, and I will Miss you!! Rest in Peace!!  
Your cousin Linda*



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**Linda Peña** - July 12, 2017 at 07:26 PM

BM

“ *Uncle Ray was an amazing man. Loved by many and cherished by all. I have so many memories and family moments. One of my favorites was when he called me because his car broke down going west on 9 mile hill. I rushed to get him. I brought him home with me and we shared a great weekend together. We engaged in music and family stories over some drinks. We have always been close and I will cherish everyday I got to spend with him.*

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**Brandi Maestas-Moody** - July 12, 2017 at 01:03 PM