



Richard Chavez

August 1, 1936 - January 21, 2019

1936-2019

Richard Chavez, age 82, passed away peacefully in his home on January 21, 2019. We are truly blessed to have had so many wonderful years with our beloved father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother and uncle. He was a member of Our Lady of Belen Catholic Church, The Belen Knights of Columbus, the Elks Lodge, the National Guard of Belen and the Belen School Board. Richard retired from Sandia Labs on May 3, 1994, after 38 years of service. He was preceded in death by his loving wife of 55 years, Lupe Chavez; granddaughter, Yvette Baca; parents, Juan B. and Didia G. Chavez and his in-laws, Juan and Manuelita Garcia. Richard is survived by his children, Gina and Keith Donoghue, Betty Chavez, Tommy and Christine and Cathy and Richard; grandchildren, Theresa, John, Jessica, Jennifer, Myranda, Ashtyn, Justine, Crystalyn, Dominic, Mackie and Savannah; great-grandchildren, Mariah, Mateo, Alyssa, Bradley, Christopher, Nicholas, Illyanna, Emilio, Jaidyn, Eva, Giovanni, Phillip, Kayliana, Niyah, T.J., Kevin, Carlitos, Mia, Josiah, Melodie, Evert, Alisha, Aaron, Colter, Kyra and Selah; brothers, Pat (Jan), Marty (Jean), Rey (Louise), Billy (Lisa), Dennis (Frieda); sisters, Cipri Romero, Molly (Ben) Martinez, Susan Chavez Beasley, Dora Chavez, Lorraine Marquez and Mary Garcia. He is also survived by Edward Chavez and Elaine Campbell and his "breakfast club" friends Dennis, Al, Tane, Mike, Larry and Jesus. Pallbearers are John Chavez, Matt Montoya,

Nicholas Gallegos, Kevin Giron, Emilio Rodriguez, Albert Romero, Dennis Connelly and Evert Tuttle. Honorary Pallbearers are his grand and great grandchildren. Richard enjoyed life to the fullest, especially spending time with family and friends at Matanzas, hunting, camping and BBQ's. He loved working in his garden, tending to his cows and visiting with everyone on his porch. Services will be held at Our Lady of Belen Catholic Church, beginning on Sunday, January 27, 2019, with a Public Viewing at 3:00 PM, and a Rosary to be recited at 4:00 PM. Final Visitation will be on Monday, January 28, 2019, at 9:00 AM, Funeral Mass at 10:00 AM and Interment to follow at Our Lady of Belen Memorial Gardens. Please sign Richard's online tribute at www.romerofuneralhomenm.com Romero Funeral Home, 609 N. Main St. Belen, NM

Previous Events

Viewing

JAN 27. 3:00 PM (MT)

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

Rosary

JAN 27. 4:00 PM (MT)

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

Final Visitation

JAN 28. 9:00 AM (MT)

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

Funeral Mass

JAN 28. 10:00 AM (MT)

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

Interment

JAN 28. 11:00 AM (MT)

Our Lady of Belen Memorial Gardens
101 N. 10th Street
Belen, NM 87002

Tribute Wall

MC

“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



Marty Chavez - February 07, 2019 at 10:18 PM

MC

Richard , So hard to sit down and add to this page. You were the first born and first adult sibling to join mom and dad. I am going to miss you but I know that there is a God above who gave us his only Son, Jesus so that we may live in eternity with our Lord and Savior if we believe and I know you did believe. Death is very hard on those left behind however we are at peace because we know that you are resting in peace, I am honored that your children asked me to do your Eulogy. I really hope I did you proud. There were so many good things that you accomplished in 82 years. You will always be remembered as my oldest loving Hermano. I Love you man. Hasta Luego.

Marty Chavez - February 08, 2019 at 12:04 AM

MC

Gina & Keith, Betty, Tom & Christine, Cathy & Richard, all grandchildren & all great-grandchildren. Our condolences to all of you from my family Marty, Jean, Tony, Chris and Apryl.

Marty Chavez - February 08, 2019 at 12:14 AM

KG

“ *I always appreciated the way he always looked after my Grandmother Dora Goodson when she was out walking or checking her mail. He was always such a great man and enjoyed watching over his neighbors. He will truly be missed. Ken Goodson*

Ken Goodson - January 30, 2019 at 11:42 PM

CT

“ *Corine Trujeque lit a candle in memory of Richard Chavez*



Corine Trujeque - January 28, 2019 at 09:55 AM

CF

“ *Condolences From The Torres/Modesto Fami lit a candle in memory of Richard Chavez*



Condolences from the Torres/Modesto fami - January 27, 2019 at 10:38 PM

RG

“ *My condolences to Cathy, Tommy, Betty, & Gina . I'm very sorry for your loss. My prayers are with you. He will be in our memories for ever. God Bless All of You... As children Richard lived with us to attend school. during those 9 months I looked up to him as a big brother. And when he left I missed him, as I do now . God Bless Again. Cousin Rupert Gomez... Abie & Carmens son.*



rupert gomez - January 27, 2019 at 04:02 PM

TG

“ *Remembering the love and respect my parents and my family had for my cousin Richard. Enjoy the memories of all the good times you had with him. May he rest in peace. With love, Tommy & Espy Gutierrez*

Tommy & Espy Gutierrez - January 27, 2019 at 03:41 PM

DS

“ *Condolences to the Family. May the Lord bless the memory of Mr. Chavez.*

Danny and Loretta Sachs - January 26, 2019 at 12:24 PM

AT

“ *Anna Torres lit a candle in memory of Richard Chavez*



Anna Torres - January 26, 2019 at 06:23 AM

RS

“ *Roberta Siems lit a candle in memory of Richard Chavez*



Roberta Siems - January 25, 2019 at 09:31 PM

JC

“ *JEAN & BERNIE CHAVEZ sent a virtual gift in memory of Richard Chavez*



JEAN & BERNIE CHAVEZ - January 25, 2019 at 06:43 PM

DC

“ Tommy, Jen, Myranda, Ashtyn, Justine sorry about ur loss of ur Dad/Grandpa cherish all the memories u have of him, he is with ur grandma now in Heaven! :)

The Chavira family

Daniel Chavira - January 25, 2019 at 03:48 PM



PM

“ Phillip Stella Molina sent a virtual gift in memory of Richard Chavez

Phillip Stella Molina - January 25, 2019 at 02:03 PM



“ Lorraine Marquez lit a candle in memory of Richard Chavez

Lorraine Marquez - January 24, 2019 at 10:31 PM



D(

“ Diane Martinez (Gomez) lit a candle in memory of Richard Chavez

Diane Martinez (Gomez) - January 24, 2019 at 07:22 PM



D(

I am so sorry to hear about your Dad! May he rest in peace and rejoice with all his family who have gone before him. Your Dad was such a sweet, and kind man. Richard would always tease me, because for the longest time I thought he was my uncle, until one day I said Hi Uncle! He looked at me laughed and told me we were cousins, I was embarrassed but, we laughed about it. So every time we would see each other we would laugh and I would call him uncle!! I will miss you Richard you always made me laugh. Rest in peace!! Love you guys, My heart goes out to you all.

Diane Martinez (Gomez) - January 24, 2019 at 07:55 PM

KB

“ *Cathy, Tommy, Betty and Gina, I was so sorry to hear of your Dads passing. Treasure your memories, they will forever be in your heart and will carry you during this trying time.*
Kathy Baca



Kathy Baca - January 24, 2019 at 05:02 PM

AG

“ *Our condolences to all the family. Richards smile was so warm and caring, you could feel his love. I know family was everything to him. Our prayers and thoughts are with you all. Love your cousin Arlene Garcia and Jose Terrazas, (Sisto & Helen) daughter # 3, God bless you all.*

Arlene Garcia - January 24, 2019 at 01:51 PM

SP

“ *Stacy Powell lit a candle in memory of Richard Chavez*



Stacy Powell - January 24, 2019 at 01:00 PM

JF

“ *Jojola Family lit a candle in memory of Richard Chavez*



Jojola Family - January 24, 2019 at 09:34 AM

VM

“ *Vina Mendoza lit a candle in memory of Richard Chavez*



Vina Mendoza - January 23, 2019 at 07:19 PM

RC

“ *GINA, BETTY, TOMMY AND CATHY AND FAMILIES. UNCLE RICHARD WAS "THE MAN" I'M SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS, I WILL MISS HIM TOO. R.I.P., GOD BLESS YOU UNCLE.*



RICHARD RUPERT CHASE - January 23, 2019 at 06:53 PM

MM

“ *Sorry for your loss Dora, Dennis & family.*

Marie Martinez - January 23, 2019 at 06:31 PM

JC

“ *Judy Padilla Castillo lit a candle in memory of Richard Chavez*



Judy Padilla Castillo - January 23, 2019 at 05:08 PM

JO

“ *Judy Otero lit a candle in memory of Richard Chavez*



Judy Otero - January 23, 2019 at 05:06 PM

GG

“ *Glen & Mary Gabaldon lit a candle in memory of Richard Chavez*



Glen & Mary Gabaldon - January 23, 2019 at 05:04 PM

SC

“ *Richard, My Awesome Brother! A hard working man, a dignified man, tall and handsome he was. Always comforting, understanding and kind. He has my utmost respect for the way he led his Life. I will miss you terribly Richard. I Love you, my Brother! Gods Speed. Till We Meet Again, Your Loving Sister, Susan*

SUSAN CHAVEZ-BEASLEY - January 23, 2019 at 04:26 PM

RL

“ *Ruth Lucero lit a candle in memory of Richard Chavez*



Ruth Lucero - January 23, 2019 at 03:40 PM

DR

“ *Dicky And Suzanne Romero lit a candle in memory of Richard Chavez*



Dicky and Suzanne Romero - January 23, 2019 at 01:24 PM

FO

“ *Frank And Tammy Olguin lit a candle in memory of Richard Chavez*



Frank and Tammy Olguin - January 23, 2019 at 12:29 PM

AS

“ *Adela Sanchez lit a candle in memory of Richard Chavez*



Adela Sanchez - January 23, 2019 at 11:48 AM

IA

“ I remember when Richard and Lupe would always stop and see my dad and mom here in Barstow!! I loved visiting with them. They were so loving and caring to my parents!! Even after Lupe passed away Richard made it a point to come visit them!! I loved Richard for that !! He was a kind man and his heart was full of love and caring for others. Although I didn't see him often I will miss him!! You had a GREAT BROTHER, FATHER AND GRANDFATHER ❤️❤️❤️ Love to all of you, Ida

Ida Alcantara - January 23, 2019 at 01:59 AM

CR

Richard you will be missed. Grateful for getting to know and be part of Chavez Family.
Love and Condolences to Chavez Family.
Love Carla Romero
Michele Mike Matt and Monica Armijo.

Carla Romero - January 23, 2019 at 09:52 AM

RG

Betty: sorry to hear of Richard's passing. I know he will be missed. Grateful to have known both Richard and Lupe. God bless you and your family. Love always. Agnes Garcia

Rose A. Garcia - January 23, 2019 at 12:14 PM

TS

“ God bless all of the Chavez family. His mother was my mother (Alice Molina Sedillo) first cousin. She passed away in Jan of last year. It's hard to lose a family member. We will keep him in our prayers. Freddie and Toni (Sedillo)Salas.



Toni Salas - January 22, 2019 at 11:53 PM

SS

“ Prayers for the family 🙏🙏🙏



sefe&liz saiz - January 22, 2019 at 10:46 PM

RB

“ May he be at peace in his heavenly home.



Romy Baca - January 22, 2019 at 07:37 PM

AD

“ Gina, Betty, Tommy and Cathy, so sorry to hear of your dad's passing. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.

Anna Duran - January 22, 2019 at 05:10 PM

RK

“ Robert And Marilyn Kaneshiro lit a candle in memory of Richard Chavez



Robert and Marilyn Kaneshiro - January 22, 2019 at 05:01 PM