



Judge Richard Luna

April 30, 1937 - August 20, 2022

Judge Richard Luna, age 85, a resident of Los Lunas, NM, passed away peacefully at home on August 20, 2022. Services will be held on August 31, 2022 at San Clemente Catholic Church with a Rosary to be recited at 9:30 a.m. followed by a Funeral Mass to be celebrated at 10:00 a.m. There will be no Visitation or Reception due to Covid restrictions. He was born in Los Lunas, NM on April 30, 1937 to parents, Ramon and Theresa Luna. Richard was a devout Catholic at San Clemente Parish. He graduated from Los Lunas High School, was the first police officer in the Village of Los Lunas for three years, and was then elected Municipal Judge of Valencia County in which he served for 34 years. Richard also worked for Concrete Systems in Albuquerque as a salesman where he traveled around the state. He never forgot to take his fishing rod with him wherever he went. Richard enjoyed going to the casinos as well as camping and fishing. He did a lot of gardening and became famous for his salsa. Richard loved to go on walks and enjoyed exercising. He was a loving husband to his wife of 62 years, Mary Lou. Richard was a devoted father to Ricky and Theresa and a caring friend to so many. He is preceded in death by his parents, Ramon and Theresa Luna; grandmother, Onesima Luna; sisters, Melesia Garcia (Sisto), Reina Luna, Virginia Carrasco (Andres), and Eva Cordova (Marcelino); brothers, Fred Luna, and Pat Luna (Betty). Richard is survived by his wife, Mary Lou; son, Richard Luna Jr.; daughter, Theresa Marquez (Donald); sister-in-law, Connie Luna; and many nieces and nephews. Honorary Pallbearers will be Jerome

Chavez, Margo Garcia, and Tom Post. A special thanks to Father James Marshall, Dr. Joseph Aragon, Nurse Cindy, and the staff at Romero Funeral Home. Thank you everyone for your kind words, prayers, and support during this difficult time. Please sign Judge Richard's online tribute at www.romerofuneralhomenm.com Romero Funeral Home, 609 N. Main St., Belen, NM.

Previous Events

Rosary

AUG 31. 9:30 AM (MT)

San Clemente Catholic Church
244 Luna Ave SE
Los Lunas, NM 87031

Funeral Mass

AUG 31. 10:00 AM (MT)

San Clemente Catholic Church
244 Luna Ave SE
Los Lunas, NM 87031

Tribute Wall

HV

“ So sorry for your loss, sending lots of prayers
🙏



Helen Baca Vallejos - October 19, 2022 at 11:37 PM

LH

“ Lisa Holona lit a candle in memory of Judge
Richard Luna



Lisa Holona - September 06, 2022 at 08:06 PM

PL

“ Aunt MaryLou, Cousins Ricky, Theresa and Donald:

Uncle Richard was a true man of his word, he worked hard and took care of many families through his tenure as Municipal Judge!!

Each of you can feel wonderful about the care you gave him in the last few years, he wanted to stay at home, and you made that possible, a true testament of your love for him. Aunt MaryLou, you never left his side, always next to him, taking care of his every need!

I have many wonderful memories of Uncle Richard, his love of life, his love for his family, his devotion as a husband and father. As he goes on to join my Dad and his other siblings, may he find rest and now watch over all of us!

My love to each of you, may you find comfort in the love you shared with Uncle Richard, many Blessings!!

Paul T. Luna

Paul T. Luna - September 04, 2022 at 12:50 PM

D'

“ Hi to all the family of Richard Luna. We have lost a good man. Richard was a class mate of my brother Howard Simpson and I followed 2years later. We all loved each other and enjoyed each other. Howard is still living in Irvine Ca and is also 85 with some difficulty of many years. God will have another good angel. Mary Lou we send our love and sympathy and wish you well. God be with your family and friends and help you through these difficult times. We love you all! Barbara and David D'Spain. 9 1 2022.

D'SPAIN - September 01, 2022 at 04:01 PM

VR

“ *Our Deepest Condolences goes to the Luna Family. May he RIP. From The Romero Family*



Victoria Romero - August 31, 2022 at 03:02 AM

JB

“ *Judge Richard Luna with Los Lunas Finest Police Department under Chief Billy Place, this photo was taken in 1983, this when I first met Judge Luna while my husband was a LLPD Officer; Valencia County and the City of Los Lunas lost such a kind caring man. Rest In Peace Judge Richard Luna our heartfelt condolences to your entire family.*



Jessey & Maria Baca - August 31, 2022 at 02:56 AM

CC

“ *Judge Luna was an extraordinary human being. May he now be at peace in the loving arms of Our Lord. My prayers and condolences to Mrs. Luna, Theresa and Ricky Jr. May your hearts be full knowing His angels surround you.*



Christine Coffield - August 30, 2022 at 01:49 PM

CP

“ *Carla J Place lit a candle in memory of Judge Richard Luna*



Carla J Place - August 30, 2022 at 11:17 AM

CP

Sincere condolences to Marylou, Ricky and Theresa as well as other family members and friends. Judge Luna was a long time neighbor and friend of the Place Family. RIP Judge Luna. You will be greatly missed in our community.

Carla J Place - August 30, 2022 at 11:24 AM

CE

“ *Charles Eaton lit a candle in memory of Judge Richard Luna*



Charles Eaton - August 26, 2022 at 05:25 PM

AC

“ *Condolences to Marylou and the family. Rest in peace Mr. Luna.*



Angie Castillo - August 26, 2022 at 05:15 PM

LF

“ *Adiós, amigo. Hasta que nos volvamos a encontrar. Condolences to the entire family.* ”



Leslie Fluke - August 25, 2022 at 10:33 AM



“ *With a heavy heart, me and my family give our condolences to Mary Lou, Theresa and Ricky Jr. I have so many great memories of The Judge. (I don't think I ever called him Richard) From growing up as his next-door neighbor to working alongside him with The Village, he was always so charismatic and very down to earth. The Judge actually saved me from choking when I jumped over his fence wearing a cape. The cape got hung up on the fence and he ran out to free me. Ever since then he called me "Superman" but today, I am returning the favor by calling him Superman, because that's what he was....a super man! God Bless you Judge Luna, I will never forget you.* ”



Joseph Barta - August 24, 2022 at 07:46 PM

DG

“ *Dora Gallegos lit a candle in memory of Judge Richard Luna* ”



Dora Gallegos - August 24, 2022 at 05:49 PM

DM

“ I had the privilege of knowing Richard Luna for the past 20 years, he welcomed me into his family with open arms. During this time , Mr. Luna always treated everyone with dignity and respect.

Mary Lou, Ricky & Theresa are his greatest treasures and he showed it through his actions each and every day. Many memorable fishing & camping trips that will be with me forever.

The words “HONORABLE JUDGE” were made for the “ HONORABLE JUDGE RICHARD S. LUNA !!!

.... “ALL RISE!!!”

.... UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN, LOVE YOU DONALD

Donald Marquez - August 24, 2022 at 05:46 PM

VA

“ Valerie lit a candle in memory of Judge Richard Luna



valerie - August 24, 2022 at 12:44 PM

LN

“ Liz Najar sent a virtual gift in memory of Judge Richard Luna



Liz Najar - August 24, 2022 at 12:18 PM

KC

“ Uncle Richard you will be missed greatly! We love you!❤️

Love, Kathy , Chris, JR, Tarah, Ashley and kids.

Kathy Cordova - August 24, 2022 at 11:29 AM



RO

“ Rick/Loretta Otero lit a candle in memory of Judge Richard Luna

Rick/Loretta Otero - August 24, 2022 at 09:17 AM



RA

“ Rudy & Evelyn Archuleta lit a candle in memory of Judge Richard Luna

Rudy & Evelyn Archuleta - August 24, 2022 at 08:36 AM



PC

“ Prescilla (Medina) Camarena lit a candle in memory of Judge Richard Luna

Prescilla (Medina) Camarena - August 24, 2022 at 03:45 AM



C(

“ Chief Chavez (retired) lit a candle in memory of Judge Richard Luna



Chief Chavez (retired) - August 23, 2022 at 11:10 PM

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Asta La Vista Judge Luna I was honored to be your Friend. He will be missed by the Village residents.

Chief Chavez (retired) - August 23, 2022 at 11:14 PM

AS

“ Mary Lou, Ricky, and Theresa, I am so sorry for your loss of Richard. I often remember all the fun times we spent together fishing and camping. I also remember your Scotty trailer. Richard was always such a kind person to me and my family. He will be missed but he left many good memories for many friends and family. God bless you all and I pray that you find comfort during this rough time. Praying ... Arleen Fajardo Sanchez

ARLEEN FAJARDO SANCHEZ

ARLEEN FAJARDO SANCHEZ - August 23, 2022 at 09:18 PM

AS

“ ARLEEN FAJARDO SANCHEZ lit a candle in memory of Judge Richard Luna



ARLEEN FAJARDO SANCHEZ - August 23, 2022 at 09:13 PM

TF

“ Our deepest condolences to the Luna family. Judge Luna was a kind man and will be greatly missed.
The Louis Huning Family

The Louis Huning Family - August 23, 2022 at 07:55 PM

KG

“ Ken Garcia lit a candle in memory of Judge Richard Luna



Ken Garcia - August 23, 2022 at 06:23 PM

PL

“ Aunt MaryLou, Cousins Rick, Theresa and Donald:

Uncle Richard had a great and long life, each of you were there to care for him when he needed you most!! Your love for him was evident through your care, that he was able to stay at home and have all of you around him was such a Blessing!!!

We all hold special memories of Uncle Richard, we will cherish them and hold them near our hearts! He now joins his brothers and sisters, we continue to miss all of them, they are all pretty special!!

Know that we are here for you, today and always! Many Blessings!!

Love,

Paul

Paul T. Luna - August 23, 2022 at 04:46 PM

CI

My deepest condolences to the family. May the Lord Bless You and may Richard Rest In Peace

Cindy - August 23, 2022 at 05:37 PM

AS

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ARLEEN FAJARDO SANCHEZ - August 23, 2022 at 09:02 PM

HP

We wish to express our heartfelt and deepest sympathy to the Luna family on the loss of the Honorable Judge Richard Luna, the best judge that sat on the bench for the Village. He was a good friend of my parents and a dear friend of mine. I believe we were all inspired by his gentle spirit that seemed to embrace the worth and wonder of those he knew. He was not driven by some grandiose philosophical ideology. He was direct and always doing the right thing. He was not swayed by power or politics and his decisions were a proof of his ethical behavior on the bench. He was stern when he had to but used jail as a last resort, using judicial resources available to him to help offenders meet their obligations to the court. Judge Luna was also a devout Catholic very passionate about his beliefs. He knew how important it was to have a measure of humility. He was a true leader whom I will miss having conversations with. He is resting in the arms of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Henry Leonard Perea - August 25, 2022 at 08:12 PM