



Richard Orlich

September 27, 1936 - December 10, 2021

1936-2021

Richard (Rick) P. Orlich passed on to a greater life on December 10, 2021. Richard was born on September 27, 1936 to Rode and Antonia Orlich in Wakefield, Michigan and graduated from Wakefield High School in 1954. He moved to Milwaukee where he attended Beauty College and opened two Franz Beauty Salons in the Fox Point area. He and his brothers opened up the Balkan Lounge in Milwaukee and started a tamburitzza band that played for many weddings and parties. In 1973 he moved to New Mexico where he and Tony Moya opened Casa de Pizza, the first pizza restaurant in Belen and later another in Los Lunas, New Mexico. Richard did everything with a flair and he loved to cook, entertain, travel and play bingo. He brought many happy memories to family and friends with his upside down accordion playing. He will be missed by a host of many friends and family who meant a lot to him. He is preceded in death by his parents, Rode Orlich and Antonia Orlich; four brothers and three sisters Mike (Flora) Orlich, George (Blanche) Orlich, Sophie (Jack) Palmer, Louie (Marvel, Maureen), Mary (Vern) Halvorson, Rudy (Bonnie) Orlich and Angeline (Ron) Zaicek. He is survived by three brothers; Frank (Virginia) Orlich, Joe Orlich, and Bob Orlich and many nieces, nephews and their families.

A funeral mass will be held on Wednesday, December 29, 2021 beginning at

10:00 A.M.

Please sign Richard Orlich's online tribute at www.romerofuneralhomenm.com

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

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

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

San Clemente Catholic Church
244 Luna Road NE
Los Lunas, NM 87031

Tribute Wall

SN

“ So sorry to Tony and all of his friends and family. Sending love and prayers. Growing up my mom and I would eat at Casa De Pizza a lot. Rick and Tony were always there working side by side. Some of my best memories of Belen were in that restaurant Thank you for the memories.

Sherri Nicholson - January 16, 2022 at 05:19 PM

AN

So glad others recall Richard. He was a great guy to know & spend time with

Anna - March 13, 2023 at 06:41 PM

DL

“ Rick and Tony were my first bosses. They were also my friends. Rest in peace dear Rick. Donna Lewis.

Donna Lewis - January 06, 2022 at 04:26 PM

AA

“ Tony, we were so sad to hear of Ricks passing. We have so many wonderful memories, from the pizza to bingo his wonderfu pastries. I will never forget how he cared for others from giving them clouths to food. He would always call me when he got bo Back from Michigan. He knew I went to school there. Im ill with a viral infection so i wont attend his services have test that day. We will be there in spirit. REST IN PEACE OUR WONDERFUL FRIEND. May GOD BLESS YOU . lots of Love and prayers. AGGIE AND BERT

AGGIE ARAGON - December 27, 2021 at 12:04 PM

AU

“ Rick and Tony were my bosses at Casa de Pizza and quickly became family to me and my family. Many fond memories of laughter and tears, playing cards, dinner and coffee. Rick made the best pastelitos, cookies and so many other things. He will be greatly missed. Thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends.

-Anna and Tony Upton

Anna Upton - December 26, 2021 at 04:36 PM

LB

“ Rick is in our prayers, condolences to Uncle Tony, and all of Ricks's family. He was a part of the family for many years. We all made many great memories together and he will be greatly missed.

Lawrence, Monica and Victoria Barreras and Rosemarie Baca

Lawrence Barreras - December 22, 2021 at 03:58 PM

NM

“ Nieces Christine, Debbie, Kathy, Michele purchased the Healing Tears - All White for the family of Richard Orlich.



Nieces Christine, Debbie, Kathy, Michele - December 20, 2021 at 04:12 PM

SM

“ We miss you already! With all our Love may you rest in Peace 🙏



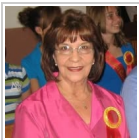
Sandra Menning - December 20, 2021 at 04:39 AM

TJ

“ The Orlich’s, Bill,Ann,Josh and Jer purchased the Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White for the family of Richard Orlich.



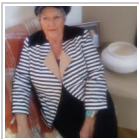
The Orlich’s, Bill,Ann,Josh and Jer - December 18, 2021 at 04:35 PM



“ We send our condolences to all of Rick’s family and friends. He was a good friend to our family for many years. He will be missed! Rest in Peace!



Connie Baca - December 18, 2021 at 10:37 AM



“ Loretta Gabaldon lit a candle in memory of Richard Orlich



Loretta Gabaldon - December 17, 2021 at 08:35 PM

LF

“ *My thoughts & prayers are with Rick's family..
I was very sorry to hear of his passing.
He was a very nice & friendly person. May he
rest in peace.*



Louisa Flaugh - December 17, 2021 at 02:48 PM

JO

“ *Judy & Stevie Otero lit a candle in memory of
Richard Orlich*



Judy & Stevie Otero - December 15, 2021 at 04:15 PM

GG

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



Glen & Mary Gabaldon - December 15, 2021 at 04:15 PM