



## Ronald R. Marquez

June 17, 1959 - July 22, 2021

1959 -2021

It is with great sadness that the family of Ronald R. Marquez, age 62, announce his passing on July 22, 2021, due to complications of COVID-19. Ronald was born on June 17, 1959 in Albuquerque, NM to Lalo and Rose Marquez. He grew up in Bibo, NM. Ronald graduated from Laguna Acoma High School and received a master's degree in education from the University of New Mexico and was the ultimate Lobo Alumni. He served as a leader in education as a teacher, coach, athletic director, principal, human resource director and retired in 2015 as the Superintendent of the Belen Consolidated Schools. Throughout his time in education, Ronald was devoted to the development of students, student – athletes, and every individual he worked with. He influenced the lives of many with his guidance and support, which has been carried on throughout their lives.

During his retirement, Ronald enjoyed spending time with the four most important women in his life, Karen, Juanita Diane, Christina Rose and Melanie Roni. He enjoyed tending to his garden, working on his 1979 Corvette, Lobo Tailgates, attending every softball game for his daughter (Roni) who followed in his coaching footsteps and spending time with his entire family, who were his pride and joy.

Ronald met Karen, the love of his life, in 1973 and they were together for 48 years. In those years, they were blessed with three daughters, Juanita Diane, Christina Rose and Melanie Roni. He was preceded in death by his parents, Lalo and Rose Marquez; in-laws, Eloy and Ramona Baca; brother-in-law, Larry Jaramillo; sister, Patricia Chavez and husband, Jimmy. Ronald is survived by his loving wife, Karen; 3 daughters, Juanita Diane, Christina Rose and Melanie Roni; sister, Carol Jaramillo; brother, Kilino Marquez (Nikki); sister-in-law, Deborah Baca; brother-in-law, Jerry Baca (Phyllis); sister-in-law, Lisa Baca Hoffman (Chris); sister-in-law, Dolores Garcia and his loving nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephews and numerous other relatives and family friends.

A Viewing will be held at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 29, 2021 at Our Lady of Belen Catholic Church, with a Rosary following at 6:00 p.m. A Final Viewing will take place on Friday, July 30, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. with a Funeral Mass following at 10:00 a.m. An interment will follow at Mount Calvary Cemetery.

In honor of Ronald and out of respect for his family, they are asking that everyone wear a mask to all services or celebrations planned. Pallbearers will be his life long friend Rick Horacek, his nephews; Manuel Chavez, Charles Marquez, James Chavez, Michael Baca and Kevin Garcia. The family would like to extend special thanks to everyone for the tremendous support and prayers during this time. Please sign Ronald's online tribute at [www.romerofuneralhomenm.com](http://www.romerofuneralhomenm.com) Romero Funeral Home, 609 N. Main St., Belen, NM

# Previous Events

## Viewing

JUL 29. 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM (MT)

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

## Rosary

JUL 29. 6:00 PM (MT)

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

## Final Viewing

JUL 30. 9:00 AM (MT)

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

## Funeral Mass

JUL 30. 10:00 AM (MT)

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

# Tribute Wall

FR

“ *My condolences to the family of Ron Marquez. I played football with him at Laguna Acoma H.S. and have fond memories. Rest In Peace Ron.*

Frank Romero - September 11, 2021 at 05:09 PM

MA

“ *It was a blessing to have Ronald Marquez as an administrator. As a former teacher of Belen Schools, I had some challenges to overcome and Mr. Marquez helped me out. He was such an inspirational man with many achievements. May our Lord bless and comfort you and your family during this time of grief.*

Monica Aragon - August 07, 2021 at 03:31 PM

MG

“ *Manuel & Carmen Garley lit a candle in memory of Ronald R. Marquez*



Manuel & Carmen Garley - August 02, 2021 at 09:00 PM

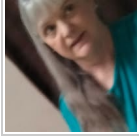
LB

“ *Deborah,  
I am praying for your family. My condolences  
for your family.*

*Laura Baca*



Laura Baca - August 02, 2021 at 12:55 AM



“ Ron gave me good advice and was very kind to me. I am so sorry for your deep loss. "El Señor es mi pastor, nada me falta. En verdes pastos me hace descansar, y me guía junto a arroyos tranquilos" (Salmos 23:1-2).

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**Deb Bunds** - August 01, 2021 at 01:51 AM

MC

“ Our family is very sad to hear of Ron's passing. Our prayers are with you Karen and your family.



*I was very blessed to work with Ron and get to know him his first year at Belen High School. He really made a lasting impression on the staff, students, parents and Belen Schools Administration. Ron was a very respected, admired, sincere, and fun to be around. I have many good memories working with him.*

*My kids were lucky to have Ron as their Principal at Belen High. His biggest goal as Principal was the success of his students.*

*He will be missed by all. God bless the Marquez family.*

*Anthony, Marla, Jessica, Milo and Dylan Carrejo*

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**Marla Carrejo** - July 31, 2021 at 03:24 PM

AL

“ Prayers for peace of mind and heart as we share your heartache at this difficult time. Ron was always supportive and an excellent administrator in all ways. I've known Ron since his time in Grants and in later years in Belen. He hired me for the staff in Belen Middle Schools where I worked for some eleven years. His sympathy for my family when over three year period, I lost my Husband, Mother and Brother. May my heartfelt condolences extend to you at this time and give you peace and give you strength.



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**Arba (Jean Smith) Lineweaver** - July 30, 2021 at 08:25 AM

AL

“ Arba (Jean Smith) Lineweaver sent a virtual gift in memory of Ronald R. Marquez



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**Arba (Jean Smith) Lineweaver** - July 30, 2021 at 08:16 AM

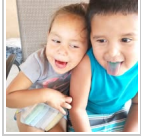
CP

“ My condolences and prayers are with the Marquez Family. I have so much respect and gratitude for Mr. Marquez due to the fact he took a chance and hired me as a teacher in 1996. I will always be thankful for the opportunity to teach in my hometown. May God Bless each one of you! Always Chris Peralta & Family.



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**Christopher Peralta** - July 30, 2021 at 02:35 AM



“ *Jen Montano sent a virtual gift in memory of Ronald R. Marquez*



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**Jen Montano** - July 29, 2021 at 02:19 PM

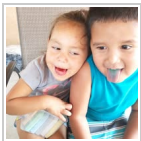


“ *Jen Montano sent a virtual gift in memory of Ronald R. Marquez*



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**Jen Montano** - July 29, 2021 at 02:18 PM



“ *Jen Montano lit a candle in memory of Ronald R. Marquez*



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**Jen Montano** - July 29, 2021 at 02:17 PM



“ *Karen, Diane, Rose, and Princess Roni~you will always be blessed with all the love your dad/ husband had for you; you were his world. He taught me so much in Human Resources, about everything!, and I will forever be grateful. Ron~Fly high with the Angels*



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**Maxine Barela Schmock** - July 29, 2021 at 12:42 PM

MM

“ Margaret Manning lit a candle in memory of Ronald R. Marquez



Margaret Manning - July 29, 2021 at 11:37 AM

PH

“ Karen and daughters: I can't begin to express how sorry I am too learn of Ron's passing. After 40 years in education, I can count on one hand the administrators who impacted my career. Ron was amongst the top. He made my job memorable. I will always remember and appreciate him, thank you for sharing him with his students and staff. Patsy and Pete Herrera



Patricia Herrera - July 29, 2021 at 07:43 AM

VI

Karen and family, my Condolences of Ron passing, I am so sorry. May his Soul, through The of Mercy Of God Rest In Peace! 🙏  
May God give you and your girls Peace and Comfort!!

Vina - July 29, 2021 at 01:38 PM

SC

Karen and daughters, our sincere condolences to you all. You are in our thoughts and prayers. May God be with you during this most difficult time.

Peace and be well.

Kandy and Sharon Cordova 💕

Sharon Cordova - July 29, 2021 at 03:46 PM

ES

“ I will always be indebted to Ron as I was the last principal he hired in the BCS district. I wish I was able to work under his leadership, as he retired shortly after my hiring. I will forever appreciate that he saw something in me to make me part of his educational leadership team. I strive to continue investing in collegial relationships as I believe he made it his mission too.

Emily Sisk-Layman - July 29, 2021 at 12:57 AM

DB

“ Denise Tafoya Braun lit a candle in memory of Ronald R. Marquez



Denise Tafoya Braun - July 28, 2021 at 10:28 PM

TI

“ Karen, my deepest sympathies to you and your daughters. I was reminiscing about our days in college, those will be always the memories that I will keep of him laughing and joking around. The picture of that corvette, can not believe he still had that car.

Tim Gregg

tim - July 28, 2021 at 09:12 PM



“ Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Ronald R. Marquez.



July 28, 2021 at 05:48 PM

AB

“ We were so saddened to hear of Ron's passing. I was one of many fortunate ones to get to know Ron through our work at BCS. We send condolences to Karen and girls and family. May God bless you with peace and strength.



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**Annabelle Barela** - July 28, 2021 at 02:22 PM

JM

*Thanks for giving me a chance. You changed my life for the better.*

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**Jennifer Montano** - July 29, 2021 at 02:06 PM



“ *Healing Tears - Lavender and White* was purchased for the family of Ronald R. Marquez.



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July 28, 2021 at 02:05 PM

AG

“ *Adam Greenwood lit a candle in memory of Ronald R. Marquez*



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**Adam Greenwood** - July 28, 2021 at 12:36 PM

JL

“ *IT was a great joy to help our students learn under Ron's leadership. HE was always supportive. BUT, more than that, he was a good man. WE will miss him. OUR thoughts and prayers are with Karen, his daughters and extended family. Blessings, Jim and Marge Lewis*

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**JIM LEWIS** - July 28, 2021 at 12:58 AM

RS

“ *"Lit a candle In Memory of Ronald R. Marquez."*

*Sincerely,  
Ruby Salas*



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**Ruby Salas** - July 27, 2021 at 01:13 PM

MG

“ *Mary Moser Gautreaux purchased the Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White for the family of Ronald R. Marquez.*



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**Mary Moser Gautreaux** - July 27, 2021 at 12:18 PM

AT

“ Our Deepest Condolences to Karen, Diane, Rose and Roni. Ron Marquez was my mentor, my confidant, and my friend. All of you treated Celeste and I like family and we will miss his wit, his humor, and camaraderie. I will always be grateful for everything he has done for me and my family as a professional and as a friend. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Marquez family.



*Rest in Peace my Friend...Till We Meet Again!!*

*Aubrey and Celeste Tucker*

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**Aubrey & Celeste Tucker** - July 27, 2021 at 12:02 AM

RC

“ *Roberta Cordova lit a candle in memory of Ronald R. Marquez*



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**Roberta Cordova** - July 26, 2021 at 09:03 PM

LP

“ *Lorraine Padilla lit a candle in memory of Ronald R. Marquez*



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**Lorraine Padilla** - July 26, 2021 at 08:00 PM



“ *Rosalinda A Ortiz lit a candle in memory of Ronald R. Marquez*



Rosalinda A Ortiz - July 26, 2021 at 03:38 PM



“ *Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Ronald R. Marquez.*



July 26, 2021 at 02:00 PM



“ *Rest In Peace Mr Marquez.*

*Love, Roxanne Kline*

Jessica Romero-Aragon - July 26, 2021 at 10:55 AM



“ Our sincere Condolences to Karen, Roni, Christina Rose and Juanita Diane. We will miss seeing Ron outside sitting out on his chair working on multiple tasks.... Always had something going on. Best word to describe him "PERFECTIONIST"

One thing I know is that he loved Karen and his girls unconditionally. What a wonderful hard working, smart, caring, LOVING man.

Rest In Peace Mr. Marquez....

Lots of Love... Jesse, Jessica, Nicholas, Luke, Jesse & Alyssa Brooke Aragon

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**Jessica Romero-Aragon** - July 26, 2021 at 10:53 AM

KG

“ My sincere condolences to the Marquez family. He was a good friend and a pleasure to work with. His heart was always with his family. His dedication to the students of the Belen Schools was paramount. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

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**Kenneth Griego** - July 26, 2021 at 08:44 AM

LS

“ My condolences to the Marquez family. I appreciate the leadership and support Ron exhibited during his career in Belen.



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**Lawrence Sanchez** - July 25, 2021 at 11:16 PM

HU

“ Ron was a great principle. He was always willing to listen, was supportive and helpful. He showed respect to those he worked for and always considered their point of view. Always proud of his family, they were everything to him. May God give you the strength during this time. Thank you Lord for Ron Marquez.—Phyllis Hayes

huu - July 25, 2021 at 10:50 PM

LT

“ Lorena (Romero) Torrez lit a candle in memory of Ronald R. Marquez



Lorena (Romero) Torrez - July 25, 2021 at 04:49 PM

MJ

“ From Eloy and MaryAnn Jaramillo and family, Our deepest condolences to the family of Ronald.

Mary Ann Jaramillo - July 25, 2021 at 03:14 PM

KD

“ Karen And Donny lit a candle in memory of Ronald R. Marquez



Karen and Donny - July 25, 2021 at 02:39 PM

JS

“ My condolences to the Marquez family. Ring was a great boss, he will be deeply missed.



Jackie Sanchez - July 25, 2021 at 12:29 PM

JS

Ron was a great boss, apologies for the misspelling, (auto correct)

Jackie Sanchez - July 25, 2021 at 12:30 PM

DG

“ Ron was a great boss who embraced and believed that family always came first. He left a lasting impression on every single person who had the privilege of know him. My son, Trysten, was saddened....he dressed like Ron (Superintendent) one year for Halloween.....that speaks volumes to the impact he had on students. May God wrap His loving arms around you 🙏❤️🙏



Dolores Garcia - July 24, 2021 at 09:54 PM



“ Cherished Memories - All White was purchased for the family of Ronald R. Marquez.



July 24, 2021 at 08:26 PM

RL

“ *Ron & Peggy Lopez lit a candle in memory of Ronald R. Marquez*



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**Ron & Peggy Lopez** - July 24, 2021 at 05:56 PM

DG

“ *Dolores Garcia lit a candle in memory of Ronald R. Marquez*



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**Dolores Garcia** - July 24, 2021 at 05:43 PM

SG

“ *So sorry to hear of Ron's passing. Condolence too to Karen and the family. Although we hadn't seen each other for sometime, we always think of our friends and truly Ron was that person we called friend. May he rest in peace and his family know that he was a compassionate and giving person.*

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**Susie and Tony Gallegos** - July 24, 2021 at 04:50 PM

PM

“ *Rest In Peace*

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**Patrick Moser** - July 24, 2021 at 02:32 PM

AK

“ Ron was a person that you could talk to when he was high school principal. He will be long remembered for his service and dedication.

*Our prayers are with his family.*

*Corine & Jim Knecht*

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**Avelina Corine Knecht** - July 24, 2021 at 02:10 PM

PM

“ I am so sad to hear of Ron's passing condolences to Karen and the girls. He was such a great boss at the administration office. May the perpetual light shine upon him God's blessing Karen and girls. 💙🙏💙



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**Phillip. Stella Molina** - July 24, 2021 at 02:06 PM

DR

“ Dicky And Suzanne Romero lit a candle in memory of Ronald R. Marquez



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**Dicky and Suzanne Romero** - July 24, 2021 at 12:42 PM

CD

“ Carla Davila-Rosales lit a candle in memory of Ronald R. Marquez



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**Carla Davila-Rosales** - July 24, 2021 at 10:33 AM

Betty Chavez

“ *Betty Chavez lit a candle in memory of Ronald R. Marquez*



Betty Chavez - July 24, 2021 at 10:10 AM

Betty Chavez

*prayers for the family during this difficult time.*

Betty Chavez - July 24, 2021 at 10:11 AM

AD

“ *Adela lit a candle in memory of Ronald R. Marquez*



Adela - July 24, 2021 at 09:37 AM

EA

“ *Evelyn Archuleta lit a candle in memory of Ronald R. Marquez*



Evelyn Archuleta - July 24, 2021 at 09:24 AM

BC

“ *Beatrice Chavez lit a candle in memory of Ronald R. Marquez*



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**Beatrice Chavez** - July 24, 2021 at 09:22 AM

LH

“ *Condolences for the family. God Bless and comfort all of you in this difficult time.*



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**Loretta Hanson** - July 24, 2021 at 08:53 AM

DC

“ *Coach was a great man, friend. He took me to a indoor track meet my first time. What a great experience, meeting top athletes. He taught me if you work hard you can win. In 86 he took us to a state championship. He's going to be missed. My prayers go out to Karen and the girls.*

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**darren chavez** - July 24, 2021 at 02:59 AM

BL

“ *What a great man, neighbor and friend, one of the kindest men you would have ever met. If I know anything about Ron is he loved his best friend Karen, they did everything together along with his beautiful daughters whom he was so proud of and love them very much. I am going to miss he warm greeting and talks we had. Love you Ron, we will be there for Karen and the girls.*



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**Bob Lindbloom** - July 24, 2021 at 01:54 AM

DV

“ *Our prayers are with you all ❤️ May Gods grace surround you all.*

*With love, Vilella Family*



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**Domonic and Nichole Vilella** - July 24, 2021 at 01:38 AM

SM

“ *Ron was a bigger than life kind of person that had a heart of gold and a contagious smile. He will be greatly missed. RIP my friend.*

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**Shireen McDonald** - July 24, 2021 at 01:37 AM

KW

“ *Thoughts and Prayers for your entire family during this difficult time. Coach was one of the most influential individuals in my life. Thank You for everything you did for me as a kid and your continued support throughout my career. God Bless You All!  
#RestInParadiseCoach #AngryJackPride.  
Kevin Werth*

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**Kevin Werth** - July 24, 2021 at 01:29 AM

JC

“ Jessica Chavez lit a candle in memory of  
Ronald R. Marquez



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**Jessica Chavez** - July 24, 2021 at 12:52 AM

JC

“ Our thoughts and endless prayers are with you all! May Uncle's  
memory be Eternal!! XOXO love and miss you all!

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**Jessica Chavez** - July 24, 2021 at 12:52 AM

PL

“ Pamela Locey lit a candle in memory of  
Ronald R. Marquez



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**Pamela Locey** - July 24, 2021 at 12:32 AM

GL

“ Gertrude Locey lit a candle in memory of  
Ronald R. Marquez



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**Gertrude Locey** - July 24, 2021 at 12:31 AM

DB

“ *Denise Tafoya Braun lit a candle in memory of Ronald R. Marquez*



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**Denise Tafoya Braun** - July 24, 2021 at 12:27 AM

JC

“ *I am saddened to here of Ron's passing. Ron, Julie and I went to NMSU many times for the new teacher job fair. Other trainings and meetings that Ron always kept lively and spirited. His super funny jokes. They are really fun memories I will always hold dear. Blessings and my condolences to his wife and daughters!*  
*John Calderera*

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**John Calderera** - July 23, 2021 at 10:27 PM

DB

“ *Deborah S Baca lit a candle in memory of Ronald R. Marquez*



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**Deborah S Baca** - July 23, 2021 at 10:12 PM

SB

“ *My heart felt condolences to Ron's family.*



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**Susan Beyerl** - July 23, 2021 at 09:52 PM

SB

*My heart felt condolences to the family.*

Susan Beyerl - July 23, 2021 at 09:54 PM

DA

“ *Debbie Aguilar lit a candle in memory of Ronald R. Marquez*



Debbie Aguilar - July 23, 2021 at 09:46 PM

DA

*With love and much respect to a special cousin ❤️!*

Debbie Aguilar - July 23, 2021 at 09:48 PM

SB

“ *Sandy Mendoza & Rosemary Baca lit a candle in memory of Ronald R. Marquez*



Sandy Mendoza & Rosemary Baca - July 23, 2021 at 09:12 PM

JC

“ *I am deeply saddened to hear of Ron's passing. I loved working with him and so appreciate him being a mentor to me as well as a friend. Thank you Karen and the Marquez girls for sharing him with us. Rest In Peace, Ron.*

Joann Carter - July 23, 2021 at 09:09 PM

PA

“ *Paul Aragon lit a candle in memory of Ronald R. Marquez*



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**Paul Aragon** - July 23, 2021 at 07:18 PM

PA

*Very sorry for your loss*

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**Paul Aragon** - July 23, 2021 at 07:19 PM

CS

“ *Please accept my deepest condolences for Ron's untimely passing. Prayers for peace and understanding during this difficult time. Sincerely, Carolyn Serafin-Abeyta*

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**Carolyn Serafin-Abeyta** - July 23, 2021 at 06:31 PM