



Willie Joe Chavez

August 3, 1941 - April 8, 2024

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Willie J. Chavez 82, passed away at his home in Peralta, NM April 8, 2024, surrounded by his family. Willie is survived by the love of his life, his wife of 62 years Lori, beloved daughter Rosalie, son-in-law John Padilla, grandsons Issac and Isaiah, sisters Elizabeth Lennon, Irene Roybal (Buddy), Anna Mae Wood, brother Richard, in-law George DeLaCruz, nephews, nieces, cousins, and friends. Willie was preceded in death by his infant daughter Peggy Ann, sisters Sylvia Aragon (Fidel), Patricia DeLaCruz, brothers Jerry and Lorenzo, In-Laws Dale Lennon, Joe Otero (Matelida), Beatrice Romero (Charlie), Albinita Aragon (Jose), Nila Toledo (Albert), Melba Sanchez (Arlie).

After graduating high school, Willie enlisted in the U. S. Army, receiving a Military Security Clearance as a teletype operator while stationed in Korea. He was honorably discharged, October 1965. He worked as an electrician for the NM Department of Corrections until his retirement.

Willie's passing leaves a void in our lives that can never be filled. Our comfort is that Willie will be remembered as a devoted and loving family man with a quiet and gentle spirit. Willie treasured every moment he spent watching his grandsons grow into amazing young men.

The family would like to thank Veteran's Medical staff, Amber Hospice, Floyd

and Mary Louise Smith, Cathy and Eddie Chavez for their kindness during Willie's illness. In lieu of flowers a donation to Parkinsons Research is appreciated.

Celebration Mass - Immaculate Conception Church Tome, NM, Tuesday, April 23, 2024 - 9 am. Burial- Santa Fe National Cemetery 1:00 p.m.

Please sign Willie's online tribute at www.romerofuneralhomenm.com Romero Funeral Home, 609 N. Main St., Belen, NM.

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

APR **23**. 9:00 AM (MT)

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church
7 Church Loop
Tome, NM 87060

Interment

APR **23**. 1:00 PM (MT)

Santa Fe National Cemetery
501 N. Guadalupe Street
Santa Fe, NM 87501

Tribute Wall

DC

“ My deepest condolences goes out to Lori and all of Willie's family! I just saw this and feel sad I wasn't able to be there for you all! I pray God comforts each of you with His loving arms as you go through this grieving process! Much love! 🥺💔

Diane Chavez - April 29, 2024 at 11:23 AM

AS

“ our condolences to lori &family. Willie was a good friend! RIP Arturo Sais

Arturo Sais - April 22, 2024 at 03:12 PM

RC

“ Raymond De La Cruz lit a candle in memory of Willie Joe Chavez



Raymond De La Cruz - April 22, 2024 at 02:40 PM

TR

“ Lori, Rose, & family, We're sorry to hear about your loss..Sending love, hugs, and prayers....Esther and Teles Rael ❤️🙏



Teles and Esther Rael - April 18, 2024 at 10:18 AM

RO

“ Robert & Maxine Olguin lit a candle in memory of Willie Joe Chavez



Robert & Maxine Olguin - April 17, 2024 at 05:57 PM

JO

“ Judy & Stevie Otero lit a candle in memory of Willie Joe Chavez



Judy & Stevie Otero - April 17, 2024 at 12:05 PM

TF

“ Tony F Padilla Family lit a candle in memory of Willie Joe Chavez



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GG

“ Glen & Mary Gabaldon lit a candle in memory of Willie Joe Chavez



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