



## Willie Lovato

October 28, 1948 - March 12, 2018

1948-2018

Willie Lovato Jr., age 69, a resident of Jarales, NM, went on to eternal rest on March 12, 2018 surrounded by his loving family. Born October, 1948 to the late Willie Lovato Sr. and Helen O'Neil, he had a tremendous love for drag racing, a deep passion for restoring classic cars, enjoyed going to the casino and was an avid dog lover. Willie retired from Melloy Nissan after 36 years as a foreign car mechanic and opened his own automotive business, Willie's Imports, which he owned and operated for the past 15 years. His family was the most important thing to him and his love for them was unmatched. Willie is preceded in death by his parents, Willie Lovato Sr. and Helen O'Neil; his father in-law, Vicente Otero; and his brothers in-law, Ted Raff and Alfred Gallegos. He leaves to cherish his memory his loving and devoted wife of 45 years, Dorothy Otero Lovato; his loving children, Nicole Lovato Flannigan (Vaughn) and Marc Lovato (Nicole); his grandchildren, Marc Jr., Lauren Lovato and Jerron Flannigan; his beloved sister, Virgie Gallegos; his niece, Audra Gallegos Baca (Anthony); his nephew, Noah Baca; his mother in-law, Inez Vigil Otero; his sisters in-law, Theresa Sanchez (Hector) and Helen Raff; his brother in-law, Pete Otero (Toni); his aunts, Sally and Isabel Lovato; and a host of nieces, nephews and cousins. Willie had a great number of friends who were too many in number to name but were very important to him. All services will be held on Saturday, March 17, 2018 at Our Lady of Belen Catholic Church. A Visitation will take place at 10:00 a.m. with a Funeral Mass

to be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. Interment will be held on a later date at Santa Fe National Cemetery. Please sign Willie's online tribute at [www.romerofuneralhomenm.com](http://www.romerofuneralhomenm.com) Romero Funeral Home, 609 N. Main St. Belen, NM.

# Cemetery Details

## Santa Fe National Cemetery

501 N. Guadalupe Street  
Santa Fe, NM 87501

# Previous Events

## Viewing

MAR 17. 10:00 AM (MT)

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

## Funeral Mass

MAR 17. 11:00 AM (MT)

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

# Tribute Wall

DC

“ Dorothy and Family - I am so very sorry for you tremendous loss! I pray God continues to comfort you with His loving arms and carry you when you feel you can't. Love and prayers!

*Diane Chávez*

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**Diane Chávez** - March 27, 2018 at 02:14 PM

PL

“ Dear Dorothy and Family: I am so sorry to hear of Willie's passing! I hope the wonderful memories he left each of you with will help sustain you through this difficult time. Know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. Many Blessings to each of you.

*Paul T. Luna*

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**Paul T. Luna** - March 19, 2018 at 03:37 PM

FG

“ My deepest sympathy to you and and your family. I know that the memories will get you through the days ahead. Your cousin, Francie.

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**Frances Otero Grover** - March 18, 2018 at 04:07 PM

TT

“ Dorothy and family our deepest and heartfelt condolences on the passing of Willie. He was a kind and honest man. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. May he rest in peace and have eternal life in heaven with our Lord and Savior.

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**Tom and Paulette Torres** - March 17, 2018 at 08:37 PM

LA

*To his wife Dorothy and his sister Virgie please allow me to give my condolences. I am so sorry for your loss. I am Sony's first cousin. My name is Louie Anaya. I didn't know about his passing May you rest in peace.*

**Louie Anaya** - March 24, 2018 at 10:26 PM

CD

*“ Dorothy, Nichole, and Marc, please let us know if you need anything. Our prayers are with you and the rest of your family.*



**Country and Dolores** - March 17, 2018 at 06:16 PM

LC

*“ Dear Dorothy, My deepest sympathy to you, Nicole, Mark & the family. I am very sorry for your loss. May you feel God's presence & love during this difficult time. Love, Lynda Chavez-Salazar & family.*

**Lynda Chavez-Salazar** - March 17, 2018 at 01:10 PM

PV

*“ Rest In Peace Willie. Our sincerest condolences to the family. Phillip and Kathy Vigil.*



**Phillip Vigil** - March 17, 2018 at 12:25 PM

AL

“ Alfred&LindaA.Sanchez lit a candle in memory of Willie Lovato

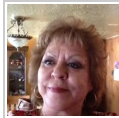


Alfred&LindaA.Sanchez - March 17, 2018 at 11:29 AM

AL

Our Prayers and Love goes your way. He surly left footprints his love should be an example for us all.

Alfred&LindaA.Sanchez - March 17, 2018 at 11:32 AM



Our prayers are with you Dorothy and family. May he RIP.Let us know if you need anything. God Bless you all. We will miss him.

Evelyn Gallegos - March 18, 2018 at 02:31 PM

AC

“ My condolences to the family. To my bro. and that we'll ride again someday. May you rest in peace and God bless.  
Your bro Ambrose

Ambrose Calles - March 17, 2018 at 11:08 AM

DM

“ Danny Montoya lit a candle in memory of Willie Lovato



Danny Montoya - March 17, 2018 at 09:33 AM

LR

“ Love, Holly Ryan purchased the Garden Accent Stone - "Wherever a Beautiful Soul..." for the family of Willie Lovato.



Love, Holly Ryan - March 16, 2018 at 01:27 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Willie Lovato.



March 16, 2018 at 12:58 PM

EA

“ Willie, the class of 1967, will miss you so much, we are all the same age, and will be all together again, God Bless You. Ernie Armijo



Ernie Armijo - March 16, 2018 at 10:37 AM

TG

“ Tony Garcia lit a candle in memory of Willie Lovato



Tony Garcia - March 16, 2018 at 08:47 AM

TW

“ Tracy & Jodelle Willoughby lit a candle in memory of Willie Lovato



Tracy & Jodelle Willoughby - March 16, 2018 at 02:10 AM

AT

“ Dorothy and family,  
We are so sorry for your loss. Willie was always very nice to us and helped us out. May God give you strength during this sad time. God bless you all.  
Raymond and Angela Trujillo

Angela Trujillo - March 15, 2018 at 09:53 PM

TJ

“ Tanya Jaramillo lit a candle in memory of Willie Lovato



Tanya Jaramillo - March 15, 2018 at 05:53 PM

PC

“ Peggy Carabajal lit a candle in memory of Willie Lovato



Peggy Carabajal - March 15, 2018 at 04:16 PM

JG

“ Dorothy, Nicole & Mark,  
I am so very sorry to hear of the loss of your dear husband/father Willie. My heart goes out to you and your kids. I know all too well the pain of losing my Daddy and my Mom in losing her husband. Keep your family close during this extremely painful time. I will keep you ALL in my prayers. God Bless you and your family!



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**JILL GAINES** - March 15, 2018 at 12:19 PM

RK

“ Dorothy, Nicole & Marc I was very sad to hear that my very good friend Willie had passed away. My family has you all in our prayers. Willie was a special man and will always be in my heart and will be greatly missed. You don't know how much of an impact he had on my life. I learned so much from him and am eternally grateful. May he Rest In Peace and may god bless your family!! Robert and Marilyn

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**Robert Kaneshiro** - March 15, 2018 at 10:47 AM



“ Our heart goes out to the Lovato family.  
Willie will be missed.  
Johnny and Cindy Chavez



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**Cindy Hayes-Chavez** - March 15, 2018 at 12:11 AM

AJ

“ From andrew chavez jr and family we are so sorry to hear willie is no longer with us with love the chavez family!



Andrew j chavez jr - March 14, 2018 at 11:54 PM

AP

“ Dorothy, Nicole, Mark & Family  
Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.



Albert, Linda, Darlene, and Dylan Peña - March 14, 2018 at 08:44 PM



“ Viola Gabaldon lit a candle in memory of Willie Lovato



Viola Gabaldon - March 14, 2018 at 05:48 PM

RC

“ Roseann Chavez lit a candle in memory of Willie Lovato



Roseann Chavez - March 14, 2018 at 05:42 PM

BC

“ Beverly Castillo lit a candle in memory of Willie Lovato



Beverly Castillo - March 14, 2018 at 05:19 PM

EN

“ Erica Nunez lit a candle in memory of Willie Lovato



Erica Nunez - March 14, 2018 at 05:19 PM

EN

Joe talked about you all the time. You were truly one of his best friends! He will miss you!

Erica Nunez - March 14, 2018 at 05:21 PM

AS

“ Adam & Ruby Salas & Family lit a candle in memory of Willie Lovato Jr.



Adam & Ruby Salas - March 14, 2018 at 04:40 PM

RU

“ *Ramon And Diana Ulibarri lit a candle in memory of Willie Lovato*



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**Ramon and Diana Ulibarri** - March 14, 2018 at 03:22 PM

RG

“ *Richard And Patricia Garcia lit a candle in memory of Willie Lovato*



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**Richard and Patricia Garcia** - March 14, 2018 at 01:37 PM

SO

“ *Sympathies to the family.  
Susan and Mike Ortega*

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**Susan Ortega** - March 14, 2018 at 12:59 PM

PT

“ *Abram and Patsy Torres lit a candle in memory of our cousin Willie.*



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**Patricia torres** - March 14, 2018 at 12:40 PM

DR

“ *Dicky And Suzanne Romero lit a candle in memory of Willie Lovato*



**Dicky and Suzanne Romero** - March 14, 2018 at 10:28 AM

Janet Sanchez

“ *Janet Sanchez lit a candle in memory of Willie Lovato*



**Janet Sanchez** - March 14, 2018 at 10:06 AM

Janet Sanchez

“ *Willie, a good friend. Roland loved hanging out with you as You guys loved those old cars and working on them. He knew you were the best mechanic around. May you Rest In Peace Willie. My condolences to Dorthy and all the family. 🙏❤️🙏 Janet Sanchez*

**Janet Sanchez** - March 14, 2018 at 10:05 AM

LG

“ *Lydia (White) Gonzales lit a candle in memory of Willie Lovato*



**lydia (White) Gonzales** - March 14, 2018 at 09:37 AM

PG

“ Pat & Margo Garcia lit a candle in memory of Willie Lovato



Pat & Margo Garcia - March 14, 2018 at 07:33 AM

KS

“ Our deepest condolences to our cousin and friend. I wish your family the strength of God to help you stay strong and remember the best of life times you shared together on earth. We shall all meet again and I hope you are all doing well. If there is anything your family needs we are here to support you in every way. God Bless each of you.

Karen Anderson Siegman - March 13, 2018 at 11:04 PM

DS

“ Diane & Raymond Sanchez lit a candle in memory of Willie Lovato



Diane & Raymond Sanchez - March 13, 2018 at 09:59 PM

DS

“ Dorothy, Mark, Nicole & Family Our deepest sympathy on the passing of Willie we will always remember his generosity. Rest in peace our lifetime friend. We will miss you.  
Raymond & Diane Sanchez

Diane H Sanchez - March 13, 2018 at 09:58 PM

LM

“ *Lorraine Marquez lit a candle in memory of Willie Lovato*



Lorraine Marquez - March 13, 2018 at 09:41 PM

GR

“ *Gilbert & Beverly Romero lit a candle in memory of Willie Lovato*



Gilbert & Beverly Romero - March 13, 2018 at 09:24 PM

FB

“ *Dorothy & family,  
Richard & I would like to extend our most sincere condolences on the passing of Willie. We are deeply sorry for your loss. We are thinking of you and will continue to keep you in prayer. May God bless each one of you and may he (Willie) Rest In Peace. Amen.  
Love & Prayers,  
Frances & Frances Bafdonado*

Frances Baldonado - March 13, 2018 at 09:22 PM

FB

*Dorothy.. please excuse the errors on my post. Must have a mind of its own, just couldn't find how to correct them.. it's from Richard & I. The Baldonado's.*

Frances Baldonado - March 13, 2018 at 09:35 PM

GF

“ *Gulas Family lit a candle in memory of Willie Lovato*



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**Gulas Family** - March 13, 2018 at 08:49 PM

GS

“ *Gilfred Salas lit a candle in memory of Willie Lovato*



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**Gilfred Salas** - March 13, 2018 at 07:39 PM

JF

“ *Jojola Family lit a candle in memory of Willie Lovato*



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**Jojola Family** - March 13, 2018 at 07:30 PM

JM

“ *Jennie Mascarena lit a candle in memory of Willie Lovato*



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**Jennie Mascarena** - March 13, 2018 at 06:17 PM

EC

“ Elizabeth Chavez lit a candle in memory of Willie Lovato



Elizabeth Chavez - March 13, 2018 at 06:05 PM

EC

*My thoughts and prayers are with the family ...Im so sorry*

Elizabeth Chavez - March 13, 2018 at 06:07 PM

SC

“ Sophia Chavez lit a candle in memory of Willie Lovato



Sophia Chavez - March 13, 2018 at 06:02 PM

TF

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



Tony F Padilla Family - March 13, 2018 at 05:53 PM

VC

“ *Vivian Campbell lit a candle in memory of Willie Lovato*



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**Vivian Campbell** - March 13, 2018 at 05:06 PM

RL

“ *Roberta Lovato lit a candle in memory of Willie Lovato*



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**Roberta Lovato** - March 13, 2018 at 04:01 PM

RL

*Dorthoy, Nicole, Mark, and Virgie, I am so sorry for your loss. I loved my primo and will miss him.*

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**Roberta Lovato** - March 13, 2018 at 04:03 PM

WD

*Virgie and Audra, I'm so terribly sorry for Willie's loss. My sincere sympathy to you both, my wonderful friends. Love you.*

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**Wendy Dunford** - March 14, 2018 at 08:26 AM

PB

*Dorothy and Family,*

*we are so deeply sorry for Willie passing. He was always everybody Friend. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

*Patrick and Angie Baca.*

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**Patrick and Angie Baca** - March 14, 2018 at 03:07 PM