



Alex J. Gonzales

November 20, 1938 - December 20, 2014

Alex J. Gonzales was born on November 20, 1938. He had a life bursting with new experiences, friends, and adventure and that is why he lives forever in our hearts. He left the world as a strong man in his favorite hat draped in flying colors. To us, he was a superhero and he lives on in our memories and in the character he taught us. He wouldn't want us to stand at his grave and cry because he is not there, he did not die. Talk with us. We'll share his story. He never stopped learning and he gave us the best gift of all, the thirst for knowledge. He had a strong love for family, a passion for travel and thrived in everything he did. He loved his grandkids and was involved in their lives immensely. He traveled over eight countries, biked 100 miles races, fished the water of many states, boated and skied, and learned to play guitar. He was always seeking new and exciting challenges. He loved life.

He was an accomplished man. He served in the U.S. Reserves, retired from PNM with 25 years of service at the age of 47 and thereafter earned his BA in Business Computer Systems at UNM. He had a second career in the banking industry. In his lifetime, he continually gave back to the community with his involvement as president of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, memberships in Rotary, Elks Club, Special Olympics, the board of Altamont Little League where he managed and coached teams, and many other community organizations.

His legacy was the character of the man he taught us all to be and the model for everyone to follow. He always treated every person he met with respect

and everyone he met walked away from him as a friend.

He took his last breath on earth and took his first breath in heaven on December 20, 2014. "Well done, good and faithful servant." - Matthew 25:23.

He has been reunited with his grandparents, Benigno and Eufemia Jaramillo and his mother, Mary Garcia and his infant daughter, Mary Ester. He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Felicita Gonzales; and his children and grandchildren: Steven Gonzales and wife Susan and children, Melissa and husband Ben Olson and Emily and husband Cesar Lopez; Richard Gonzales and wife Terri and son, Alan; Patricia Davis and husband Michael and children, Elena and Jenna; Mark Gonzales and wife Kimberly and children, Alexandria, Isabel, and Ciarra; as well as many cousins.

Alex will be honored with a Rosary on Tuesday, December 30, 2014, 7:00 p.m., at FRENCH – Wyoming. A Memorial Mass will be celebrated Wednesday, December 31, 2014, 10:00 a.m., at Risen Savior Catholic Community, 7701 Wyoming Blvd. NE. Interment will take place at Sunset Memorial Park.

FRENCH – Wyoming
7121 Wyoming Blvd. NE
(505) 823-9400

Cemetery Details

Sunset Memorial Park

924 Menaul Blvd NE
Albuquerque, NM 87107
(505) 345-3536
info@sunset-memorial.com
<https://www.sunset-memorial.com/>

Previous Events

Rosary

DEC **30**. 7:00 PM (MT)

FRENCH Funerals - Cremations (Wyoming)
7121 Wyoming Blvd NE
Albuquerque, NM 87109
(505) 823-9400
<https://www.FrenchFunerals.com>

Memorial Mass

DEC **31**. 10:00 AM (MT)

Risen Savior Catholic Community
7701 Wyoming Blvd. NE
Albuquerque, NM 87109

Tribute Wall

LR

“ *Leslie & Andrew R. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Alex J. Gonzales.*



Leslie & Andrew R. - January 07, 2015 at 04:30 PM

LR

“ *Or deepest condolences to your entire family. Losing a loved one is the most difficult thing to bare especially during the holiday season. May you cherish all the memories and may it bring you comfort in knowing that he is home with our Lord Jesus Christ. May God be with you today and always.*



Andrew, Leslie Rodriguez and family

Leslie Rodriguez - January 06, 2015 at 09:00 PM

JK

“ *Fella and Family,*

We recently learned of Alex's passing and send our deepest condolences. You have an angel watching over you. We often wonder about all of the PNM family and often laugh at the times we spent at Morphy Lake with the Fogleman's, Abernathy, Bob and Bev, and of course Jerry and I. We sure had some fun times. I come in contact with some of the pics I took (Alex with a big smile) wonderful times. Jerry tells me that he and Alex shared stories of the time they started with PNM and how unsure they were but; it worked out for both of them. May God hold you in His arms and heal the sorrow that you and your family feel.

Jerry and Frances Korte

Jerry & Frances Korte - January 04, 2015 at 06:32 PM

FS

“Fella, Steve, Richard, Pat, Mark and family,
On behalf of the Roy Storey family, we all want you to know how much we love you and are with you in prayer and spirit at this time of Alex's passing. Alex was always so large and in charge. We all loved him dearly and we will miss him immensely. My dad always called him “Chief” as did many others. He and my dad were like brothers for so many years. I, my mom Sara, Sister Royce and brother Rod have all been reminiscing about the wonderful times we shared together growing up. The Belen Jaycee's, countless weekends at Elephant Butt lake, December's cutting Christmas trees in the mountains, hauling fire wood and of course Alex, dad and Mike's tenure at PNM. These memories of Alex and your beautiful family are embedded in our memories and will never be forgotten.

(Mom say's - Can you imagine the camp site in heaven, the three amigos- Alex, Roy and Mike McClery reunited, sitting on the beach and drinking a cold one) What a beautiful picture that is in our minds...

Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this time.
Sincerely,
Frank Storey and family.....

Frank Storey - December 30, 2014 at 04:15 PM



“Fields of Europe was purchased for the family of Alex J. Gonzales.



December 29, 2014 at 10:30 PM



“ *Silver Season Bouquet was purchased for the family of Alex J. Gonzales.*



December 29, 2014 at 10:03 PM



“ *Kristi P. purchased the Red & White Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of Alex J. Gonzales.*



Kristi P. - December 29, 2014 at 02:24 PM



“ *PNM Transmission Line Department, Stella and Jesse purchased the Blue & White Sympathy Basket for the family of Alex J. Gonzales.*



PNM Transmission Line Department, Stella and Jesse -
December 29, 2014 at 08:17 AM



“ *Por favor acepten mi mas sentido pésame. En estos momentos es mas necesario que nunca, buscar a Jehová. El nos dice en su palabra que acudamos a El en tiempos de angustia. El es el único que nos hace la promesa de ver a nuestros seres queridos otra vez. Acudan a El ahora y aprenda de esta promesa ahora. (Juan 5:28,29; Filipenses 4:6,7)*

D. M. - December 25, 2014 at 02:27 PM

JC

“ *On behalf of the French Family of Companies, we express our deepest condolences.*

Joel Chavez - December 24, 2014 at 02:18 PM