

Art Ortega

May 29, 1946 - November 28, 2013

Arturo Guillermo Ortega, Jr. passed away on November 28, 2013 in Albuquerque. He was born on May 29, 1946 in Washington, D.C. He graduated from St. Pius X High School in 1964 and attended Regis College in Denver and the University of Albuquerque. While at the University of Albuquerque, Art found his calling as a broadcaster. He started his career at KDEF in Albuquerque, and had a very successful run that took him to radio stations in Denver, Boston, Columbus, and San Diego. He returned to Albuquerque in 1985 and retired from broadcasting in 2011. Art was known for his engaging personality, quick wit, ready smile, and ever-active sense of humor. He volunteered on many boards and committees throughout his career and exemplified excellent problem-solving skills coupled with creativity and imagination to benefit the community. His late parents were Arturo G. Ortega and Eloisa Maes Ortega. He is survived by his wife, Lynda; son, David; grandson, Dominic; stepson, Eric Martinez; stepdaughter, Kristine Martinez; siblings, Dr. Ricardo Ortega, M.D., Cristina Ortega Morris (Robert), Carlos Ortega (Dolores), Daniel Ortega, Roberto Ortega (Loretta), and Armando Ortega (Yolanda). Art is also survived by his former wife, Margaret Ortega, plus many nieces and nephews, aunts and uncles, cousins, colleagues, and friends. He enjoyed the music of a spectrum of artists, but was especially fond of the Beatles, who burst onto the world stage when he was a teenager. Indeed, Art had a chronic case of Beatlemania that was practically contagious. He loved to attend and photograph David's and Dominic's soccer games and

was a devoted fan of the Boston Celtics. The reservoir of steady love, encouragement, and support that Art left for his grandson, Dominic will help him immensely in his ongoing recovery from childhood leukemia. Pallbearers are Joe Melloy, Chuck Reynolds, Art Verardo, Joe McGuire, Richard Royman, and Paul Barabe. Honorary pallbearers are Malcolm Shannon, Frank Cody, David Battat, Ernesto Perez, Carla Barela, Judy Higgins Reynolds, and Dewey Weber. In lieu of flowers, donations in Art's memory may be made to the Heart Hospital of New Mexico Foundation or to the National Hispanic Cultural Center Foundation. The Rosary will be recited Friday, December 6, 2013, 7:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Fatima, 4020 Lomas NE, Albuquerque. Mass will be celebrated Saturday, December 7, 2013, 10:00 a.m. also at Our Lady of Fatima.

Cemetery Details

Mt. Calvary Cemetery

1900 Edith Blvd. NE
Albuquerque, NM

Previous Events

Rosary

DEC 6. 7:00 PM (MT)

Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church
4020 Lomas Blvd. NE
Albuquerque, NM

Mass of Christian Burial

DEC 7. 10:00 AM (MT)

Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church
4020 Lomas Blvd. NE
Albuquerque, NM

Tribute Wall

GJ

“ Art plucked me from KDEF and brought me to KOB radio when I was still wet behind the ears. In my time working for him, he showed me how to behave like a professional. In my time as his friend, which lasted until the day he died, Art taught me how to behave like a grown-up ...a grown-up who still has a child's love of life. Rest in peace, boss.

Greg Jones

Gregory Jones - January 08, 2014 at 03:39 PM

RC

“ I remember Art and Frank Cody in their younger days and so much admired the determination they had to entertain...sometimes just themselves! Art's sense of humor was infectious and sincere. I was lucky enough to have Art as a friend when he returned to Albuquerque radio and Citadel Broadcasting. He helped KKOB and the station's continued interest in hot air ballooning. He was always a great "ambassador" for anything he was involved with and ballooning was no different. We all will miss him and his wit, kindness and sincerity. From an Iced IN Dallas, TX...Ron Curry



Ron Curry - December 07, 2013 at 01:08 PM

MK

“ *A sad day for Albuquerque to lose Art too soon. He had much to give, but we appreciate what he did in his lifetime. My condolences to the Ortega family.*

Margaret Kious

Margaret Kious - December 07, 2013 at 12:04 PM

JB

“ *Today is a beautiful day in Boston--a day Art would have loved in a city he had enjoyed so much. I hope it's beautiful in New Mexico--I know storms came, and I hope people travelling make it to the service today safely, to share with his family your support and caring. From a distance, our thoughts and prayers are with you today.*

I met Art with Chuck way back in my UNM days. I enjoyed his friendship and spirit so much then, and on more recent visits. It was wonderful to visit the Ortega clan when returning to Albuquerque, and the conversations and friendship just seemed to pick up where they had left off, across time, generations, changes we all went through. Also a beautiful part of my life was my husband David's friendship with Chuck and Art--so much fun, music, love.

My thoughts and prayers are with all of Art's family and friends.

*with love,
Judy Battat*

Judy Battat - December 07, 2013 at 10:32 AM

JB

“ My memories of Art are numerous, many of them involving planning for Balloon Fiesta each year for years. He was a true professional with an incredible sense of humor and our relationship was one I will remember and treasure. To the Ortega family, I am so sorry for your loss. We have all lost a great friend, but God has gained a good soul...

Jodi Baugh

Jodi Baugh - December 06, 2013 at 09:07 PM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Art Ortega.



December 06, 2013 at 07:32 PM

CH

“ I first knew Art through my sister, Jan - and then his "on-air" personality on KDEF.
Years later my daughter went to work at Citadel - and Art was her boss. He and Lynda have been wonderful to Sarah - and to me - and my heart goes out to all of you who have loved him. He was one of the rare truly lovely people I have known in my life. Vaya con Dios Art

Carol Gerken Henry

Carol Gerken Henry - December 06, 2013 at 05:30 PM

JR

“ I met Art through the NM Museum of Natural History Foundation. Art was a tireless volunteer and supporter of the museum and its foundation. We also shared our respective memories of Columbus, Ohio, including Art's involvement with the Columbus Zoo and Jack Hanna, and serious discussions about Schmidt's "Bahama Mama" sausages. The smile in Art's photo expresses a lot about him. I'm sure he's up there reacquainting with those who went before him, looking down with love and concern for those left here for the time being, and maybe enjoying one of those Schmidt's sausage platters. God bless.

Jim Reist - December 06, 2013 at 05:00 PM

HT

“ My wonderful cousin was one of the best broadcasters who I ever heard on the radio! Our Thoughts & Prayers are with his family today and always! Helen M. Toole and Family

Helen M. Toole - December 06, 2013 at 09:45 AM

TF

“ The James Maes Family purchased the Floor Plant for Sympathy for the family of Art Ortega.



The James Maes Family - December 06, 2013 at 08:18 AM



“ *Sympathy Arrangement In Basket (Large) - Multicolor Pastel Mixed Flowers was purchased for the family of Art Ortega.*



December 05, 2013 at 10:58 PM



“ *I am so saddened by the passing of Art. I will always be grateful to Art and Maggie for their love, laughter and of course the music---there was always the music. Hours and hours of Sinatra, the Beatles, Lou Rawls, Willie and Waylan, Emmylou and the list goes on and on. My condolences to all the Ortega family, especially Maggie, David and Dominic. Go in peace Art and know that the music continues. Love, ME*

Mary Ellen Weber - December 05, 2013 at 08:09 PM



“ *So sorry to hear of Art's passing. Art and I spent many hours together solving all the world's problems. What was best about Art was his keen intellect, his great sense of humor and his optimism. He exemplified the standard to which all broadcasters aspire. I'll miss Art but the memories of the great times we had will live on. May you rest in peace, my friend. David Singer*

David Singer - December 05, 2013 at 06:05 PM

JS

“ *The last time we had a chance to visit was a couple of years ago. We were talking about Balloon Fiesta and it being the fortieth anniversary. When I came into the studio, Art said we would record like a half hour. We became so engrossed in laughing at old stories, who we knew in common that I didn't leave until two and a half hours later. I will miss this fine man. All of us that knew him will. Buen viaje amigo.*

John R. Sena - December 05, 2013 at 05:34 PM

MW

I went to grade school with Art...St. Charles and had the pleasure of having dinner with a group from the class of 1960 a couple of years ago. A wonderful man...may he rest in peace and be with Jesus.

Maggie (Schlereth) Weakley

Maggie Weakley - December 06, 2013 at 11:13 AM

IF

“ *Tim and I were saddened to hear of Art's death. I was pleased I had a chance for a brief visit with this lovely man at Miguel and Jesse's wedding two summers ago.*

Dear Maggie and David, Tina, Rick, Carlos, Danny, Bobby, and Mando, and to all of Art's extended family,

Tim and I extend our deepest sympathy to all of you at this time.

*Con amor y carino,
Imelda & Tim Francis*

Imelda Francsi - December 05, 2013 at 04:44 PM

SY

“ While Art was at Citadel, I was lucky to collaborate with him. He graciously interviewed for the public affairs show many members of our community that were promoting non-profit efforts and projects. Whether it was a American Heart Association fundraiser or organ donation awareness campaign, etc. he was up for letting the radio station viewers know what was important to support and know about. He easily made a connection with everyone and helped them tell their stories. He truly did a service for our community and I'm blessed to have worked with and known him.



Rest in peace Art and my condolences to his family.

Sylvia Vigil-Raines

Sylvia - December 05, 2013 at 02:55 PM

IP

“ Irma P. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Art Ortega.



Irma P. - December 05, 2013 at 02:17 PM

IT

“ Our deepest sympathies go out to the Ortega family for the loss of your loved one. God bless you all and comfort you in your time of sorrow. Jaime and Irma Tamez

Irma Porras Tamez - December 05, 2013 at 01:07 PM

JA

“ Art was one of those rare people with whom I felt comfortable asking for a favor for a cause or an event. He never made me feel like I was barking up the wrong tree and he would always deliver if it was in his capacity to do so. When I went back into radio news for a brief time, my first day on the job at KKOB Art brought me the station's hot air balloon pin. He knew I had a history with ballooning and with that balloon as well. That's how thoughtful he was. I was sad to see him go when the new owners eliminated the position he held for so many years. He was dedicated to his job and to his community. My sincere condolences to Lynda and all of Art's family.

Jana Lee Aspin

Jana Lee Aspin - December 05, 2013 at 12:46 PM

RF

“ Ronnie McKenzie-Moralez and the McKenzie Family purchased the Serene Green™ Bouquet For Sympathy for the family of Art Ortega.



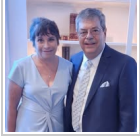
Ronnie McKenzie-Moralez and the McKenzie Family -
December 04, 2013 at 06:04 PM

JM

“ Juanita M. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Art Ortega.



Juanita M. - December 04, 2013 at 05:45 PM



“ *I am saddened to learn of Art's passing. I worked with Art in Boston. He was on the FM side and I was on the AM side. Just as the obituary stated, Art was very outgoing and gregarious--a real good guy and a great broadcaster! My sincerest condolences to the members of his family.*

*Ron Hurst
Nashville*

Ron Hurst - December 04, 2013 at 05:44 PM

KK

“ *Art, You had the gift of gab, the gift of wit, the gift of being a friend to so many. Our memories of you will be treasured.*

Kitty Killorin

Kathleen Killorin - December 04, 2013 at 05:02 PM

AB

“ *For what is it to die but to stand naked in the wind and to melt into the sun?
And what is to cease breathing, but to free the breath from its restless tides, that it may rise and expand and seek God unencumbered?
Only when you drink from the river of silence shall you indeed sing.
And when you have reached the mountain top, then you shall begin to climb.
And when the earth shall claim your limbs, then shall you truly dance.
Peace Shalom Love, Anita Battat*

Anita Battat - December 04, 2013 at 01:03 PM



“ *Rita Hudzik lit a candle in memory of Art Ortega*



Rita Hudzik - December 04, 2013 at 12:49 PM



"May the choir of angels come to greet you, may they lead you to Paradise. May the Lord enfold you in his mercy, may you have eternal life."

Rita Hudzik - December 04, 2013 at 12:56 PM

RG

“ *How clearly I remember when Art and I used to eat breakfast nearly every weekday morning very early at the old Denny's on Central & Elm. But there was a twist, I was going into work at The Tribune and Art was getting off work at the radio station after his all-night gig. Oh, for those ole days of real radio in Albuquerque with Art's voice being one of the highlights as he played soothing music for lovers.*

Rod Geer

Rod Geer - December 04, 2013 at 12:33 PM

MR

“ *Worked with Art for many years at Citadel Broadcasting and enjoyed watching Art work his Magic especially with political clients. Marty & Karen Ryan*

Marty Ryan - December 04, 2013 at 12:20 PM

EL

“ Chuck Reynolds called me early Thanksgiving morning to give me the bad news that our good friend, Art, had passed away. Tears came to my eyes and we reminisced the good times we had together. At the end of our conversation, I invited Chuck to have a drink straight up of our favorite hard liquor (either tequila or rum) in his honor. I think that Art would have like that. Although I moved away from ABQ we kept in touch every once in a while by phone. All my life whenever i thought of Art I saw him with a big grin on his face. I still do. My wife Lourdes and I enjoyed his company and Linda's over Chuck and Loretta's home when we visited them all last year. Last time we talked, he was concerned about me going back to Cuba. That's the kind of friend he was. Lastly, his best quality besides his affability, he never spoke ill of anybody. God bless you and your family, Art.

Ernesto Lourdes - December 04, 2013 at 11:56 AM



“ White Sympathy Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Art Ortega.



December 03, 2013 at 07:15 PM



“ For starters, I spent many a cold, early morning with Art doing our annual weekend broadcast from the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta. Art always had a quick fact, funny story or some guest he had wrangled to appear on the show. We must have done the balloon thing on the radio for well over 10 or 15 years together. Art was always up for event no matter how early the hour or what the weather was doing.

Around the station Art's office was always someplace you could go "land" for awhile and talk. Even if his door was closed Art would cheerfully wave me in and we would spend some time getting up to speed on things. Art always seemed to have time for you no matter what.

Art's dry, winning sense of humor would always brighten even the most routine staff meeting. He loved - LOVED - being on the air. But he never intruded on your show. He made it better and always brought value to the broadcast.

Broadcaster par excellence, community advocate, gentle colleague and mentor, gracious family man and wonderful friend - thank you Art Ortega!

Larry Ahrens - December 03, 2013 at 04:26 PM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Art Ortega.



December 03, 2013 at 12:58 PM

WS

“ I was shocked and saddened to hear of Art's passing. I truly considered him a mentor as I learned my way around the world of radio. When I started at Citadel, he took the time to help "an unknown kid" learn the ropes. Because of him, I succeeded in my profession - and became a better human being to boot. I will miss hearing his voice and his infectious chuckle, his wisdom and his wit; and I am incredibly grateful that God allowed me into his circle. Heartfelt prayers and condolences to Lynda, family and friends.
Wende Schwingendorf

Wende Schwingendorf - December 03, 2013 at 10:30 AM

SL

“ For several years, Art Ortega was a member of the New Mexico Museum of Natural History Foundation Board, including leadership of that board as its president. During that time, he worked tirelessly on behalf of the Museum.

Not all realize how much the volunteer efforts of Foundation Board members mean to the New Mexico Museum of Natural History & Science. Without their efforts, this Museum would be much less than it is today, and the thousands of New Mexicans we serve would not have the extensive learning experiences we provide through all of our public programs, from exhibits to lectures to fieldtrips and more.

Art was a real star of our volunteer effort. I will always be grateful for what he did for this Museum and for our visitors. In his passing, we have truly lost a great friend and supporter of informal science education in New Mexico.

*Spencer G. Lucas, Ph.D.
Chief Curator
New Mexico Museum of Natural History & Science*

Spencer G. Lucas - December 03, 2013 at 10:17 AM

DM

“ We had the great pleasure and honor of knowing Art for nearly 30 years. He was a man of great intellect, humor and integrity. Someone I personally looked up to for his wealth of knowledge in media. Our deepest condolences to his wonderful wife Lynda (also a great friend) and their families for this loss- a loss all who knew Arturo share. He will be greatly missed by all.

David Michelsohn & Gina Mahfouz

David Michelsohn - December 03, 2013 at 08:53 AM

GG

I had the pleasure of working for Art back in the day. Magic 99 was only six months old at the time. Art taught me quite a bit and was one of the best General Managers I have ever worked with. Art was a great man! I was very lucky to have known him all these years. My deepest condolences to his wife, Lynda and his family. I will miss you, Art. I know you're in media heaven now so say hi to Julie Golden and Johnny Hyatt for me. Gina Gonzales

Gina Gonzales - December 03, 2013 at 11:51 AM

JW

“ *My deepest condolences to Lynda and the family. I grew up admiring the work Art did at KDEF, and, over the years, I have met many members of the Ortega family. To anyone who who met Art, there could be no doubt that entertainment was his calling. He was kind and generous and my life is so much the richer to have known him.*

Jim Wellborn - December 03, 2013 at 06:56 AM

MC

“ *On behalf of my brothers Larry and Phil, I want to extend our deepest condolences to the entire family. There was and always will be a special bond between our families going back to our parents and our shared experiences at St. Charles, St. Pius and into our adult careers. Art was a gentleman and a friend and of course, rarely without his great smile, intellect and wit. He was truly the son of Arturo and Eloisa and that's a heritage to be treasured and carried on by all of the family. At City Hall, we always knew that we would get a fair shake from Art, not because of the life-long friendship but because he was a true professional. Lynda, please call on me if there is anything at all that I can do.*

Martin J. Chavez

Marty Chavez - December 02, 2013 at 05:59 PM

DE

“ *Mr. Ortega was the perfect patient here at Vessel Health. I was always delighted to see him walk through our doors. He had such a great, kind, gentle spirit. He will be missed!*

Desirae - December 02, 2013 at 04:05 PM

PG

“ *I may be the only former radio-person who never worked with or for Art! I did work with his beautiful wife though! Art was a friend. He was a man of integrity that he never surrendered! He was one of those people that looked for opportunities to help-out others! I don't know how many people he was responsible for getting into radio, but I know it was a large number. RIP my friend! To the lovely Linda, you have my love.*

Phil Gonzales - December 02, 2013 at 01:43 PM



“ *Art was wonderful to work with and always willing to go the extra mile for his community. I'm fortunate I had a chance to work with him "back in the day," and will never forget his humor, compassion and smile.*

Carolyn Fischman - December 02, 2013 at 12:14 PM

JM

“ *Such a kind, gentle, caring soul. He will be truly, truly missed. My thoughts and prayers are with his family.*

Julia Miera

Julia Miera - December 02, 2013 at 10:05 AM

MS

“ I loved my friendship with Art Ortega. We worked together at WNCI-FM in Columbus. In fact, I worked for him and later on he worked for me. We remained good friends ever since. Rest in peace my friend. Your smile and good humor will be missed by so many.

*Michael Steinbrook
Jupiter, FL*

Michael Steinbrook - December 02, 2013 at 09:00 AM

RR

“ Art and I met as freshmen at St. Pius X high school and his infectious laugh was always a bright spot in our lives. We will all remember him fondly and laugh often in his memory. His family is in our prayers. Richard Royman

Richard Royman - December 02, 2013 at 06:48 AM

DL

“ Art was a wonderful Program Director at KOB and I was lucky enough to have him as my boss while I was the Traffic Reporter on both KOB-AM and FM. I will never forget his deep chuckle and warm heart. My condolences to all of Art's family. He will be missed.

Dawn Allen Lawson - December 02, 2013 at 12:49 AM

BH

“ Thanks for the memories Art, the laughs that never ended. I always loved when you would stop by my office with a funny story. Man o man they are blessed in heaven. Hope they have lots of tissue as I know you will have them laughing until they are crying up there. :o)

Barbara Hurley - December 01, 2013 at 08:42 PM

MM

“ My husband, Shain, and I both worked with Art at Citadel when we were teenagers. He always treated us like we were an important part of the team, even though we were just promotions assistants and, Shain, a board op. I used to always try to sign up for remotes where he was the talent because I enjoyed talking with him very much. We enjoyed a few Balloon Fiesta memories together including when he let me go up on the tower when he was broadcasting. To a 16-year old kid, that was pretty awesome. It was truly a privilege to get to work with him. We offer our deepest condolences and are praying for his family and friends.

Maria McNerney - December 01, 2013 at 06:13 PM

BE

“ I was Art's programming assistant at 770 KOB when we were still in the KOB-TV building. He was always good to me, never a mean word to say. I stayed in touch with him through the years. I now work with his beautiful wife, Lynda, whom I love dearly as well. My thoughts and prayers are with the family. May our Lord embrace you all as the Angels fly him home. God Bless.

Bernadette Montaño

Bernadette - December 01, 2013 at 05:46 PM

TM

“ Art gave me my first job in radio after I had left Albuquerque and returned. He was the GM at KQEO and the station went through all kinds of changes in ownership, but Art was still a constant in Albuquerque radio. He was the nicest boss I ever had and always made me smile. I remember comparing scars right after he had his bypass and was laughing about it and making jokes. He could brighten anyone's day. He will be sorely missed.

Tracy Marin - December 01, 2013 at 05:15 PM

ZR

“ Art was a special friend to me and my husband Ben, (before Ben died.) I remember he arranged a ride on the KOB balloon as a gift for me on my birthday. We knew Art from the commercials he made, radio work, etc. when we had our carpet store. He was always a joy to be around him. He was too young to leave us. God bless you Art.
Zoe Rodriguez

Zoe Rodriguez - December 01, 2013 at 02:29 PM

AG

“ I worked with Art at KDEF when Doubleday owned the station in the late 1960's/ 1970's for about 5 years. He and Frank Cody hosted a weekly comedy show which tickled my funny bone. I don't remember him ever angry, usually wearing a smile and offering a friendly conversation. Alan Gould

Alan Gould - December 01, 2013 at 11:46 AM

VM

“ It was always a treat to run into Art, which I was fortunate to have done most recently. He would, without fail, say something funny and clever that would leave me laughing.

I am deeply sorry for your loss.

Most sincerely,

Virginia Murphy

Virginia Murphy - December 01, 2013 at 11:24 AM

BM

“ Art was there when I joined the Citadel Broadcasting family and we both left together just two years ago. He was a friend, mentor, and guide as I finished (unexpectedly) my broadcasting career. He lived the Air Force values I did and still do: Integrity First; Excellence in all we do; Service before Self. I still miss the early morning discussions we had on many subjects. My condolences to Lynda, family, and friends. He made my last eight years in broadcasting especially enjoyable. We all will miss your presence Art.

Bill Mader, now consulting in the oil business in the Gulf of Mexico

Bill Mader - December 01, 2013 at 08:21 AM

TM

“ On behalf of Ted, Valerie, Traxler, Tyler and Sue A. Maes we are shocked and saddened with the sudden loss of Art. He was not only a cousin and nephew but a GREAT pillar of our community. Linda please accept our prayers and sincere condolences. Much love! and God's Speed "Mi Primo!"

Ted R Maes - November 30, 2013 at 09:00 PM

BR

“ On behalf of myself and my children, Isaac & Ilissabeth, we send our deepest condolences, with much love and prayers for you Linda, and the wonderful Rael-Ortega families. Just one year ago, we met to celebrate our friendship and give thanks for all the goodness our lives have experienced. That reunion was and remains a special memory of all of us happy and sharing cherished memories of our lifelong friendship. We wish you great peace and God-given strength at this difficult time.

God Bless You all.

Bernadette Rodriguez, Isaac, & Ilissabeth Vargas-Rodriguez.

Bernadette K. Rodriguez - November 29, 2013 at 03:29 PM

SH

“ On behalf of the FRENCH Family of Comanies we want to express to you our deepest condolences.

Shelia Hocker - November 29, 2013 at 02:17 PM

CM

On behalf of The JD Maes, Jr family. We want to express our deepest condolences to the entire Maes & Ortega families. What a tremendous loss

Chris D. Maes - November 30, 2013 at 09:52 AM

MS

Art was the consummate radio professional who lived and breathed radio 24/7. He taught me a lot. I had the privilege of working with him for 25 years at a number of radio stations. Art was a "salt-of-the-earth" human being. We both shared a love of good food, restaurants and politics. He was always fun to be with. Miss you already my friend !

Albuquerque is a better place because of Art. His passing represents a deep loss to me and our community.

May God bless you Art and give strength and courage to your beautiful wife Linda. Love you bud !!!

Mike Santullo

Albuquerque

Mike Santullo - November 30, 2013 at 08:29 PM

AK

Other local broadcasting people had a much longer shared history with Art than did I, but I was acquainted with him during the ten years I was with KOB Radio)1984-1994. He was a good man and will be long remembered by all who knew him.

Allan Kurman

Allan Kurman - December 01, 2013 at 01:12 PM



I am praying for comfort for Art's family. R. I. P. Art.

Frank Haley - December 02, 2013 at 07:55 AM

MS

Art Ortega was the consummate radio professional. I knew Art for the past 25 years having worked with him at a number of radio stations. Art always had time for others and loved to swap jokes. We shared a love for good food and good restaurants. I loved doing balloon fiesta coverage with Art at KKOB radio. I couldn't have had a better mentor. Art was a salt-of-the-earth human being. They don't come any better! I pray that God will give his wonderful wife Lynda the strength and courage to continue. I miss you already and love you bud.

Mike Santullo

Mike Santullo - December 04, 2013 at 11:06 AM