



## David Joseph Lucero

September 10, 1948 - September 6, 2014

### LUCERO, DAVID

David Lucero, son of Ann Chavez Lucero and the late Gabriel Lucero, passed away peacefully on September 6, 2014, after a long and courageous battle with cancer. He retired after a teaching career that included work with APS and charter schools – often making use of his advanced training in the field of special education. He always put the needs of his students ahead of all else. Brilliant with words and lightning fast in repartee, response or humor, he could be sparkingly smart and funny in company or incisive and persuasive in serious discussion or debate. Always there to help others in need, David seemed meticulous about not wanting to impose or become a burden when he needed anything for himself. Friends will always remember and be inspired by his efforts to help others who were in need or who were down on their luck. He willingly did whatever he could to help those who found themselves the underdog in difficult circumstances. He was not afraid to speak up or pitch in to come to the assistance of anyone faced with injustice. An admirer of Thomas Jefferson, David also seemed to have sworn endless opposition to any form of tyranny over the human mind. He was likewise persistent in doing everything possible to cope with or overcome his last illness. Cancer that had been diagnosed and treated in 2008 was at first considered to be in full remission. But, sadly, his cancer recurred last year and spread, while David did all that he could to cooperate with caregivers and to reassure those around him. Those who loved David and cherished his special gifts to the

world are grateful to his care team and the staff of Hospice of the Sandias. David's life will be celebrated at 3 p.m. Thursday, September 11, 2014 at FRENCH – University. In lieu of flowers, those who wish to make contributions in memory of David Lucero to New Mexico Legal Aid, [www.nmlegalaid.org](http://www.nmlegalaid.org) or to Catholic Charities of New Mexico, [www.ccasfnm.org](http://www.ccasfnm.org). Please visit our online guestbook for David at [www.FrenchFunerals.com](http://www.FrenchFunerals.com)

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# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

SEP 11. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (MT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ We are grateful for all the years of deep friendship with David. David laughed with us, grieved with us, celebrated with us. We shared so many special times. We were on that special kind of footing in which friends would just drop in on each other to catch up and say "Hi!". He helped us many times and we helped him too. That's what friends are for. Gratitude to Ann and Gabe for giving the community and the world a wonderful man who did so much good for so many people.  
Tim & Judy Schuster

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**Tim Schuster** - September 12, 2014 at 08:55 PM

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

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**Dante Gutierrez-Zamora** - September 09, 2014 at 03:43 PM