



## Edward Walter "Wally" Eckerman

November 29, 1951 - August 1, 2013

### EDWARD WALTER "WALLY" ECKERMAN

Age 61, a fourth generation New Mexican, passed away after a long illness on Thursday, August 1, 2013. He is survived by wife, Christy Eckerman; son; Elliot Eckerman; sisters, Nev Eckerman and Lois Eckerman both of Albuquerque; brother, Nevin Eckerman and wife Delia; nephews, Nevin and Nicklaus Eckerman of Mobile, AL; and niece, Rosemary Eckerman of Albuquerque. He was preceded in death by his parents, Nevin and Mary Eckerman. "Wally" spent his career working for Qwest for over twenty years. Cremation has taken place and at "Wally's" request there will be no services. The family would like to share the following thoughts written by his son. "Once more into the fray, Into the last good fight I'll ever know, Live and die on this day. Live and die on this day. This morning, the man who taught me much of what I know and more importantly, guided me to become the person I am today – passed silently into the darkness of life, and journeyed to a more peaceful and forgiving place away from the pain and suffering he was going through. Someone who was always willing to help, and asked nothing in return for the favors he gave. Forever I will be grateful for the lessons I've learned, the memories I've had and the adventures we took together. Rest in peace Dad, you will be missed, but never forgotten." Because of his love for animals should friends desire, memorial contributions may be made to the Humane Society of New Mexico.

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# Tribute Wall

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“ I remember how I knew he was in the same room because I could smell his spearmint or juicy fruit gum. I remember every summer we went to granny's he would bring my brother and I an old orange juice carton full of change he had saved up. I remember he always gave us the best Fourth of July spectacle in aunt Nev and Lo's backyard. I remember him always having good hugs wether you were planning on seeing him the next day or not. They were strong solid firm hugs with a couple of rubs and pats on the back. I will never forget his never ending holiday cards that may be late but always made it eventually. I learned from him first hand that you should never point a gun at someone if they ask you not to. Even if it isn't real. I remember he'd always say Geeeeze" when he was in awe or digits over something. I remember the last time I spoke with this man and hugged this man was when my granny passed away in January of 2002. I never got to tell him how much I loved him. People come and leave you so soon. I wish I could have been there to tell him thank you for every thing he gave of himself to me and my children even though we never gave or said anything back. I am ashamed of that. I love you Uncle "Cookie". Love Tres

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**Nevin H. Eckerman III** - May 26, 2014 at 10:33 PM

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“ Dear Lois, We want to offer our sincere sympathy in the loss of your brother, this is a difficult time for you and you family and we want you to know your brother will be in our prayers, and you will be in our hearts. Denver and Alma Mills

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**Alma Mills** - August 04, 2013 at 12:29 PM

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“ Dear Lois and Nev,  
I was so sorry to read about "Cookie's" passing. He was so young  
but after a long illness he has been released from the pain. Please  
tell your family we offer our deepest sympathies.  
With love, always your friends,  
Sandy and PJ

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**Sandy Salamon** - August 04, 2013 at 12:16 PM

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

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**French - University** - August 04, 2013 at 12:14 PM

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deepest condolences.

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**Joel Chavez** - August 02, 2013 at 04:31 PM