



Eugene T. Rodriguez

February 1, 1962 - March 23, 2014

Rodriguez, Eugene T.

Age 52, a native New Mexican, died on Sunday March 23, 2014 after a brave and long battle with pancreatic cancer. He is survived by his wife, Debbie; his children Siboney, Simone, Jess and James; his grandsons Dominick and Chrystian as well as his father, brothers, sisters, nieces, nephews and friends. Gene, a brilliant and handsome man, always saw the bigger truths that many others miss. Though it cost him greatly in the bureaucracy of life, he was always proud to be his own man, to always stand up for and do what he knew was right. Gene is eternally grateful for those who stood beside him during his time of need. We will forever love and miss the rock of our family. Services will be held on Wednesday, March 26, 11:00am at The Church of the Incarnation- 2309 Monterrey Rd NE Rio Rancho, NM 87144. Please visit our online guest book for Eugene, at www.frenchfunerals.com

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Previous Events

Service

MAR **26**. 11:00 AM (MT)

The Church of the Incarnation
2309 Monterrey Rd NE
Albuquerque, NM

Tribute Wall

AP

“ I miss you Uncle. I know you are still around us, helping us. I love you! Thank you for all you did for our Family.



Arlene M Post - August 17, 2015 at 10:06 AM

OR

“ It has been a very long long sad journey since you left. We are so sad. We go through the motions little brother, but nothing will ever be the same...We lost you... Now when things happen we say, " How would Gene handle it"....or "What would Gene do/". We hope you are up there guiding us... You are going to be 53. in 3 days...OMG...you were so young and such a huge presence in our life.....I witnessed a great fighter..You amazed me! You never gave up.....you are my hero! I love you!
Your Sister
Olivia

Olivia J Reynolds - January 29, 2015 at 02:04 PM



Siboney
Rodriguez

“ I love and miss you Daddy.. more and more everyday ?

Siboney Rodriguez - October 03, 2014 at 01:38 PM

CB

“ *Cathy Billings lit a candle in memory of Eugene T. Rodriguez*



Cathy Billings - June 24, 2014 at 10:28 AM

CB

three months you have been gone...still so shocking and unbelievable...I thought we had many years ...a lesson to us all...tomorrow is not promised to anyone. Love and cherish your family and friends. Gene we miss you so much. Rest in Peace my Brother.

Cathy Billings - June 24, 2014 at 10:32 AM



“ *I love you Daddy. I miss you so very very much. My kids miss their G-Pa.*



Siboney Rodriguez-Gallegos - May 02, 2014 at 11:57 AM

CL

“ *We are so very sorry to hear of Gene's passing. You are all in our prayers.*

Michael and Cynthia Luts

Cynthia Luts - April 24, 2014 at 05:30 PM

SG

“ Dear Rodriguez family, I only just found out about this sad news on a trip home to Albuquerque. I had the pleasure of working with Gene in Los Alamos and Albuquerque over the years, he had such a calming presence in the midst of the most challenging situations. He was a kind hearted, patient, exemplary professional - so good natured, and family was always first. I am truly saddened and so sorry for your loss and will keep you in my prayers. God bless you all. Stephanie Gonzales

Stephanie Gonzales - April 17, 2014 at 06:26 PM

OR

“ Gene is my little brother. He is # 7 of the 10 of the "Rodriguez's"....the original ten siblings. When he was born, Patty was 9, Cathy was 8, Charlie was 7, I was 6 years old, Len was 4, Johnny was 3....after Gene came the 3 girls, Vickie, Eva, and Jessica.....and they are all now in their 40's.. He has always been here....He has always been one of us... He has been in my life for 58 years...I have never not had him in my life... In my heart, and in the hearts of all of us, his brothers and sisters, we have lost a part of us, a part of the whole of who we are as brothers and sisters..... the " Rodriguez's"... He is irreplaceable. We are the holders of all memories of him as a baby, toddler, a young boy, a teenager, and everything that made him who he became...we were there from the beginning.. These memories will tie us to him forever....Nothing can take that away from us...He was loved. We will become whole again in heaven, the original 10 will reunite once again some day...
Olivia (#4)

Olivia J Reynolds - April 01, 2014 at 01:16 AM



“ *I love you daddy. I still cant believe you are gone. I don't want to believe that I only have your pictures to see your wonderful smile. My children will always know the amazing grandpa they have-- I will always keep you alive in our hearts and memories*



Siboney Rodriguez-Gallegos - March 30, 2014 at 05:04 PM

“ I miss Gene so much already. Just last summer and fall he wanted me to go bike riding with him on mountain bikes. My first time on a bike since childhood. The ever present engineer wanted me to know about gears, and fixing flats and adjusting the mountain bike. I just wanted to make the bike go! We biked some up at Placitas and mostly down in the bosque on the dirt trails. Between enjoying the trees and the river and our friendship, we talked a little about his illness and what it was like fighting pancreatic cancer and worrying about his kids. Every time I ride now, which I seriously enjoy after the introduction by Gene, I will think of him. Gene was more than a brother in law, he was a good friend.

Gene and I met the same night I met his sister Cathy, who is now my wife. We spent many hours working out together many years ago. Once Gene knew that I was ex-Navy and a martial artist, he wanted to see if that stuff really works. And I could take him, sometimes. The physical was always a challenge to Gene. Always looking to learn and apply, taking another challenge and working on mastering it. But I learned much more from him than he did from me. Always a smile, having a good work out, enjoying the sunshine, and then a good cold beer. Those moments are how I remember Gene.

Gene was a good friend, a good man, and heaven knows we need more of them. And now he is gone, and a serious piece of my heart is gone with him. Everyday, I will think of him, and what knowing him meant in my life. All who knew him are blessed. And now, old friend, it is time to say goodbye. May you rest in peace Gene. I will never forget you.

Rick Billings, friend and brother in law.

Rick Billings - March 30, 2014 at 04:29 PM

BC

“ I am so very sorry to hear about Gene. I had the pleasure of getting to know him years ago when I worked at the Albuquerque complex and through some great friends. My sisters also knew him and to the three of us, he was always so nice, had a great personality and fun to be around. Unfortunately, life gets crazy and time passes so fast so I did not get to talk to Gene for some time now. We recently lost our oldest sister and the pain is still very hard but know she is in a much better place now as is Gene. Rest in peace Gene, you will be missed by all those that loved you.

Becky Cox - March 27, 2014 at 08:33 PM

CB

“ My pain is too raw at this time to write about my brother, Eugene. We loved you very much and will miss you more than you know. You were the best! RIP Brother.

Cathy Billings - March 27, 2014 at 02:28 PM

GS

“ My sympathy to Gene's family. Gene and I worked together at the Los Alamos Office of DOE and then moved to the Office of the Chief Defense Nuclear Safety where we continued to work together until Gene moved back to a NNSA assignment in Albuquerque and I left to join NRC in Texas. However for years after that Gene and I got together when I visited Albuquerque on inspections. I really enjoyed these visits and admired his continued good attitude as he fought his battle with cancer. I will miss these visits but know that he is still looking over his family and friends from above.

Gerry Schlapper - March 27, 2014 at 09:19 AM

BS

“ I had the opportunity to work and travel many times with Gene when he was the program manager on a project at the NNSA Service Center. He was always the gentleman - considerate, respectful and took very good care of me when I traveled with him and the guys. Gene expected much of us but he was also a lot of fun. I have many good memories of riding the BART to San Francisco to catch a baseball game or going to the pier and our cross country trip in the Lear Jet.

Having lost several family members and now another friend to pancreatic cancer, I know this cancer has no respect for the love one it takes so quickly or the heartbroken family it leaves behind. I am so sorry for the loss of your beloved Gene.

Barbara Sedillos - March 27, 2014 at 06:48 AM

BG

“ To the Rodriguez Family,

Our sincerest condolences on the passing of your beloved Gene. I had the honor and priveledge of working with Gene in Los Alamos while he was assigned to the NNSA Los Alamos Field Office. An honest, hard working, intelligent and gifted individual, Gene consistently made positive, value-added contributions to whatever he chose to get involved with. Without question, he will be missed on this earth, but we can all take some solace in understanding that he made this world a better place for his family, his community, and those that had the honor of knowing him. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this trying time.

Juan Griego and Family

BG Juan Griego - March 26, 2014 at 03:16 PM

AC

“ Words seem inadequate to express the sadness we feel about Gene's death. Please accept our most heartfelt sympathies for your loss...our thoughts are with you and your family during this difficult time.

Annamaria Cruz

Annamaria Cruz - March 26, 2014 at 11:00 AM

PO

“ Dear Family of Gene,

I worked with Gene for many years, in fact, he worked for me in the mid-1990s. What a wonderful man. Bright, articulate, considerate, and able to look through the chaos and see the common sense path. His calm demeanor and kindness helped define for others a true role model to follow. In addition, it was quite apparent to us how dedicated he was to his family. There was no personal impact he was not willing to take in order to support his family. He most certainly touched those around him and made a positive impact in their lives every day. I know this beautiful man who left us way too soon is in heaven and is quite present with those he loves. God is nearest to us in our time of need. I pray you feel the warmth of His love and comfort as He draws you close. I also hope you know that Gene is not lost to us, we will be with him sooner than we know. Please accept my deepest condolences on your loss of our beloved Gene.

Pat O'Guin

Patricia O'Guin - March 26, 2014 at 10:32 AM



LR

“ *Lyle And Esther Russell lit a candle in memory of Eugene T. Rodriguez*



Lyle and Esther Russell - March 26, 2014 at 10:25 AM

SF

“ *Gene was one of my finest friends. I always looked forward to getting together with Gene. I knew Gene since the early 1990s and had kept in contact ever since. He always gave me the honest and caring truth about any subject we discussed. I will miss you Gene. My sincere condolences to your family.*

Steven Fellows - March 26, 2014 at 08:04 AM

GR

“ *My deepest sympathy to the entire Rodriguez Family for the loss of your husband, your father, your brother, your son. My thoughts are with you all during this sorrowful time and with Eugene.*

Greg Rylee - March 26, 2014 at 04:45 AM

AO

“ *Ashley Ortega lit a candle in memory of Eugene T. Rodriguez*



Ashley Ortega - March 25, 2014 at 08:30 PM

EW

“ I'm so sorry to hear of Gene's passing - he was one of the best folks I had the honor of working with at Los Alamos and Albuquerque with the NNSA/DOE. My deepest condolences to his family and friends.
Elizabeth Withers

Elizabeth Withers - March 25, 2014 at 08:28 PM

JJ

“ "my deepest condolences to your family sorry for you loss"

Jamie Johnson - March 25, 2014 at 06:38 PM

VE

“ I had the pleasure of working with Gene at the DOE/NNSA office in Los Alamos, NM. I immediately took a liking to Gene...he had a different sense of humor, but yet I also saw the serious side of Gene, especially when it came to his work. I was pleasantly surprised when he returned to work at the Albuquerque Service Center. I had also transferred to Albuquerque. Gene was always very pleasant to work with and always had a smile. That's how I will remember Gene!

Debbie, and family -- My heart is heavy hearing of Gene's passing. Please know you are in my prayers, and never forget what a special person Gene was. May God comfort you during this difficult time.

Vicki Estes

Vicki Estes - March 25, 2014 at 06:34 PM

JP

“Gene was so many things; he touched people and they left better for knowing him. He was a loyal, true friend. He had an internal compass and always seemed to know what to do and what was right. I didn't know anyone with more integrity, loyalty, and courage.

We had so many good times together. Once, we played on a softball team together. Gene had some input into choosing our team name, "The Lotharios." We were terrible and only won one game, well so we thought. We celebrated our victory by jumping up and down on the pitcher's mound, but it turned out it was the bottom of the eighth inning. The umpires made us play the ninth inning and we lost!

Another time, my big 4X4 Ford truck broke down. Gene came to the rescue and towed me across town using his red Toyota truck. He loved to give me a hard time that it took his little Toyota to pull my big Red Ford. Probably about the time he took to calling me "Little Dog"

He brought out the best in all of us and showed us how to live full lives. Thank you Gene. I miss you horribly.

I am praying for all his family and friends. Godspeed friend.

I am attaching a couple pictures of Gene from my wedding



Jay Pape - March 25, 2014 at 06:14 PM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Basket was purchased for the family of Eugene T. Rodriguez.*



March 25, 2014 at 05:49 PM



“ *Multicolor Bright Sympathy Basket was purchased for the family of Eugene T. Rodriguez.*



March 25, 2014 at 05:07 PM



“ *Even now, reading my friend's obituary; his words bring a smile in the midst of my sorrow. Isn't that just like Gene.*

He has phenomenal determination and drive; just ask the nurses who witnessed him walking about the corridors shortly after a horrendous surgery.

He will be sorely missed during the interim we call the rest of our lives.

May the Lord bless and comfort the Rodriguez Family.

- Jeff Lenhert

Jeff Lenhert - March 25, 2014 at 03:15 PM

JR

“Gene is one of the most honest and trustworthy people I know. To me, he was a mentor and a friend who helped me deal with some very difficult situations in my life. He always had a way of putting things into perspective that boiled down to what was really important in life, family and true friends. Gene was one of my truest friends and I know personally that everything he did was for his family. Debbie, Sibony, Simone, Jess and James, please know that you are his truest prize. Rest in peace my brother.

Joseph Romero - March 25, 2014 at 02:09 PM

CR

“Gene is my brother and I have never seen him quit anything that came his way. He fought hard to live and worried about his families future without him. As always Gene created a master plan to ensure a smooth transition emotionally and financially. Rest in peace Gene.I

Charles Rodriguez - March 25, 2014 at 01:50 PM

AO

“My uncle gene was the bravest, strongest man alive. He is the rock of our family every get together we had it wasn't complete unless gene was there. Thank you for everything you have done for our family uncle. And especially everything you helped me and my family with. I will always keep you close to my heart I love you so much uncle. May you rest in peace and forever smile down on us and protect us all.

Ashley Ortega - March 25, 2014 at 01:23 PM

DN

“ *Daisy Nez sent a virtual gift in memory of Eugene T. Rodriguez*



Daisy Nez - March 25, 2014 at 01:15 PM

AR

“ *I worked with Gene on a big project several years ago. He was such a great person to work with. He had great leadership skills and knew how to get the job done. He also had good character about him and was just a good person. I was honored to know and work with Gene. My thoughts and prayers go out to Gene and his family.*

Respectfully,

Alex Romero

alex romero - March 25, 2014 at 12:53 PM

JT

“ *I am at a loss for words, something that Gene never was, he was such a wonderful writer and he always took time to talk a little & share his knowledge before taking on the days work. I learned so much from him and am so grateful to have known him. Thank you Gene, may you rest in peace.*

My prayers are with the Rodriguez family & friends at this difficult time.

JoAnn Torres

jv torres - March 25, 2014 at 12:42 PM

GF

“ Gene and I grew up together in Santa Fe. I knew Gene for 40 years. Gene was one of my wrestling practice partners at Santa Fe High School. Later, we worked at the Albuquerque Service Center. Gene was honest and had a calm way of explaining the most difficult situation for me personally and professionally. He was a good man and I will miss him. Despite his situation he handled it with character and courage, something I hope I can do half as well as he did.

Gaeton Falance

Gaeton Falance - March 25, 2014 at 12:42 PM

SJ

“ Gene was my main point of contact on two grants that my organization had with the DOE. Although I didn't get a chance to work with him a lot ...I enjoyed all the times I did. In fact my first trip (ever) to NM, was to see Gene last year. I will really miss working with him. He always had a smile on his faceeven when I am sure that things were not going well for him. He was a very brave, tough man. My thoughts and prayers are with his family. - Sarah Joelson

sarah joelson - March 25, 2014 at 11:48 AM



“ Peaceful Wishes was purchased for the family of Eugene T. Rodriguez.



March 25, 2014 at 11:25 AM

DS

“ I am truly saddened that this battle with cancer was lost, and know Gene put up a good fight. He will be remembered by many for his good work and kindness. May the memories of laughter and Love be the treasures you keep in your hearts forever and be your comfort. May Gods blessings be with you.
Denise Padilla-Sena and Family

denise sena - March 25, 2014 at 11:24 AM

MP

“ Maurice W. Pitt purchased the Plants-A-Plenty for the family of Eugene T. Rodriguez.



Maurice W. Pitt - March 25, 2014 at 11:22 AM

CR

“ I am very sad to learn of Gene's passing. He was a colleague at GTRI. What I recall most about Gene was his calm, kind friendly way of addressing every issue, every day. He was a gentleman and wonderful person to know and work with. I know that this family's loss will be huge. My thoughts are with you. I will hold you in the light at this time of sorrow.

Cherie Fitzgerald Roberts

Cherie Fitzgerald Roberts - March 25, 2014 at 11:22 AM

CB

“ *Cathy Billings lit a candle in memory of Eugene T. Rodriguez*



Cathy Billings - March 25, 2014 at 11:18 AM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Eugene T. Rodriguez.*



March 25, 2014 at 11:17 AM

GF

“ *GTRI Family purchased the Blue & White Sympathy Standing Spray for the family of Eugene T. Rodriguez.*



GTRI Family - March 25, 2014 at 11:16 AM

JB

“ *What a sadness I feel in my heart. Thoughts and prayers to my cousin Eugene's family. This world will never be the same. Love Jane Rodriguez Bransford and Family.*

Jane Bransford - March 25, 2014 at 11:09 AM

KP

“ *My thoughts and prayers go out to the family. Kathy Perez*

Kathy Perez - March 25, 2014 at 11:08 AM

LJ

“ *Lisa Johnson lit a candle in memory of Eugene T. Rodriguez*



Lisa Johnson - March 25, 2014 at 10:37 AM

LJ

“ *While I only met Gene a few times, I know he was a dedicated family man and was a great friend to all who knew him. My condolences and deepest sympathy to the Rodriguez family. Rest in peace Gene.*

Lisa Johnson - March 25, 2014 at 10:37 AM

DS

“ *My thoughts and prayers go out to Gene's family and loved ones. Gene and his wonderful smile will be missed. My heartfelt condolences from a former colleague. Dolores M. Sala*

Dolores Sala - March 25, 2014 at 10:21 AM

VB

“ Over the years I worked with Gene on several projects. Gene was fantastic to work with and dedicated to doing what was right. When we found ourselves on the opposite sides of an issue, Gene would talk it out and help us arrive at an answer that was the best for everyone involved all the while keeping his cool and his displaying his ready smile and laugh. Even during the days after the discovery of his illness, Gene kept his bright outlook and cheerful disposition. He is a much stronger man than I can ever hope to be. I couldn't ask for a finer co-worker and friend. Somewhere there is a bell ringing as Heaven has a new angel.

Vann Bynum - March 25, 2014 at 10:08 AM



“ Classic Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Eugene T. Rodriguez.



March 25, 2014 at 09:54 AM

OL

“ Olivia lit a candle in memory of Eugene T. Rodriguez



Olivia - March 25, 2014 at 09:52 AM

LI

“ *Gene was a bright light every time he came to the infusion room, he always had a smile on his face and a hug for his nurses. He is greatly missed.*

Lisa - March 25, 2014 at 09:37 AM



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Siboney Rodriguez-Gallegos - March 25, 2014 at 09:37 AM



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Siboney Rodriguez-Gallegos - March 25, 2014 at 09:33 AM

MT

Beautiful baby.

Marie Tomao - March 26, 2014 at 06:18 PM



“ *Siboney Rodriguez-Gallegos lit a candle in memory of Eugene T. Rodriguez*



Siboney Rodriguez-Gallegos - March 25, 2014 at 09:26 AM



I love you Daddy

Siboney Rodriguez-Gallegos - March 25, 2014 at 09:26 AM

MC

“ *Gene was a man of life and of integrity. A good soul amongst lost ones. May he rest in peace.*
- Mary Kay Cormier

Mary Kay Cormier - March 25, 2014 at 08:22 AM

AB

“ *I will always remember Gene. He played an important part in my life and the lives of all he knew. He taught me so much about life. I am proud to call him my best friend. My thoughts and prayers are with his family.*

Anthony Baca

Anthony Baca - March 25, 2014 at 08:06 AM

MT

Anthony.... I remember you very well. My heart is heavy and find it so hard to believe he is gone. . Marie

Marie Tomao - March 25, 2014 at 09:50 PM

PF

“ *To the Rodriguez Family,
While I only met Eugene telephonically on a recent project - I
remember thinking that I would like to have met him in person.
I can only imagine the pain of losing him and wish to offer my
sincere condolences to his family and friends.*

Phillip Freres

Phillip Freres - March 25, 2014 at 06:33 AM

CM

“ *We are sorry for your loss. We have the family
in our prayers. Gene was an exceptional
person.*



Christina Martinez - March 24, 2014 at 04:28 PM

SS

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

Stephanie Sena - March 24, 2014 at 02:28 PM