



Fidel E. Franco

January 7, 2014

FRANCO, FIDEL E.

Age 86, of Albuquerque, died Tuesday, January 7, 2014. He is survived by wife, Lorna Franco; sons, Michael (Denise) Franco, and James Franco; daughters, Yolanda (Bruce) Jones, Rosemary (Patrick) Beare, Roxanne Franco, Yvonne (Michael) Durant and Janet Franco; brother, Frank Franco; grandchildren, Marisa, Sara, Billy, Vanessa, Laura, Jenny, Patrick, Matthew, Jordan and Tara; great-grandchildren, Christian, Tyler, Elijah, Aunaleese and Violet; and honorary daughter, Carolyn Acree. He was preceded in death by his mother, Carmen M. Gutierrez; his first wife, Nancy; and sisters, Evangeline Griego and Lilly Pompa. He was a wonderful father and husband. We will miss his great sense of humor and quick wit. He served his country in the Army in WWII. Later, he worked for Trans World Airlines for 33 1/2 years. A Memorial Mass will be celebrated, Wednesday, January 15, 2014, 9:00 a.m., St. Joseph on the Rio Grande Catholic Church, 5901 St. Joseph Dr. NW, with a reception to follow. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Joseph on the Rio Grande Building Fund. "Dad, Lord willing, we'll see you again someday." Please visit our online guest book for Fidel at www.FrenchFunerals.com.

FRENCH - Westside
9300 Golf Course Rd NW
505-897-0300

Previous Events

Memorial Mass

JAN **15**. 9:00 AM (MT)

St. Joseph on the Rio Grande Parish
5901 St. Joseph's Dr. NW
Albuquerque, NM 87120

Tribute Wall

RF

“ *dad you taught me how to love my sons because of the way you loved your mutts*
I love you and will miss you for the rest of my life

roxanne franco - January 22, 2014 at 03:41 PM

YJ

Very fitting and touching sister. He did teach us love.

Yolanda (Franco) Jones - January 23, 2014 at 02:02 AM

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Yolanda (Franco) Jones - January 23, 2014 at 02:07 AM

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Yolanda (Franco) Jones - January 23, 2014 at 02:07 AM

YJ

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He gave to me a gift I know I never can repay, his gentle means of sculpting took me years to understand. Thank you for the music and your stories of the road. Thank you for the freedom when it came my time to go. I thank you for the kindness and the times that you got tough and papa, I don't think I said "I love you" near enough. I'm just a living legacy to the leader of the band.

Dad, you made our lives the most wonderful and fulfilling experience any seven children could ever have.

We will all miss your stories, your quick wit, and your love of family.

You filled our lives and hearts with so much happiness.

Rest now, my dear father and we will see you again someday.

Yolanda (Franco) Jones - January 17, 2014 at 02:09 AM

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Yolanda (Franco) Jones - January 17, 2014 at 02:09 AM

VA

“ I love being part of this giant family. I never got to know my Grandma Nancy, so having my Grandpa Fidel in my life for 30 years was absolutely wonderful. I loved spending time with him and he always made me laugh and feel loved. Until we meet again, Grandpa. Love you.

Vanessa Alexandra - January 17, 2014 at 01:44 AM

YJ

Grandpa loved you and all his grandchildren. Family meant the world to him. Thanks for the beautiful words you sent.

Yolanda (Franco) Jones - January 23, 2014 at 02:23 AM

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“ Serene Green™ Bouquet For Sympathy was purchased for the family of Fidel E. Franco.



January 14, 2014 at 03:48 PM

“ I am so proud to be an "honorary daughter" to my Uncle Fidel. He raised a beautiful family, and if a little of their goodness spills over on me, I can't ask for more. Uncle Fidel was my late Mom's "baby." Grandma worked long, arduous hours outside the home when she was a single mom raising four young children alone. As the oldest girl in the family, my Mom often played the role of surrogate mother for her two younger siblings. They had a very special relationship throughout their lives, so I always felt that I shared in that special relationship.

My parents, my late husband and I were blessed to travel with him on occasion, and it always made for some very funny and very memorable times together--particularly a driving trip we made through Spain and Portugal. His sense of humor kept us entertained, he was a good sport and a fun traveling companion. We chuckled about all the luggage he used to bring along on trips. He needed a lot because he was always fastidiously groomed and stylishly dressed, shoes always polished, handsome as he could be, while the rest of us looked like we had just fallen out of bed.

I feel very fortunate that I was able to spend time with him nearly every week during the last several months of his life. It was real "quality" time that many people don't get to spend before a loved one passes. I am pleased to know that he spent most of that time in a positive frame of mind and with little pain or discomfort. He was even able to enjoy all his favorite treats, especially chocolates, until nearly the end. Lorna and the rest of his family were the most wonderful and selfless caregivers that anyone could hope for in his circumstances.

Uncle Fidel leaves a legacy that anyone would be proud of, and he will be missed greatly.



Carolyn Acree - January 13, 2014 at 02:47 PM

YJ

You were a godsend to us throughout our fathers last year and I thank you from the bottom of my heart for all you did. He loved you like he loved your mother.

Yolanda (Franco) Jones - January 17, 2014 at 02:18 AM

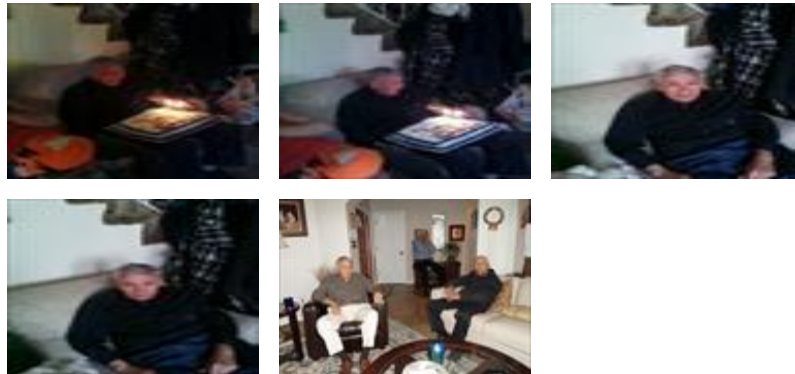
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Yolanda (Franco) Jones - January 17, 2014 at 02:18 AM

MF

“ 6 files added to the album New Album Name



Michael Franco - January 13, 2014 at 09:21 AM

YJ

Thank you my big brother for all that you have done and and all that you and my younger brother James have take on at this sad and hard time in our lives. Thanks for taking charge. It is greatly appreciated. Lots of love.

Yolanda (Franco) Jones - January 17, 2014 at 02:26 AM

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Yolanda (Franco) Jones - January 17, 2014 at 02:26 AM

MF

“ 27 files added to the album *New Album Name*



Michael Franco - January 13, 2014 at 09:13 AM

BH

“Of the many memories that we have of Fidel (including sharing time, travel and great meals) is a trip to Disney World in a group that combined friends and families from Louisiana, Florida, Washington, DC, Virginia, and, of course, New Mexico. Fidel was a great joy as he laughed, joked, and pushed wheel chairs all over the park. We will never forget him carrying his jar of jalapenos to every restaurant we visited. We will miss him immensely.

We know the love he had for his family for we laughed readily at the many stories he told. More importantly we saw the joy on his face and felt the love in his heart as he spoke of the family he so loved. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

Adios, dear friend, until we meet again.

Ben & Mona Henson

Ben & Mona Henson - January 12, 2014 at 02:01 PM

MF

Thanks for sharing these beautiful memories of my dear father, Ben and Mona.

Michael

Michael Franco - January 13, 2014 at 09:11 AM

YJ

Thanks for the wonderful memories of my father, he really enjoyed being around you both.

Yolanda

Yolanda (Franco) Jones - January 24, 2014 at 01:25 AM

YJ

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Yolanda (Franco) Jones - January 24, 2014 at 01:25 AM

MB

“ *Marty & Antoinette Baca lit a candle in memory of Fidel E. Franco*



Marty & Antoinette Baca - January 12, 2014 at 11:48 AM

MA

Janet and James

We were so sorry to hear about your father. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. If there is anything you need please let me know. Antoinette & Marty.

Marty - January 12, 2014 at 11:52 AM

YJ

Thanks for all the wonderful photos of dad. I love looking at them.

Yolanda (Franco) Jones - January 18, 2014 at 05:45 PM

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Yolanda (Franco) Jones - January 18, 2014 at 05:45 PM



“ *Best Grandpa ever! I am so blessed that I had you in my life. I love you and miss you very much, Grandpa. Sara Franco*

Sara Franco - January 11, 2014 at 09:48 AM

YJ

Sara I love you and grandpa loved you so much. We are all here for you at this sad time. Your mom and grandpa are at peace in the Lords presence. God bless you.

Yolanda (Franco) Jones - January 17, 2014 at 02:38 AM

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Yolanda (Franco) Jones - January 17, 2014 at 02:38 AM

MF

“ *Kol ha kavod leh Yeshua. Ki gadol Adonai!*

Rest in peace my father in the arms of your heavenly Father.

Until we meet again in eternity.

Your son,

Michael

Michael Franco - January 11, 2014 at 09:42 AM

YJ

Very beautiful mijo.

Yolanda (Franco) Jones - January 28, 2014 at 06:49 PM

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Yolanda (Franco) Jones - January 28, 2014 at 06:49 PM

DS

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

Dave Slaten - January 10, 2014 at 04:00 PM

YJ

Thank you so much Dave and French for taking such good care of our father. For such a sad and unsettling time in our lives, you walked us through it all with all with such care and gentleness. We, the Franco family send you our heartfelt thanks.

Yolanda (Franco) Jones - January 28, 2014 at 06:58 PM