



George Dolliver Rich

October 28, 1948 - December 6, 2013

George Dolliver Rich, of Albuquerque, passed away December 6th, peacefully at home and surrounded by his family. He was born October 28, 1948 in Pampa, Texas to G.D. "Johnny" and Tonetta "Toni" Rich. He was raised in Lovington, New Mexico, and after college, he settled in Albuquerque. George was devoted to his family as a loving spouse, cherished father, devoted grandfather, selfless brother, and caring uncle. He was fiercely loyal to his wonderful friends. He was a successful business owner in real estate and construction for many years. George was an avid golfer and fisherman, and he loved to play cards. He passes on a legacy of empathy, compassion, thoughtfulness, generosity, hard work, and strong values. He will be missed tremendously. He is survived by his former wife, Shirley; daughters, Charlotte (Charlesly) Joseph and Sarah (Wesley) Rich-Jackson; grandchildren, Oliver, Emery, and Ashleigh Rich-Jackson and Alexander Joseph of Albuquerque and brother, Chris Rich and family of Denver. He is preceded in death by his parents and brother, James Rich. A Memorial Service will be held Friday, December 13, 2013, 10:30 a.m. at Faith Lutheran Church, 10000 Spain Ave. NE, Albuquerque, followed by a reception at the Albuquerque Country Club, 601 Laguna Blvd. SE. Memorial contributions may be made in George's name to Shriners's Hospital for Children, 2900 Rocky Point Drive, Tampa, Florida, 33607.

Previous Events

Services

DEC **13**. 10:30 AM (MT)

Faith Lutheran
10000 Spain Road NE
Albuquerque, NM

Reception

DEC **13** (MT)

Albuquerque Country Club
601 Laguna Blvd SW
Albuquerque, NM

Tribute Wall



“ *French Funerals created a Tribute Video in memory of George Dolliver Rich*



FRENCH Funerals & Cremations - December 06, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RJ

“ *George was a wonderful person, loyal to friends and family, and especially proud of his children and grandchildren. I was particularly pleased by his warm relationship with my son Wesley, married to Sarah, who he adopted as his own. I also enjoyed and valued having George as a friend and part of our family. On occasion, I was privileged to participate in fishing trips with George. They were sometime a challenge, since he didn't like to quit if any fish were left in the lake, but George was always willing to lend support and advice to those of us less gifted in fishing skills. George was always handy with a quip and had a great sense of humor. We'll very much miss "Baba George".*

"Baba Robert" Jackson

Robert Jackson - December 17, 2013 at 07:38 PM

JG

“ George (GDR Property Management) has been the Managers of our Albuquerque properties. From our first interview with him, we felt he held the same values we did... honesty, promptness, business expertise. The large void he leaves is daunting....for now. He gave all of his employees the tools and directions to gradually fill that void and to move forward while doing the job. We were frequent visitors at GDR. We will miss his repartee...he did stick to his principles, and the RARE moments that he may have conceded a point or two to another opinion stand out in our memories. He was appreciated;

Jan & Earl Gale

Janice Gale - December 13, 2013 at 08:49 PM

SY

“ Anytime we visit our cousins in Albuquerque, George was always available to spend time with us. When our kids were little, he would take them in their stroller and entertain them so we could brave a break, visit, or finish a meal. One of our favorite memories was playing football in the park with George on Thanksgiving. He was willing to take on anything. We witnessed him being a wonderful dad and an amazing grandfather. We know how much he will be missed. The Dorighi Family

Sydney - December 13, 2013 at 10:47 AM

JC

“ George was a kind thoughtful man. He held the needs of others above his own. He always had a smile on his face. He will be missed by his many friends at Albuquerque Country Club.

John Coffman

John Coffman - December 12, 2013 at 03:51 PM

TF

“ *THE ROEHL LAW FIRM purchased the Sympathy Arrangement In Basket (Large) - Multicolor Pastel Mixed Flowers for the family of George Dolliver Rich.*



THE ROEHL LAW FIRM - December 12, 2013 at 02:40 PM

SO

“ *I met George while I was in college with Charlotte. She and I went to school in California, and we quickly became close friends because of our NM connection. I didn't have a lot of spending money, and my parents couldn't afford to come visit. Whenever George would come to visit Charlotte, he would take us to dinner and made it a point to include me. He would also help stock our fridge, and always had a hug for me. George always made me feel loved and accepted from the day I met him up until the last moment I spent with him on the day before he died. George is one of the best men I have ever known, and I will forever remember his caring spirit, sincerity, and selfless nature. I feel like I am a better person for having known George and all of you, his family and friends. My deepest sympathy and love go out to you for your loss of this wonderful man, and I hope and pray you will find some moments of peace and comfort through memories of him and by knowing that George left this world a better place just by being in it.*

Stacie Ortiz - December 12, 2013 at 02:08 PM

GC

“ George and I worked together many years. Lots of two hour plus lunches and philosophical discussions. Will miss his great sense of humor. I will miss his outlook of dealing with customers. Many laughs over that. May he rest in peace. He was a great friend! And will be surely missed.

Guy Conway

Guy Conway - December 12, 2013 at 10:01 AM



“ George Rich, you were one of the toughest, yet nicest and most caring, of all of my friends' parents. I can't imagine my childhood without Charlotte in it; so many good memories of riding home from church with you & Charlotte, or you giving us a few dollars to walk up to the corner store to get sodas, or ILS basketball games...you and your family were a huge part of my life. Thank you. Thank you so much for making me feel like part of the Rich family. May you rest in peace.

Sincerely,
Andrea Mueller

Andrea Mueller - December 11, 2013 at 08:43 PM

SW

“ George used to come out to Maljamar from Lovington in the 60's and run around with me and my brother Roy. On one trip George and I were riding in the back of our pick-up as my brother drove off the Cap-Rock and down into the sand hills. We could see big Mesquite trees close to the road. George and I were standing up and holding on to the cab, so we needed to sit down in the bed of the truck. I was able to squat down and move to the tail gate, but as George tripped on the spare tire and fell on to the side of the pick-up bed. As he balanced on the edge his feet came up out of the back of the truck and my brother saw them in the rear view mirror. His reaction was to slam on the brakes! This sent George sumersaulting through the Mesquite trees and sand hills! As soon as he stopped he stood up and grinned, so we knew he was OK. Then all of us started laughing and retelling what we had seen from our view points. In seconds we were all Laughing so hard the tears were streaming down our cheeks. ..Steve Wilson

Steve Wilson - December 11, 2013 at 10:19 AM



“ Multicolor Bright Sympathy Basket was purchased for the family of George Dolliver Rich.



December 11, 2013 at 09:17 AM

AD

“ As I read the well written obituary I had to nod my head in complete agreement about how loyal George was to his friends and his family. The last couple of years he provided an example for all of us on how to deal with adversity. Always helpful, always caring and a great friend. I miss you George (coach)....Allen Darrow

Allen Darrow - December 11, 2013 at 08:03 AM

TC

“ Went to high school with George and he and i were a pitcher/catcher combo there on the diamond. We didn't always agree on the pitch, but he could make me laugh when I needed it. RIP my friend.....Tommy Crow

thomas crow - December 11, 2013 at 06:59 AM

DJ

“ Donny Jones lit a candle in memory of George Dolliver Rich



Donny Jones - December 11, 2013 at 06:48 AM

DJ

“ Grew up with the Rich family in Lovington, went to school with George, and his brother (JAMES) who also passed away. but the Rich family was a very well thought of family in Lovington. i am sure George was a leader in the business world. so my prayers go out to immediate family. David & Patty Jones

David M. Jones - December 10, 2013 at 04:14 PM

TL

“ Dear Rich Family ~ We are saddened to hear of your loss. Please know how very sorry we are. Hold on to your memories, and let them guide you during this time of sadness. With our deepest sympathy and love. Judge and Mrs. Michael Vigil



Terry Lohman-Vigil - December 10, 2013 at 04:13 PM

WW

“ Wayne d W. purchased the Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of George Dolliver Rich.



Wayne d W. - December 10, 2013 at 03:59 PM

SG

“ George and I had some great times together. He loved to fish and we went on what I believe was his last fishing trip together. We did exactly what boys do... told tall tales, went fishing, worked on the boat and laughed at each other.

He was a terrific friend and when I was in the hospital, he came to see me every day for almost 2 weeks straight!!! What a debt of gratitude I owe him for that.

George, I already miss you.

Grug

Steve Gruger - December 10, 2013 at 03:23 PM

EB

“ George and I grew up together in Lovington. Later in college we spent several summers together selling books. Over the years whenever we happened to run into one another we enjoyed reminiscing about those days and about our experiences and talking about our families. Our paths did not cross often, but whenever they did it was always great fun! He loved his family and friends, and they loved him. I will miss him. He was a most unique person, and I am honored to have known him, and to have had the opportunity to have him as a friend. His family is in our minds and hearts. Eddie Bengé

Eddie Bengé - December 10, 2013 at 07:31 AM

LL

“ We all Loved George, his smile will truly be missed. His attitude towards everyone he encountered was just so very special. George always went out of his way to help me grow my business and went out of his way to mentor me as I grew bigger. I worked for his family both in the business and for them personally. They are the nicest people you will ever meet and can easily see George's spirit in all of them. Please know what a wonderful Dad you all had, I will miss him sincerely. From an old friend!
Leo LaBarge their Landscaper!

Leo LaBarge - December 09, 2013 at 08:08 PM

TE

“ We are sending you all love and light. You are in our hearts and prayers. Love Tara & Bryan

tara emrick - December 09, 2013 at 06:42 PM

EM

“ We here at enTrust Association Management send our condolences to the family and friends. He was a giant in the industry and a greatly admired business man and person. He will be missed.

entrust association management - December 09, 2013 at 05:46 PM



“ Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of George Dolliver Rich.



December 09, 2013 at 01:56 PM

WJ

“George was my father-in-law. He sometimes showed his tough side, but as tough as he could be, he tended toward his softer side with those he loved. When Sarah and I started dating, George immediately accepted me and made me feel welcome. I became a loyal friend and benefited from his immense generosity. He gave me a job before heading off to law school where my schedule was as full or as flexible as I wanted it to be. This gesture early on in Sarah and I’s relationship was more than expected, but George’s generosity didn’t stop there. A friend of mine was a friend of his. So when my friends needed jobs, George found a place for them too. Nearly all of my friends ended up working for George in some form or another. Most for only a short time, but one in particular had a job with Rich Construction for years. And he got that job simply because he was my friend. In law school George lent me his “Rich Construction” pickup truck. It was great because I could park in the “maintenance only” spaces on campus and no one ever gave me a ticket. When the truck needed repairs, George didn’t ask questions, he simply fixed it. One summer George got me a prominent internship with one of the largest law firms in New Mexico, Miller Stratvert. I list that internship on my resume to this day. When I started practicing law, George was one of my first (and best paying) clients. He could have gone to anyone, including lawyers with a lot more experience, but he wanted me to have the experience. One might assume George did these things and many others because he wanted what was best for his daughter. But there was a lot more to it than that. He went out of his way to do nice things for me, for me - because I was part of the family he loved so much. Why else partner in tournaments with the worst golf player in ACC history? A lot of us like to think of ourselves as selfless to a fault, but few of us actually are. George was. I couldn’t have asked for a better father-in-law, and I didn’t deserve him. I love you George. I miss you.

Wesley Jackson - December 09, 2013 at 01:03 PM

LD

“ To George's family and friends, but mostly George's beloved ladies of the family, he loved you so and was loved by you so. He will be missed, but not forgotten as he lives on in your hearts. May God hold you in His hands and surround you with His comfort now and wishing you joyful memories as time passes and the pain of loss eases through the years to come so you can share with his grandchildren to keep him present in their lives. Your Mississippi friends - we love you all, Linda and Tony

Linda Dorsey - December 09, 2013 at 09:04 AM