



George Rivera

September 9, 1927 - April 28, 2013

Age 85, beloved brother, uncle, father and grandfather, was called by Our Lord to his heavenly home on April 28, 2013. Born in Santa Fe on September 9, 1927, his dedication to an active, healthy lifestyle makes his untimely passing difficult for family and friends sharing in this loss. George will be welcomed into Eternal Life by his sons Christopher and Peter Rivera; mother, Sarita and father, Abelino Rivera; brothers, Belarmino, Clemente and Willie Rivera; sister, Dolores Rivera; along with many other family members and close friends. Surviving family members include daughters Diane and Lita (Erwin); six grandchildren, Kimberly Gonzales, Noberto (Breanna), Alma (Luis), Santiago, Ramon (Bernadette), Victoria (Sebastian) and five great-grandchildren. Surviving; brothers are Arsenio (Rosemary), Sotero, and Delfinio (Jean) and; sisters are Rafaelita Griego, Antonia (Frank) Gallegos and Cecilia Rivera as well as numerous cherished nieces and nephews. George was raised in the village of Agua Fria and spent most of his life in Santa Fe, where he was a professional land surveyor and a well-respected member of the community. He volunteered his time to many civic committees and organizations for both the City and County of Santa Fe. He also donated his time and valuable skills as a volunteer on the building committees of two Catholic parishes, Santa Maria de la Paz in Santa Fe and Incarnation in Rio Rancho, where he had lived the latter years of his life. Prior to, and after, owning his land surveying business he had been employed by Scanlon & Associates and the New Mexico Highway Department. He retired from the

Highway Department in 1993. He proudly served in the United States Army from 1945 to 1947, during which time he began his training in the field of surveying, while stationed in the Admiralty Islands in the South Pacific. A visitation will be held Sunday, May 5, 2013 at 5:00 pm at FRENCH - Rio Rancho, 1950 Pine Rd., followed by a Rosary at 6:00 pm. The Funeral Mass will be Monday, May 6, 2013 at 11 am at St. Anne's Parish, 511 Alicia St in Santa Fe with interment at the Santa Fe National Cemetery at 12:45 pm. Please visit our online guestbook for George at www.FrenchFunerals.com FRENCH - Rio Rancho 1950 Pine Rd NE Rio Rancho, NM 87144 (505) 338-2000

Tribute Wall

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“ I am so sorry to hear about George. He was such a nice guy!

Shelley Gorman - May 06, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ Condolences to the family and friends of my cousin George. May your soul be at peace and may perpetual light shine upon you. From the family of Joe E. Rivera

Leonard Rivera - May 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ To the Rivera Family, your Dad, Brother, and Grandfather. The Zamora girls will greatly miss George. He was such a kind and considerate man who always found the time to call and visit with us. He kept in constant contact after our mom, Vera, passed away. We enjoyed visiting and hearing him talk about so many subjects. Nena enjoyed talking to him about the Rivera/Tapia family. The angels are rejoicing as they welcome you into heaven. We will miss you, George.

Nena, Josie, Eleanor - May 04, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ Lita, Diana, and children, Your dad and grandfather was a very special man. He touched many lives and will not be forgotten. You are in our prayers.

Debbie McTeigue - May 03, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ George was a walking library of information for his beloved State of New Mexico. He was a giant of a man, and righteous in every way. Few good men walk the earth and he will be missed but he walked the good path in search of all creation. He left a big footprint and I am honored he was my neighbor and friend.

Toni Fisher - May 03, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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

Stephanie Silversmith - April 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM