



Ignacio "Iggy" J. Cordova

July 22, 1921 - September 22, 2013

CORDOVA, Ignacio J. "Iggy"

92, of Albuquerque, died Sunday, September 22, 2013. Iggy enlisted as a private in the US Army Air Corps in September 1940. He served five years as a medic in WWII. After the war, he stayed in the reserves and was activated during the Korean Conflict in 1953. In 1954, he joined the NM Air National Guard 188th Fighter Squadron. He was activated during the Vietnam Tet Offensive and served as First Sergeant with the 27th FMS at Cannon AFB, Clovis, NM. In 1981, he retired as a Chief Master Sergeant. To all the great people in the NM Air National Guard, he left this message: "The checks finally came in, and adios a todos mis amigos y amigas." He is survived by his oldest daughter, Carmen Gallegos; friend, Jim Keltgen; granddaughters, Jeannie Weichbrodt, Elizabeth Carey, Sherry King and husband, Ken, and Crystal Dee; great-grandchildren, Shane Carey, Kyle King, Isis Cuellar, Alejandra Cuellar; sisters, Francis Gardner, Bobbie Garcia, and Margaret Armijo; and many cousins, nephews, nieces, and friends all over the U.S. Iggy was preceded in death by his loving wife, Pauline; parents, Juan and Beatriz Cordova; and daughter, Barbara Jean. A funeral service will be held Monday, September 30, 2013, at 11:00 a.m., at FRENCH - Wyoming. A committal service with full military honors will follow at Santa Fe National Cemetery at 2:15 p.m. Friends may visit FRENCH – Wyoming, Sunday, September 29, 2013, from 2:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m.

Cemetery Details

Santa Fe National Cemetery

501 N. Guadalupe St.
NM 87504

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **29**. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (MT)

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Funeral Ceremony

SEP **30**. 11:00 AM (MT)

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Tribute Wall



“ French Funerals created a Tribute Video in memory of Ignacio "Iggy" J. Cordova



FRENCH Funerals & Cremations - September 22, 2013 at 12:00 AM



Isis
Cuellar

“ Grandpa, I cannot believe it's already about to be 2 years that you've left us to go home. I miss you every day and I think of you so often. I know your happier than you can ever be and resting peacefully with grandma Pauline and all of your loved ones and friends who have passed before you and since. Now my grandma Josie is up there with you too, I'm sure your both up there talking to each other in Spanish about what ever you use to when you were here on earth together. I'm starting my third term in college now, and every day I am at school I think of how the main reason I am where I am today is because you pushed me and encouraged me and made me want to graduate and keep at school, I did it to make you proud. I hope you are. It hurts me to this day that you weren't physically there to see me walk the line but I know you were watching over me with a great big smile on your face. Although you didn't see me graduate you did see me through a lot of major events into adulthood, like moving into my own place and getting a job, I'm thankful for how long of a life you had, because I couldn't imagine my 18 years on this planet without you in them. I love you grandpa, I love you so much, say hi to grandma Josie and Pauline for me, love you all.

Isis Cuellar - September 02, 2015 at 01:50 AM



Isis
Cuellar

“ *My Great Grandpa was the most kind and loving person I've ever known in my life he was always there for me and my family regardless of any wrong choices we may have made and always forgave me and welcomed me back into his loving arms (even though I was never out) My Grandfather had high hopes for me and always spoke of my high school graduation and how proud he'll be of me when I finally finished and now that I have and am getting ready to start my first year of college I do so with my Grandpa in mind and how proud he is of me. I miss you and I love you Grandpa.*

Isis Cuellar - July 19, 2014 at 05:15 PM

DA

“ One final farewell Grandpa,

The morning of Grandpa's passing I went to church early. When I got out of the service and walked outside I was "astounded" at how beautiful it was outside. A cool breeze with the trees swaying slightly and such a calm and brisk morning. I thought of Grandpa and what a beautiful day it was for him to pass from this life to his eternal home. Later that night at home, as I was sitting on the back porch there were big clouds in the sky, and as it was getting dark, numerous and loud thunderous booms of thunder were taking place. I knew in my heart it was God announcing loudly to all of his children and all the angels that he was welcoming another saint (Grandpa) into Heaven's gates. WE were all so blessed by Grandpa and his impact on our lives and he will always be with us in our hearts. Celebrate his life and his memories because that is the way he would want it.

Revelation 21:4 He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."

Love David

david - October 03, 2013 at 06:50 PM

TE

“ Carmen,

Tony and I wish to convey our deepest sympathy in the passing of your beloved father. Your father and I shared a friendship when I worked at Griegos Elementary School as secretary to the principal. God bless you and your family during this difficult time.

Tony and Shirley Espinosa

Tony and Shirley Espinosa - October 01, 2013 at 08:48 PM

AL

“ 1 file added to the album *With Love and Prayers, for Iggy and Family!*



Alycia - September 30, 2013 at 11:46 PM

AL

May God help with your grief. I have had some amazing things happen to me, in my life, and I have suffered at times, many times. However, I can honestly say, God has helped me with each step I have made. I know he will help you, just ask. So have faith and Always Believe. You're my family, and I hope you all know that I love you. (Lissy) abaca40@unm.edu

Alycia - October 01, 2013 at 12:30 AM

AL

“ *As a little girl, I was always happy to see Iggy. He was ever so kind and helpful. He will be missed. Unfortunately, we were unable to attend the services. Our prayers go out to the family. Please forgive us for not attending it just wasn't possible. We do send our love and prayers.*



We will be praying, sent with love, Alycia Baca (Lissy) Tyler Fenske, Angela Kissinger

Alycia - September 30, 2013 at 11:10 PM

CF

“ We will miss Iggy so much. He was a wonderful man and treasure to have in our family. I have many fond memories of him greeting me every time he saw me as a little girl and later as a grown woman. We send our love and prayers to the family. Sorry we couldn't make it to the services. Our thoughts are with you. Hugs from C J and Denise Fietek in South Fork, Colorado



C J and Denise Fietek - September 30, 2013 at 05:33 PM

LJ

“ Love Jake purchased the Blue & White Sympathy Basket for the family of Ignacio "Iggy" J. Cordova.



Love Jake - September 29, 2013 at 05:59 PM

RS

“ Iggy was such an important part of our lives. He was a member of our family. He shared our happiness with joy and shared our sorrows with compassion. Russ was under his command in the 70's. At that time long hair was a fad. Being a member of the Air National did not allow long hair so Russ wore a wig. One day, a very windy day his unit was in formation and low and behold Russ' hair flew off. Needless to say Iggy was not happy. He stood face to face with Russ and said, "Sturcman go get your hair and get back in formation." Well Russ did and know Iggy was not happy. But a few month's later they had a good laugh over the incident. Iggy was loved and respected. Not because he was in comma nd but because he was an incredible man. His beautiful wife, Pauline was a driving force for him, as was Carmen and other members of his family. But his granddaughter Jennie ruled. She was so dedicated and loving. She gave her everything to caring for Iggy when he became ill. They had a special love relationship. Iggy will live forever in our hearts and memories. Adios Senior, via con Dios.

Russ and Shirley Sturtcman - September 29, 2013 at 01:37 PM

GD

“ I always regarded Iggy as one of the pillars of the NMANG. My sincere condolences to the family. Gordy Denton

Gordy Denton - September 29, 2013 at 10:56 AM



“ 2 files added to the album 1



Elizabeth Carey - September 28, 2013 at 01:19 PM



“ *Blue & White Standing Wreath was purchased for the family of Ignacio "Iggy" J. Cordova.*



September 27, 2013 at 03:07 PM



“ *9 files added to the album 1*



Jeannie - September 27, 2013 at 01:19 PM



“ *Thinking of the family and wishing peace and comfort to all during this time!*
Rosalie & Robert Carver



Rosalie Carver - September 26, 2013 at 11:54 AM

IB

“ *Wishing you peace to bring comfort, courage to face the days ahead and loving memories to forever hold in your hearts.*

God Bless Love Irene Byers & Family

Irene Byers - September 25, 2013 at 01:39 PM

IH

“ *I served with Iggy for many years in the "Enchilada Air Force" and I remember him giving my wife some secrets on cooking mexican food. He was a great guy and I wish his family well. Ira T. Holt Lt. Col.*

Ira T. Holt - September 25, 2013 at 11:52 AM

DW

“ *David Weichbrodt purchased the Red, White & Blue Sympathy Standing Spray for the family of Ignacio "Iggy" J. Cordova.*



David Weichbrodt - September 25, 2013 at 09:46 AM

DW

“ Grandpa Cordova I can truly say was my "Hero" in life and a man i respected and loved with all my heart. He will always be remembered by all as a man with a strong character and a loving heart. May we all follow his example of how to love one another during our lifetimes. I will miss you always Grandpa but with a smile on my face and a glow in my heart.

Love

David Weichbrodt

David Weichbrodt - September 25, 2013 at 09:38 AM

RT

“ Liz and Family,

Thinking of you and sending hugs filled with love.

Rita Leyba-Tyree & Family



Rita Tyree - September 25, 2013 at 08:23 AM

FC

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

French Funerals - Cremations - September 24, 2013 at 04:41 PM