



## James L. Koury

November 15, 2014

KOURY, James L.

Age 80, died after a long illness. He passed away peacefully in his home, with his wife at his side on November 15, 2014. Jim is survived by his wife, Dale, of forty years; daughter, Cathy Mardini, and spouse, Sam Mardini of Santa Clarita, CA; son, Michael, and fiancé, Lori Martinez of Quartz Hill, CA; daughter, Debbie Soto of Sylmar, CA; son, Bradly Koury, of Miami, FL; daughter, Trisha Stoops of Van Nuys, CA; 12 grandchildren, Sammy Jr., Michael, Anna, Danny, Cassius, Bryson, Erin, Steven, Calvin, Brandon, Alexa and Alyssa; four great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews. James was born and raised in Santa Fe, NM, he was of Lebanese decent. He was the youngest of three children. Jim attended Highlands University, St. Michaels High School, and the University of New Mexico. Jim was an Aerospace Engineer for 30 years, Edwards Air Force Rocket Propulsion Laboratory, Edwards, CA. He was a past member of Knights of Columbus council #2455, Lancaster, CA, where he served as Grand Knight District Deputy and a lifetime member of council #6696, Rio Rancho, NM, where he held many offices. Jim had a special devotion to Saint Sharbel of Lebanon. He belonged to Saint Thomas Catholic Parish. His accomplishments and awards: Air Force Rocket propulsion Laboratory, Astronautics Laboratory, Star Council award, KofC, and Wilbur J. Hastranft Lifetime achievement award in 2009, Society of Plastics Engineers, Inc., Charter member of Space and Missiles Technology, Recognition of 30 years of service for the Government,

Outstanding service of 30 years to the Phillips Laboratory Edwards Air Force Base, recognition of contributions to the Air Force Resources Conservation Program, and in 1977 an award from New York University for participation in estimating and controlling manufacturing cost. The family would like to say a special thank you for all the help from John and Debbie Koury, who sat with Jim every week, and took him to football games; and to the hospice nurses who cared for James with passion, patience, and kindness. The rosary will be recited on Tuesday, November 25, 2014, 7:00 p.m., at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church. Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday, November 26, 2014, 10:30 a.m., at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church, 1502 Sara Rd SE in Rio Rancho, with Monsignor Douglas Raun as celebrant. Interment will follow at Santa Fe National Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Sam Mardini, Sammy Mardini, Jr., Michael Soto, Matt Plummer, Jason Koury and John Koury. Honorary Pallbearers are Edward Baca, Jerry Koury, Duke Yarnell, Steven Soto, Brad Koury, and James Romero. Jim will be missed by all who knew him. Please visit our online guestbook for James at [www.FrenchFunerals.com](http://www.FrenchFunerals.com)

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# Cemetery Details

## Santa Fe National Cemetery

501 N. Guadalupe St.  
NM 87504

# Previous Events

## Rosary

NOV **25**. 7:00 PM (MT)

St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church  
1502 Sara Rd. SE  
Rio Rancho, NM

## Mass of Christian Burial

NOV **26**. 10:30 AM (MT)

St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church  
1502 Sara Rd. SE  
Rio Rancho, NM

# Tribute Wall



“Dad,  
Happy birthday today in heaven.  
I'm missing you soooo much.  
I love you Dad...Cathy

cathy Mardini - December 14, 2014 at 04:45 PM



“It broke our hearts to loose you,  
but you did not go alone. Apart of us went with you, the day God  
took you home.  
If tears could build a stair way, and heartaches make a lane, we'd  
walk our way to heaven, and bring you back again.  
In life we loved you dearly, in death we love you still, in our heart  
you hold a place no one could ever fill.”  
I love you grandpa, Rest in paradise.

Erin Soto - November 27, 2014 at 10:46 AM



I love your message my beautiful niece Erin 😊

Cathy M - October 10, 2024 at 08:41 PM



“Michael A. purchased a sympathy card for the family  
of James L. Koury.



Michael A. - November 25, 2014 at 07:30 PM

CM

“ *Jim will forever be in my heart. He was the last of a very special generation of Koury's. He grew up in an era that was blessed with all the Koury family around him. He was blessed with a great upbringing. I heard many a stories from my mom (Lilly) and her and Jim would talk about the good old days with many a laugh and smile. I was blessed to be your cousin Jim. I know you are having a great family reunion in heaven with all the family. Mom went to make a place for you as Cec did for her. And they all greeted you with joy. God willing I will join all of you someday and we will all have a great reunion. Until then you will rest in my heart with the rest of them. You were a great man, Jim. Hallelujah you are free from pain and in the Lord's arms.*



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**Carol Martinez** - November 25, 2014 at 12:44 PM

MS

“ *To Dad  
To have you for our Dad was cause enough  
for pride  
No one could ever equal you, No matter how  
they tried.  
You left us precious memories.  
Your love is still my guide, although we can not see you  
You are always by our side.*



*Love you Dad  
Cathy (Daughter) & Michael (Son)*

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**MICHAEL SOTO** - November 25, 2014 at 09:11 AM

ED

“ Erin and Peter Doles purchased the Healing Tears - All White for the family of James L. Koury.



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**Erin and Peter Doles** - November 24, 2014 at 04:08 PM

BH

“ I know that Jimmy is with Lil, Les and Cec and none of them would want us to be sad. I picture them all having a wonderful time together and most important, they are no longer in pain. Jimmy is leading the group with his humor and compassion. That is a wonderful tribute to a man I admired and loved. Bill Hanrahan



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**Bill Hanrahan** - November 23, 2014 at 01:43 PM

BT

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

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**Bernadette Touchton** - November 21, 2014 at 03:25 PM