



James E. Vigil

August 2, 2014

Age 70, beloved husband, brother, uncle & nephew passed away August 2, 2014 after a short illness. James was born in Taos & later made Albuquerque home. He was preceded in his death by his parents, Bences & Fabiola Vigil of Taos, infant brother Allen-Marcus, Grandparents Luciano & Florida Martinez of Taos, Grandparents JNR and Domitila Vigil of Ranchos de Taos. James is survived by Gloria, his wife of 49 years & soul mate since the 3rd grade at St. Joseph's Elementary in Taos. He is also survived by his beloved brothers, Allen (Geraldine), Jerome (Kitty), Mario (Carla), and Keith (Liz), many aunts, uncles, Godchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins & dear friends . James graduated from Central Catholic High School in 1961, obtained his BA Degree from UNM & retired as the Safety Director for the City of Albuquerque in 1998. After retirement, James held a private practice teaching defensive driving classes throughout New Mexico. He was a parishioner at Annunciation Catholic Church in Albuquerque. His hobbies included collecting antique and toy cars along with involvement in hundreds of classic antique car shows. James was a volunteer and a member of various clubs and organizations to include MADD, Albuquerque Wheel's Museum, Safer NM Now, National Safety Council, AAA Car Club where he received many trophies and awards. James made time to help his wife Gloria with their travel and involvement with the NM Engelbert Humperdink Fan Club. James loved his family, especially his aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews, who held a mutual admiration and respect for him and were constantly in awe of his toy car collection. James

had many special friends who became his family. James will always be remembered for his humorous and friendly personality, extreme generosity, dignity and respect for everyone he met. All funeral arrangements are on Friday, August 8th. Rosary, at 10 am at Our Lady of Annunciation Catholic Church (2532 Vermont NE Albuquerque) followed by Funeral Mass at 11 am and Interment at 12:30 pm at Sunset Memorial Park.

Cemetery Details

Sunset Memorial Park

924 Menaul Blvd NE
Albuquerque, NM 87107
(505) 345-3536
info@sunset-memorial.com
<https://www.sunset-memorial.com/>

Previous Events

Rosary

AUG 8. 10:00 AM (MT)

Our Lady of Annunciation Catholic Church
2621 Vermont NE
Albuquerque, NM 87110

Mass

AUG 8. 11:00 AM (MT)

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Interment

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Tribute Wall

RB

“ We are saddened by the loss of James Vigil. On many occasions he would greet us at car events where he remembered us as individuals and our cars. His good character and enthusiastic approach always made him welcome in our midst. James was never obtrusive - rather he always expressed appreciation for the time we would take to tell him about our cars and ourselves. The world has lost a fine person.

Rich and Charlotte Blake

Richard and Charlotte Blake - August 17, 2014 at 04:35 PM

PS

“ Dear Keith,
Please accept our deepest heartfelt condolences on your brothers passing. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.
Pat, Sandra and Karleigh Scully
Pointe-Claire, QC, Canada

Patrick Scully - August 11, 2014 at 09:43 AM

BM

“ *Dearest Gloria,*

We are so saddened to learn of your loss. Our heartfelt sympathy and prayers go to you and your family. We too will deeply feel the loss of our dear friend James, he was so special. The happy and beautiful memories we have of him will forever be engraved in our hearts. We feel blessed in partaking of his friendship in our lives. The sadness we feel is for ourselves, who are left without James' presence, because James is now happier than we can ever imagine, with our Savior cuddling him in his arms, no more pain, only love.

We also feel so sad not being able to be with you Gloria on this very sad day because we are scheduled to leave on a trip we are unable to postpone at 10:30 a.m. Friday. We are with you in our love and spirit.

*Our Love & Prayers Always,
Irene & Ben Maestas*

Ben & Irene Maestas - August 08, 2014 at 08:44 AM

DV

“ Gloria,
Alan, Jerome, Mario, Keith, and Family,

*For love is immortality which leaves an astounding memory
converted into a treasure that no one will ever take away from you
all.*

*His life is a salient story that will never be forgotten nor taken for
granted.*

His love leaves an indelible imprint in our souls.

*James, "King James", first born of the second generation of
Grandma Domitila and Grandpa Nep, has been a King as his
teachings his passion and love for the elderly, aunts, and uncles will
carry on.*

*Sarah, Marvin, Dennis, Berta, Jeremy, Jonathan, Barbara, Bob,
Sarah Jo, Kathy, Robert, Angel, Jayme, Francis, and Dominic*

Dominic Vigil - August 07, 2014 at 04:06 PM

LV

“ So sorry to hear of James' passing...may he rest in peace. He was
such a caring and loving friend especially to my parents Tranquilino
and Rose Armijo. May they welcome him. God bless you Gloria and
his extended family.

Leanora Vasquez - August 07, 2014 at 09:54 AM

CA

“ The Archuleta Family send their condolences to the Vigil Family.
May The Lord bless you all and give you comfort . Love Connie and
family.

Connie Archuleta - August 07, 2014 at 09:18 AM

TT

“ Gloria,
Please know that we send our sincere condolences your way.

We fondly recall how very attentive James was toward our two kids, especially as toddlers, when Grandpa & Grandma Vigil used to care for them. When you and James would stop by to visit Uncle Blue & Aunt Helen, you often came with small gifts in hand for Alyx and Eric. James suggested we carry forward the tradition of obtaining a collectible Texaco plane for Eric each year, and now after 23 years he has a fine display of planes that will affectionately remind us of James going forward.

We pray that you'll find comfort in your memories of James and the fine life you built together.

*Love,
Jim, Trish (Vigil) Alyx and Eric Tilley*

Trish and Jim Tilley - August 07, 2014 at 09:15 AM



“ Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers was
purchased for the family of James E. Vigil.



August 06, 2014 at 09:47 PM



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August 06, 2014 at 09:44 PM



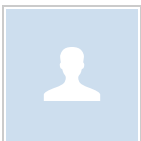
“ *I want to send our condolences to the Vigil Family, in the recent passing of James. I will always remember what a kind and gentle man he was. He always had a great smile and showed all of us what great humility he had for everybody he made contact with. Being a graduate of Central Catholic High School, he was smart and also played a great game of basketball. I know he took great pride in being a parishioner of Our Lady of Annunciation Church, and being a most beloved Husband of Gloria. God have blessings on you, and may you rest in peace. Frank and Bess Del Margo*

frank and bess del margo - August 06, 2014 at 06:30 PM



“ *A true gentleman. Always with a smile and full of humility. Known throughout City government as, "Mr. Safety". A breath of fresh air in City Hall. Thanks for the memories Mr. Safety.*

Jack Burkhard - August 06, 2014 at 05:41 PM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Basket was purchased for the family of James E. Vigil.*



August 06, 2014 at 05:12 PM



“ *Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers was purchased for the family of James E. Vigil.*



August 06, 2014 at 12:41 PM



“ *Gloria,*

I am so sorry... I have so many wonderful memories of James. I used to look forward to our tours in the US because I knew you guys would be around. He used to hang out at the Merch table with me and just chat. We had a lot of great conversations. He would always watch over me and make sure everything was alright. I still have the NM lapel pin he gave me. I will truly miss him. You are in our hearts and if we can help in any way, please let me know.

Joe & Johannah Welby

Joe & Johannah Welby - August 06, 2014 at 02:45 AM



“ *Gloria*

I'm sorry to know that James is no longer with us!

My deepest sympathy on your lost.

He was a SWEETHEART to all of us every time we meet on the Engelbert shows!

God bless him

RIP

Martha Molina - August 06, 2014 at 01:50 AM

ST

“Gloria, I had the great opportunity to know both you and James over the many years of my life. He was and still is Family to us. James had a great positive sense about everything in life and he was never shy at passing on good positive affirmations to me and my family. He truly wanted people to shine including my boys the past several years. James actually shined on everyone making everyone happy, including himself. Thank you Gloria and James for supporting my entire family over the years. James will be missed dearly. Our prayers are with you and may God give you peace.



Bill, Sandra, Jared and Jason Tinlin

Sandra Tinlin - August 05, 2014 at 10:24 PM

ES

“Gloria, we are so sorry for your loss. James was a wonderful person and had such a passion for life. Whenever we saw James he was always happy and had a smile and that is how he will be remembered. We are blessed for having known James and forever grateful for the model cars he gave to our boys when they were small. You are in our thoughts and prayers. God Bless.



Edward, Patricia & Family

Edward & Patricia Sena - August 05, 2014 at 09:08 PM

RL

“ My wife and I had the pleasure of meeting James several times at the Engelbert Humperdinck concerts in Nevada and California and found him to be a very congenial person. Gloria, we are so sorry for your loss. Ralph & Debbie Ladue

ralph Ladue - August 05, 2014 at 06:59 PM

CS

“ Gloria - I have a memento in my office that James gave me years ago. It's an orange traffic cone with a message on it saying, "Change is inevitable, growth is optional". We will all go through the change from death to life and then be in the presence of God. That's when all of us that have been blessed to know James will smile with him once again. Those times Sue and I spent with you and James at national safety council meetings and events were blessings from God. B-Safe, Chuck and Sue Schwarting

Chales Schwarting - August 05, 2014 at 02:03 PM

LD

“ Gloria and Family, we are so sorry for your loss. James and I worked together at Zia Bus Sales for 14-15 years. He was a top shelf person, always doing for someone else. He was instrumental in the success of Zia Bus Sales, all of our customers loved James and enjoyed him delivering buses or just stopping in to see them. James and I become very close and will miss him a lot. God bless you James, We love you

Lynn and Susan

Lynn Degenhart - August 05, 2014 at 12:43 PM

DV

“Gloria and family, so sorry for your loss. My heart goes out to all of you. May James rest in peace in his place with the Lord. Your cousin from San Francisco, Debra Vigil

Debra Vigil - August 05, 2014 at 12:25 PM



“Nicky N Jay Romero purchased the Roses For S ympathy for the family of James E. Vigil.



Nicky N Jay Romero - August 05, 2014 at 11:25 AM

TS

“Our sincere heartfelt condolences to The Vigil Family. On behalf of myself and others that work at Ace Hardware, we will miss seeing James in the store. He would come in and share stories and jokes and buy the employees ice cream. He was a good man. May God comfort you at this very difficult time.



Love you my friend Gloria.

Tim & Darlene Salazar

Tim & Darlene Salazar - August 05, 2014 at 10:49 AM

RU

“ The memories of James are forever etched in our hearts and minds. What a great sense of humor and character that will be missed greatly. He loved my mother and her oatmeal cookies-that's just the wonderful man he was. I will never forget him! My deepest sympathy to my beautiful, always loving cousin, Gloria and the Vigil family—you are all in my thoughts and prayers. I'm so glad I was able visit for a short time when I was in ABQ a few months ago. May God grant you Comfort for Today, Hope and Courage for Tomorrow.

Ruby Anaya

ruby - August 05, 2014 at 09:51 AM



“ I will Forever Cherish the Great Memories of my Uncle James. He was a very kind Loving and Caring person. He was Funny at times but could also be very Serious when he had a Word of advice or a Story to tell. I remember on Holidays or Birthdays sending my Uncle a Toy model car to add to his Collection. Uncle James was a Big Fan of Old School Cars or Car Shows. I was very sad to hear of his passing in hopes of one day soon introducing him to my family. But I know hes in a better place now and For sure not suffering. I love and Miss you Uncle James. Rip until we meet again.

Your Neice Nicole and Family <3

Nicky N Jay Romero - August 04, 2014 at 10:53 PM

ME

“ *MELVIN lit a candle in memory of James E. Vigil*



MELVIN - August 04, 2014 at 10:40 PM

MC

“ *Gloria and Family*
James was a very special man that had great stories and always treated people with kindness and respect. He will be missed and kept in our hearts. He was always fun to visit with. Melvin knew James from working at ABQ CITY TRANSIT DEPT. We ran into him at the indoor flea market! From that point on he and Melvin shared their love for the Franklin Mint model cars. James was not in our lives for long but he did leave us with great joy and thankfulness for having met him and his beautiful wife, Gloria. James was a good man.

MELVIN & LORETTA CHAVEZ - August 04, 2014 at 10:39 PM

LF

“ *Beautiful memories I will always have Uncle James Condolences to all of the family.*

Lila Ferrill - August 04, 2014 at 09:48 PM



“ *Nino James was always very kind, generous with his knowledge, and quick to make friends with anyone he encountered. I will always treasure the wisdom you shared with me and the special moments with my family. Nina Gloria, we are here for you and forever will be. We love you! Ariana, Paul, Briana, and Allen-John.*

Ariana Delmerico - August 04, 2014 at 09:37 PM

MA

“James was a wonderful person who will be missed. I feel blessed to have counted him as a close friend. He was always ready to help anyone in need and was always happy and treated people with respect. I will miss him, but know that he was welcomed by our heavenly father into his loving arms. Rest in peace my friend. MaryAnn Santistevan



MaruAnn - August 04, 2014 at 08:28 PM

IP

“Irene Pacheco-Duran lit a candle in memory of James E. Vigil



Irene Pacheco-Duran - August 04, 2014 at 08:24 PM

EF

“Esther Martinez & Family lit a candle in memory of James E. Vigil



Esther Martinez & Family - August 04, 2014 at 08:11 PM

SH

“On behalf of the FRENCH Family of Companies we want to express to you our deepest condolences.

Shelia Hocker - August 04, 2014 at 05:34 PM