



Jose D. Blanco

August 5, 1966 - May 13, 2014

Age 47, longtime resident of Albuquerque, passed away on Tuesday, May 13, 2014. He is survived by his daughter, Stephanie Mireles and husband, David; sons, Edward Ortiz-Blanco and Elias Vigil; grandchildren, Adam, Annabella, and Eithan; mother, Ernestine E. Blanco; sister, Charlotte Valdez and husband, Jonathan; grandmother, Carlotta Trujillo; uncles, Ronnie Trujillo and wife, Brenda, Richard Trujillo and wife, Linda, Allen Trujillo and wife, Cass, and Charles Trujillo and wife, Cynthia; along with extended family members and friends. Jose proudly served his country and retired from the New Mexico Army National Guard. He served two tours in Iraq, first in Desert Storm and again during Operation Iraqi Freedom. He began his nursing career at the New Mexico Behavioral Health Institute. He then earned his degree in nursing. Jose worked at the New Mexico Heart Hospital and most recently worked at University of New Mexico Hospital. He will always be remembered as an outdoorsman with a great passion for riding his motorcycle. A Memorial Service will be held Friday, May 16, 2014, 6:00 p.m., at FRENCH – Lomas. Jose will be laid to rest in Taos, NM.

Tribute Wall



“ *French Funerals created a Tribute Video in memory of Jose D. Blanco*



FRENCH Funerals & Cremations - May 16, 2014 at 11:18 AM

JT

“ *Jose, you will be missed, It was always so nice to have visit us. May you rest peace.*

Jacqueline Trujillo - May 29, 2014 at 11:18 AM

LV

“ *Linda Villasenor lit a candle in memory of Jose D. Blanco*



linda villasenor - May 23, 2014 at 05:48 PM

LV

Jose, you will truly be Missed, God had plans for you and there you are... Such a Trooper... I worked many years with you at the heart ..we shared many stories and put up with each other during very intense times with people's lives..boy that in itself was a challenge. When we showed up for Team playing on the Job there was a sigh of relief when we spent the next 13hrs or so with the Best People in the world to hang out with. Also you went to school with my lil sissy & Brother..I don't remember if you ever found your dog my bro gave you....I just want to say THANK YOU one more time.....

linda villasenor - May 23, 2014 at 06:13 PM

PA

“ I can recall many memories that I have because of our friendship. The fun that we, Cloudy, Penguin, George, Dawn, had is something I missed when I moved to Colorado. I can still recall when you showed up at my doorstep with your son. A smile on your face and a story about your son that was truly a miracle. When I moved back to Las Vegas a couple of years ago, I tried to locate all of my best friends, but I had no luck. To finally find you this way is difficult to deal with. Con Amor, Paul Urioste.

Paul - May 23, 2014 at 11:48 AM

 Mabel Maestas

“ My deepest condolences to Jose's family. I hardly knew Jose. He was one kind hearted person who will be missed by many.

Mabel Maestas - May 22, 2014 at 05:37 PM

VO

“ I knew Jose as a nurse/co-worker in UNMH PACU (was his preceptor in fact)..... so many wonderful things to say about his keen sense of humor, ability to " pull my leg" so easily & grin that infectious, gleeful, fun-loving grin....Jose was an inspiration to all he met...as he had the ability to be playful & yet so skillfully take each person & situation seriously (as a nurse & a human being). Jose was supportive, exhibiting a positive outlook on life no matter what situation was at hand.....he was trust-worthy, protected our freedom in service of our country, and was to many of us a bit of a " protective angel".

We often talked "school talk" as he was studious & in pursuit of his own educational goals, and yet interested & an encouragement to folks like me as I pursued my MSN & graduated this Spring.....(I gave him a salute as I walked the stage this past Friday)....for Jose was the type of person that lived his convictions & faith....and had the ability to share & inspire all who knew him. I will miss him....but will never be without the memories of the fine person he was. God bless you....the family/friends that helped shape Jose as a person & had the opportunity to share life on this earth with him..... for we can soothe our hearts in knowing we will meet again one day.
In respectful, loving memory.....Vonda

Vonda - May 22, 2014 at 01:45 AM

JL

“ I am truly saddened to hear of Jose's passing. I had a motorcycle wreck about 6 weeks ago and had been thinking about Jose every week for the last several weeks since I knew he rode one too. I kept thinking I needed to go up the mountain and visit him and another friend of mine (his neighbor). I found out today from one of my coworkers at the hospital that he had died. I had been out for the last 3 weeks on medical myself...

I have known Jose for over 15 years and we were brothers in the family of nursing here in New Mexico. His family and friends intertwined with mine from Las Vegas to Santa Fe to Albuquerque. I will miss him very much. As many have said here and reflected, Jose was a very special person, not just as a nurse but as a human being. We both had those crazy infectious laughs, smiles and humor that permeates our work and personal lives. My smile is gone today. I am so deeply saddened that we have lost Jose. The world was a much better place with Jose living in our midst and his memory will always be cherished. I am sorry I didn't get to see you before you passed Jose and this is a reminder to those of us who have special persons in our lives such as Jose to not let impulses to reconnect pass us by. Rest in Peace my brother and I will see you on the other side.

Jeff Laurenzo

Jeff Laurenzo - May 20, 2014 at 04:51 PM

TT

“ Jose is my cousin we grew up together, so sad to lose him. I moved from NM and haven't got to see him much. I really feel I missed out on many years of his life. Time you can't get back wish I could have spent more time with Jose I miss my family and hope we can find time to share together. I miss you Jose we will meet again someday, Jesus loves us all and will unite us again Ride with the Angels Jose

Toni Trujillo - May 17, 2014 at 02:51 AM

JP

“ *JOHNNY PINO lit a candle in memory of Jose D. Blanco*



JOHNNY PINO - May 16, 2014 at 06:42 PM

FJ

“ *My deepest condolences to my nephew Edward. Your father was very proud of you and your accomplishments. I last saw him a couple of years ago at the Heart Hospital and although we had not seen each other in years it was as if we had just seen each other the day before. He hugged me and smiled. His laughter and smile contagious. Jose will be missed by all that knew him. May you rest in peace Jose.*

Francine Jaramillo

Francine Jaramillo - May 16, 2014 at 04:24 PM

EE

“ *I am one of Jose's cousins. Yes, I live in a different state but when I was little, we would see each other all the time. He was always so fun! As we grew older, we would see each other but not as frequent but it was ALWAYS a joy to visit him and the family. My last memory of "Jody" was last year, Fourth of July in Taos. We were visiting my brother and his family for the holiday. It was such a great surprise to know he would be there! We joked, laughed, danced and "talked shop" as I am a military vet as well as a nurse, too! I would've never imagined that Jody and I would be able to relate on so many levels. For that, I am grateful. I am also grateful for this memory for it was one of joy and happiness!! Rest in eternal peace, Jose. Much love always to him and his family!!*

Emily Edwards - May 16, 2014 at 03:28 PM

DM

“ *Deborah Trujiilo Martinez lit a candle in
memory of Jose D. Blanco*



Deborah Trujiilo Martinez - May 16, 2014 at 01:25 PM

NA

“Deepest condolences to the Blanco family. I have known Jose since we were kids in Upward Bound in Las Vegas in 1982. We have been friends ever since. We served together in the New Mexico Army National Guard and both retired around the same time. Jose was a very good person. What I admired the most about him was that he was always the same Jose no matter what stage of life he was in. We would run into each other at drill or on campus and he always met with that same infectious smile. The room always seemed to brighten up when he walked in.

Jose was man of good moral character. He embraced his various roles in the military and always did his best to bring value to the team. I watched him work hard over the years to earn his nursing degree. He was so happy the day he told me that he made it.

Jose is a fine example of how a person can always work on improving oneself. He was not afraid to take on challenges. He was proud to serve and never cared much to be served. The world is a better place because of Jose and I know that Heaven just got a little more brighter.

May God bless you and keep you Jose. May God bless the Blanco family.

With deepest sympathy,

Norbert E. Archibeque
Colonel (Retired), US Army
New Mexico Army National Guard

Norbert E. Archibeque - May 16, 2014 at 11:26 AM

DA

“ I am very sorry to here of the loss of Mr. Blanco. I to have lost a loved one in death and at times of sadness I have always wondered Is this life all there is. I found this website very intriguing it's found at: <http://www.jw.org/en/bible-teachings/questions/when-you-die/> This particular article brought me so much comfort in my time of need and I am sure it will bring comfort to you as well! David

david - May 16, 2014 at 11:14 AM

BR

“ Brenda lit a candle in memory of Jose D. Blanco



brenda - May 16, 2014 at 10:26 AM

BR

I had the pleasure working with jose in the pacu at unmh jose was an aweosome nurse always caring for his patients. Rest in peace jose will miss you.

brenda - May 16, 2014 at 10:30 AM

LT

“ I met Jose at the Heart Hospital. He manifested high-level ethics, intelligence, skill, and compassion to the patients and their families; and professionalism worthy of emulation. Although his sister's passing was deeply painful to him, he delighted in the opportunity to become the parent. WOW, he really loved that, he spoke of that often, he was very proud of that. Then he got married and he grew in a totally different way, he blossomed, and that was awesome. He was a happy, happy man. He had a wonderful sense of humor and a ready laugh, and a day working with Jose was always better than not. May he prosper in all the worlds of God. Lillian

LILLIAN TORRES-BEATTY - May 16, 2014 at 05:07 AM

HA

“ I had the pleasure of working with Jose at the Heart hospital of Nm he was an amazing person and an amazing nurse my condolences to his family .

Heather Abrego - May 16, 2014 at 02:51 AM



“ My condolences to the family, we were classmates in high school, may God Bless his family and give you strength and peace at this time.

Carla Lucero

Carla Lucero - May 16, 2014 at 12:26 AM

S
Gonzalez

“ I have known Jose for many years. He and my brother were best friends in school. Jose was like a part of our family. He was always at my house growing up. Jose will be truly missed. Condolences to the family during this difficult time.

S Gonzalez - May 16, 2014 at 12:12 AM

SG

“ Sharon Gonzales lit a candle in memory of Jose D. Blanco



Sharon Gonzales - May 16, 2014 at 12:08 AM

JA

“ Blanco was such a great man he will b truly missed by our family. He was a great friend we all thought of him as family and we always will. Our family has had so many memories with Blanco we will never forget him. His family is in our prayers during this time of need.

jesse, Donna, crystal, jesseLee Armijo - May 15, 2014 at 11:38 PM

JF

“ Jose was always so kind. I enjoyed working with him for a brief time at the Heart Hospital. My deepest condolences to the family.

Jamie (Wier) Finley - May 15, 2014 at 11:34 PM

MM

“ My deepest condolences to the family. I am honored to have known Jose and worked with him for many years. He always had a smile on his face, made everyone laugh and had such a positive outlook on life. He was a wonderful nurse, role model, and friend. He will truly be missed. Rest in Peace Jose.... ?? Your friend, Me'Chelle Montano

Me'Chelle Montano - May 15, 2014 at 10:12 PM

CM

“ *Cindy Maldonado lit a candle in memory of Jose D. Blanco*



Cindy Maldonado - May 15, 2014 at 10:05 PM



“ *A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Jose D. Blanco.*



May 15, 2014 at 09:53 PM

KO

“ *Kathy O lit a candle in memory of Jose D. Blanco*



Kathy O - May 15, 2014 at 09:11 PM

KO

In the short time I knew Jose, I was very fond of him. He helped me find my way on my first day in the PACU at UNMH. He kept me on my toes, and kept me laughing too. I am so sad to hear of his loss. My prayers and thoughts to his family!!

Kathy O - May 15, 2014 at 09:15 PM

JA

“ Our deepest condolences to the family of Blanco. He was a dear friend and we always cherished his visits to our home in Pecos. We always enjoyed his loud personality and big smile. Always joking around the making us laugh. We had good times riding our motorcycles together. We will forever miss him. Thank you for your friendship. Juan, Debbie and John Jr. Armijo

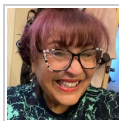
Juan, Debbie and John Jr. Armijo - May 15, 2014 at 06:09 PM

CG

“ Dear Tina & Family, My sister Alice Torres gave me the sad news about the passing of your beloved son. I am so sorry for another tragic accident in your family. My prayers are with you and all his loved ones. I know Alice loved him and he will be missed. I pray that God gives you the strength and consolation you all need at this time.

Corrine

Corrine Gabaldon - May 15, 2014 at 06:00 PM



Blanco, you will truly be missed. It is very rare to meet someone with your happy disposition and personality. I will always remember hearing your hearty laugh. Thank you for always attending our parties and being an extended family member. You will be dearly missed. "Shorty", Janet, Kiana, Terrance, Tiedra, Marissa and Lennay

Janet Armijo - May 15, 2014 at 10:46 PM

JA

“ *Juan, Debbie And John Jr. Armijo lit a candle in memory of Jose D. Blanco*



Juan, Debbie and John Jr. Armijo - May 15, 2014 at 05:59 PM

SV

“ *Samson Vallejos lit a candle in memory of Jose D. Blanco*



samson vallejos - May 15, 2014 at 05:16 PM

EM

“ *Friend, I knew whatever happened to you you would be okay. You are beyond special! You will be missed dearly! Your kind of faith is almost nonexistent. I'll see you on the other side.*

Emily - May 15, 2014 at 04:59 PM

CH

“ *My dear friend .. I'm so glad I had the pleasure of being your friend . You touched so many of us in ways you will never know. We are gonna miss you tremendously. Thank you for always caring and showing your love. I know you are ok and at peace now. Rest Jose you will never be forgotten. Love always Calahf*

calahf hagler - May 15, 2014 at 04:54 PM

FL

“ *Friends and Co-workers from Heart Hospital and Lovelace purchased the Blue & White Sympathy Standing Spray for the family of Jose D. Blanco.*



Friends and Co-workers from Heart Hospital and Lovelace -
May 15, 2014 at 04:53 PM

ST

“ *Jose, I miss my brother in Christ. I find comfort in knowing you are in the presence of the Lord, but I still miss you my friend.*

Stephanie - May 15, 2014 at 04:29 PM

NO

“ *Jose was a very, very special person. He had a beautiful heart, a wonderful sense of humor, and was loved by so many people. On the Friday before his accident, we were talking and he told me how grateful he felt for the wonderful life he had, and how he wouldn't change a thing. I think he lived his life to the fullest, without regrets. I will miss him terribly, but am so grateful that I knew him for the short time that I did.*

Nori - May 15, 2014 at 04:29 PM

FC

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

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