



Margarito "Richard" Cordova

July 9, 1930 - October 16, 2014

Margarito (Richard) Cordova, 84, was called by our Lord on 10/16/14. He was born in his beloved Dawson, NM on 7/9/30 to Margarito (Maggie) and Elvira Cordova. He is survived by his loving wife of 62 years, Rosemary (Stella) Cordova (to whom he was devoted), his children, Richard Cordova, Joseph Cordova and his wife Christine, and daughter Rosemarie Cordova Baca; his grandchildren, Brian Chavez, Jennifer Cordova Neumann, and husband, Wyatt, Christopher Cordova, and wife, Jessi, Marisa Baca, Lisa Burke, and husband, Ryan, Sonja Flowers, and husband, Travis, John Paul Cordova, Feliz Baca, Sarah Cordova and Lily Cordova; his great grand-children, Olivia Maul, Marcos Chavez, Brianna Chavez, Aleah Cordova, Takota Neumann, Kory James Flowers, Stella Neumann and Matias Flowers. Also surviving are his brothers and sisters, Vivian and Annie Cordova, Celeste and Dave Medina, Bernadette and Esteban Mercado, Lorraine Cordova and Michael Cordova; and his extended family, Betsy Lange, Destani Gutierrez, Felipe Guevara, Lynne Cordova, Abby Garcia, and compadre Eloy Barela. He leaves behind many nieces, nephews, cousins and special friends Suzanne, Kimberly, Gloria, and Sheila. He had numerous friends whom he loved and had the pleasure of knowing and sharing camaraderie. Richard was preceded in death by his parents, his brothers Charlie, Gilbert, and Ted Cordova and his grandson Richard Patrick Cordova. He moved to Albuquerque with his family when he was 14 years old. He attended Los Griegos Elementary, Washington Jr High, and graduated from Albuquerque High in 1949. While at Albuquerque

HS, he played football and his team won the state championship in 1949. He took 2nd place in the state in javelin in 1949. After High School, he joined the USAF (1949) and held the rank of Sergeant for 3.5yrs. He worked for the VA Hospital histology lab for 25yrs. After retiring from the VAH, he excelled as a chemical salesman for State Chemical and eventually began his own company, R&R Supply, which he owned for 30 years. He and his wife operated Casa de Cordova concessions for 55 years at the NM State Fair and at various Native American feasts and parish fiestas. He was a member of various groups and organizations including the Cursillo Movement, Knights of Columbus (member and state officer), St Vincent de Paul Society, Spanish choir at Queen of Heaven and an integral player in developing the Thunderbird Little League. He was also a proud member of the Albuquerque HS Alumni "A" Club and a loyal UNM Lobo fan. Although he had numerous accomplishments, he would often say that his greatest one was his loving family, which he cherished. He was devoted to and loved Our Lady of Guadalupe and attended the ceremony in Mexico City commemorating Juan Diego's sainthood. Richard and Stella hosted an annual New Year's Day open house for over 40 years where many of their friends and family enjoyed delicious food, song, dance and good conversation. A Rosary will be recited on Sunday, October 19, 2014 at 2 p.m. at Queen of Heaven Parish, 5311 Phoenix Ave NE. Mass will be celebrated held on Monday, October 20, 2014 at 10 a.m. at Sacred Heart Parish, 309 Stover Ave. SW.

FRENCH - University
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Cemetery Details

Mt. Calvary Cemetery

1900 Edith Blvd. NE
Albuquerque, NM

Previous Events

Rosary

OCT **19**. 2:00 PM (MT)

Queen of Heaven
5311 Phoenix Ave. NE
Albuquerque, NM 87110

Mass

OCT **20**. 10:00 AM (MT)

Sacred Heart Catholic Church
309 Stover Ave SW
Albuquerque, NM 87102

Tribute Wall

DM

“Stella, Richard was one of my favorite people. You may remember that we played football together at AHS. He was the kind of guy that everyone will miss, but what joy and happiness he brought to everyone who knew him.

Dave Matthews

Dave Matthews - October 20, 2014 at 04:41 PM

MA

“Richard was one of my mother's favorite cousins. They saw each other every Sunday at mass. Thank you Richard for being so kind to my Mom. The last time I saw you was at her funeral in June. I know that family was important to you. May my Mom meet you in heaven and you two can share stories about Dawson.

Love You. Marian Padilla Aguirre , daughter of Alice Wallace Padilla

Marian Aguirre - October 20, 2014 at 12:33 AM

MC

“Our deepest condolences to his family and relatives. May our Lord give you strength in days ahead. Richard was a good man and a good friend to my family. He will be greatly missed.”

John, Marie, Jackie, Derrick, and John Jr. Chee & Family.

Mr. & Mrs. John M. Chee - October 19, 2014 at 08:29 PM

MM

“What a beautiful Legacy he left for His family and friends. We know he touched many lives. He will be greatly missed. Matt, Eleni, Olivia and Judah Maull

Matt,Eleni,Olivia, and Judah Maull - October 19, 2014 at 06:38 PM



“ *Yellow & White Standing Cross With Yellow Rose Break was purchased for the family of Margarito "Richard" Cordova.*



October 18, 2014 at 04:44 PM



“ *Maria G. purchased the Blue & White Sympathy Basket for the family of Margarito "Richard" Cordova.*



Maria G. - October 18, 2014 at 12:46 PM



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

Dante Gutierrez-Zamora - October 17, 2014 at 01:56 PM