



Roman "Ray" Saavedra

May 11, 1945 - June 3, 2015

Roman "Ray" Saavedra, age 70, peacefully passed away on Wednesday, June 3, 2015. He is survived by his loving wife of 45 years, Suzanne Saavedra; children, Richard Lofstrom and girlfriend Tiffany Munera, Aaron Saavedra and wife Jennifer; siblings, Frances Kurts, Annabell Poteat and husband Don, and Lawrence Saavedra and wife Darlene, and several nieces, nephews and countless friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, Roman A. and Annie Saavedra; and infant brother, Roman E. Saavedra. Ray was honorably discharged from the United States Air Force after serving in Vietnam. He was a lifelong member of the Albuquerque Community. Ray worked for over 35 years in the car business and volunteered for numerous organizations. He was inducted into the Albuquerque Baseball and Softball Hall of Fame in 2009. Ray also played, officiated and supported softball in the city of Albuquerque for many years. He enjoyed playing the guitar and loved music, the New York Yankees, and Lobo Athletics. Ray's love for animals began since early childhood and he leaves behind his beloved dogs, Joi Li and Ling Ling. A Rosary will be recited on Tuesday, June 9, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at John XXIII Catholic Community, 4831 Tramway Ridge Dr NE. Friends may visit beginning at 6:00 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Wednesday, June 10, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. at John XXIII Catholic Community, 4831 Tramway Ridge Dr NE. Burial will follow at Santa Fe National Cemetery at 11:15 am. Pallbearers will be Kim McCall, Calvin Allen, Eugene Etheredge, John Matteucci, Lawrence Saavedra, Ron Gleason, Larry Higbee and

Stephen Triandafilidis. The family would like to thank the doctors, nurses and staff at the VA for the care of our father especially the nurses and staff of Ward 5A and the Step Down Unit. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made the American Diabetes Association or The Animal Humane Society of New Mexico.

Cemetery Details

Santa Fe National Cemetery

Santa Fe, NM

Previous Events

Rosary

JUN 9. 7:00 PM (MT)

John XXIII Catholic Community
4831 Tramway Ridge Drive NE
Albuquerque, NM 87111

Mass of Christian Burial

JUN 10. 8:30 AM (MT)

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4831 Tramway Ridge Drive NE
Albuquerque, NM 87111

Burial

JUN 10. 11:15 AM (MT)

Santa Fe National Cemetery
Santa Fe, NM

Tribute Wall

DN

“ I am so sad I was out of town for the funeral. Ray and I graduated from Rio together. I am sure he will be missed by all!! I am glad I was asked to play for his party!! God rest his soul.

david nunez - June 14, 2015 at 07:36 PM

JC

“ Sue, Aaran, Richard, Frances, Annabel, Lawrence - all Rays family.....we love you sooo much and want you to know we are sorry for your loss. Sharing Christmas in the south valley with all of you and the many meals and celebrations in the early 90's was so significant in our life. We are so grateful for those memories and we want you to know how much we loved Ray and love you al. We are having a Mass said here in Texas for Ray and you are in our prayers! Julie and Roger Cosby

julie Cosby - June 10, 2015 at 08:50 AM

KC

“ I was Ray's commanding officer in the Air Force and of all the people that were under my command I could always depend on Ray to do the job that I assigned. It was always done in an exceptional manner. Ray was also a leader and lots of the younger airmen looked up to him for guidance, not only about their job in the Air Force but also in their personal lives. He was interested in seeing everyone succeed. I'm not surprised that he had such a wonderful family and his two wonderful dogs for he was a wonderful man. God bless your family. Thank you, Ken Corazza

Kenneth Corazza - June 09, 2015 at 05:39 PM

CE

“ Catherine Edwards lit a candle in memory of Roman "Ray" Saavedra



Catherine Edwards - June 09, 2015 at 04:03 PM

CE

Richard and family,

My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.

Catherine Edwards - June 09, 2015 at 04:04 PM

JL

“ Great Guy, Great friend, lots of laughs especially during Balloon Fiesta week. Used to sit anywhere near Ray at Annunciation mass, just too hear him sing, he had a wonderful voice. The Lord just gained a new referee, a new athlete and one hell voice for his choir of angels. RIP Ray, your friends from Boston, Helen and John Lanata.

John W Lanata - June 09, 2015 at 11:43 AM

CT

“ On behalf of the Taylor family, I want to send our condolences to Ray's family. He will be missed greatly. Cuney "Cookie" Taylor and family

Cuney "Cookie" Taylor - June 09, 2015 at 10:34 AM

EM

“ *Lawrence and Darlene,
I was so sorry to hear of your brothers passing Lorenzo. May he
rest in peace.
Enedina (Anabelle) Miller*

Enedina Miller - June 08, 2015 at 02:02 PM

DG

“ *Dear Sue and Family,*

*We are deeply sorry for the loss of our "Compadre mas padre".
We wait anxiously for our Saviour's soon coming when we will see
all our loved ones!
Until then we leave you with this scripture (Read the whole psalm in
your quiet time).*

Psalm 116:15 King James Version (KJV)

15 Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints.

With much love and mourning,

Debbie and Joe O. Garcia

Debra Garcia - June 08, 2015 at 11:41 AM

AC

“ Ray, you were more than my District Commissioner in ASA Softball. You were one of my dearest friends and the world has lost a treasurer. Always willing to help, teach, train,, do whatever was called for you stepped up to the plate and did it. My dear friend I will so miss talking with you about life in general. I feel so fortunate that we had just had a long visit by phone a couple of weeks ago. The pain is over although you never complained.

Your friend,
Alice Cox

Alice Cox - June 08, 2015 at 09:44 AM

SO

“ Roman, my good high school friend, baseball player. Condolences and blessings to the family from Salo Otero, sports editor La Corriente, 1964; sports writer Albuquerque Journal, 1964-68, sports editor Laredo, Tex., Morning Times, 1968-2007. Amen! Rest in peace.

Salo Otero - June 08, 2015 at 08:16 AM

JM

“ Ray singlehandedly taught an entire generation of gringo softball umpires the word "jodido." Most of them couldn't pronounce the word worth a damn, which only led Ray to berate them even more so. Indeed, they were jodidos and deserved the friendly abuse! Those were memorable days back in the 80's and 90's when New Mexico ASA was a viable organization and Ray was one of its leaders. Those of us who worked with him, and for him, will never forget him. ¡Vaya con Dios, Román!

Jim Mason

Jim Mason - June 08, 2015 at 01:15 AM

MA

“ With our deepest condolences to the Saavedra family. He was a good friend to the late Donald Babcock Sr. Marguerite, Marc, Renee, Nava, and Reign Babcock in Colorado Springs, CO.



marc - June 07, 2015 at 07:44 PM

DW

“ It is with the upmost regret to learn of Raman's passing. We had Spanish II at the same time and I would never made it trough without his help. We talked about the aforementioned at the class reunion last year. I remember him as quiet, always kind young man. The world could surely use more individuals with his character. My prayers are with his family. With a sad heart Donna (Newton) Warfe.

Donna (Newton) Warfe - June 07, 2015 at 05:58 PM

VM

“ My Uncle Ray was a great man , loved his family ,Aunt Sue ,Arron and Richard, and his dogs. Boy did he love his dogs. Our family was blessed to have his humor always present , quick with a joke , and we were especially lucky when he would pull out the guitar and sing us *USTED* he could sing that like no other and he could always get Uncle Lawerance to join in we were very lucky. Our family is now without a very important part of us but his memory will always be in our hearts. You will always be missed uncle but never forgotten. 🌹

valerie minns - June 06, 2015 at 11:44 PM



“ You have always been my big brother as were growing up, love you and will always have you in my prayers. Fred Gabaldon

Fred Gabaldon - June 06, 2015 at 11:40 PM

R.

“ Please accept our heartfelt sympathies on the loss of your loved one.

Rudy Ortega and Family

R.Ortega - June 06, 2015 at 06:19 PM

JC

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

Joel Chavez - June 05, 2015 at 04:57 PM