



"Lolly" Vidal Shawn Zamora

October 30, 1961 - February 1, 2019

"Lolly" Vidal Zamora, 57, saw his last sunrise on Friday, February 1, 2019, with his family and loved ones at his side. On this day, God needed a homerun hitter in the lineup and put "Lolly" in the game. He peacefully took his homerun trot into God's kingdom with arms held wide open to happily greet and hug his Lord and Savior. Please take a moment and share a fond memory or kind expression of sympathy for "Lolly's" family at www.andersonbethany.com.

Services: Memorial services will begin with a viewing at St Peter's Catholic Church, 111 E. Deming, Roswell, NM, on Thursday, February 7, 2019, from 9:30 AM to 11:00 AM. A rosary and Celebration of Life Service will begin at 11:00 AM, with a graveside service to follow at General Douglas L. McBride Veterans Cemetery adjacent to South Park Cemetery.

"Lolly" was born October 30, 1961, in Roswell, NM, to Grace Zamora Gutierrez and William "Willie" Gutierrez. As a youth, "Lolly" excelled in many of the athletic sports he participated in and was considered a phenome by area coaches and athletic officials. The Boys Club of Roswell offered him many sporting and social activities to help develop and mold his interests. Eventually, "Lolly" focused on baseball and football - where he would become known as the "Homerun King of Eastside" and the "Hindenberg" on the football line of scrimmage. He carried his successful athletic achievements into high school graduating from Roswell High School in 1979, as an outstanding baseball player.

Upon graduation, "Lolly" enlisted in the United States Marine Corps and retired at the rank of Staff Sergeant with a specialty in personnel management. He received the following honors: Navy Achievement Medal, Joint Meritorious Unit Medal, Navy Unit Commendation w/2*, Meritorious Unit Commendation w/3*, Good Conduct Medal w/4*, National Defense Service Medal, Sea Service Deployment Ribbon, Meritorious Mast (3), Certificate of Commendation, Certificate of Appreciation (2), Letter of Appreciation (8), Desert Storm/Desert Shield Medal.

Shortly after enlistment in the Marine Corps, "Lolly" proposed to and married his high

school sweetheart, Sandra Carrillo. Together they traveled the world and country as they moved to locations in California, Arizona, North Carolina, and Japan. During their time as a service family, "Lolly" and Sandra were blessed with two wonderful children: son, Jason Zamora; and daughter, Jennifer Zamora.

When "Lolly" retired from the US military, he and his family returned home to Roswell, NM, where he held various positions in financial advising, sales, and human resources. While attending ENMU-R, he also served as a baseball coach at Roswell High School and NMML. "Lolly's" passion for serving the youth of the community led him to volunteer as a coach or board member for such organizations as the Boys and Girls Club, Eastside Little League, National Youth Sports Association, National Federation of State High School Association, Character Counts, and Hit, Pitch and Run contest. Most important to him was his sense of fair play and opportunity for all youth to pursue their dreams in life through athletics, that was what prompted "Lolly" to become involved and dedicated to a call to professional officiating and fair play. He was a member of the New Mexico Activities Association, the New Mexico Officials Association, and a Triple Play Umpire for NAIA Junior Colleges, and NCAA.

During "Lolly's" commitment to his community he served as Hispano Chamber of Commerce Interim Director, was a Leadership Roswell participant, and currently was serving as Roswell Sertoma Club — Secretary, Mt. West Regional Sertoma — Governor, and founding member of the Caring for All Foundation.

Preceded: Preceding "Lolly" to glory were his parents, William "Willie" Gutierrez and Grace Zamora Gutierrez; brothers: Francisco Trujillo, Michael Zamora, Paul Zamora; and grandparents, Vidal and Rita Zamora of Lincoln, NM.

Survivors: Those left to cherish "Lolly's" memory are his loving wife, Sandra Carrillo Zamora; son, Jason Zamora; daughter, Jennifer Zamora; grandson, Kian Murray; sisters, Lynn Zamora and Leta Faye Quesada; Tias: Presiliana Sisneros, Arsenia Flores, Mary Helen Zamora, Theresa Matta and husband Armando; nieces: January Zamora, Patricia Salas, Joy Butler, Jennine Sena, Nicolette Quesada, Aundrea Torrero and husband Alberto, Kristiiana Zamora, Elizabeth Zamora; nephews, James Salas Jr. and Paul Zamora Jr.; twenty-two great nieces and nephews; four great-great-nieces and nephews; numerous cousins; and the numerous loving members of the Carrillo and Velasquez families.

Pallbearers: Serving as pallbearers will be: Arthur "Bull" Torrez, Tony Garcia, Roy Romero, Darrell Johnson, Ernesto Fresquez, and Louie Mestas.

Honorary Pallbearers: Serving as honorary pallbearers are all his Officiating Brothers and Sisters

A Letter from Heaven

When tomorrow starts without me,
and I'm not here to see,
If the sun should rise and find your eyes
all filled with tears for me,
I wish you wouldn't cry
the way you did today.
While thinking of the many things
we did not get to say.
I know how much you love me
as much as I love you,
and each time that you think of me,
I know you will miss me too.
When tomorrow starts without me
Don't think we're far apart,
For every time you think of me,
I'm right here in your heart.

Our Gratitude: The Zamora family would like to thank all of the staff and caring angels at ENMMC, Mission Arch, Dr. Martinez, Dr. Alkhouri, Dr. Tony, and numerous friends and family that came from close and afar, who so lovingly provided assistance, kind words and prayers during Lolly's courageous battle to recover from his earthly slumber, yet still, by God's Grace, he made it through to his new and everlasting life in Heaven. We are forever thankful for your support and love.

Following the burial, please join us for a reception to be held at Roswell Sertoma Club, 303 N. Virginia, Roswell, NM.

“Lolly’s” tribute was lovingly written in his honor by his family.

Comments



“ Vidal Sean Lolly Zamora. Vidal was a perfect name for Lolly. Vidal means life. Vidal was full of life. In more ways than one, Lolly was the life of his family. He was the life of a party. He gave life and breath to any and all conversations. In a debate, he could take the breath of life out of you because he always seemed to have the last word. Someone once said, “He was a man who in the end we can say, ‘it wasn’t the years in his life that counted, but it was the life in his years that mattered.’ ” What a profound statement - it should shake us all to the core!

Jesus came to serve, not to be served and Lolly followed his example. Lolly’s mission was to serve and he did it well. He served his God faithfully, he served his country with honor and distinction, he served his community in many different organizations, and he served his family lovingly.

The day Lolly breathed his last, I attended mass and as the scripture readings were read and Father Charlie reflected on the readings, I thought, this is a remarkable coincidence, the readings seemed to describe Vidal’s mission here on earth. The readings were from Mark 4:26-34.

The readings referred to the mustard seed and how from the tiniest of seeds a tremendous harvest can be had. Vidal can be compared to that mustard seed in the bible. Lolly came from a humble background, yet from a simple beginning Lolly produced an abundant harvest, God granted him much fruit. God asks us to be sowers of good seed. Like the sower who plants a mustard seed and yields a bountiful harvest, Vidal, too, sowed seeds that resulted in many acts of service to his community, to his country, and to his family. He met the first two commandments, the most important ones - love God and love your neighbor.

Lolly, this world is not your home; it is not our home. So, Lolly, as you leave this temporary home here on earth and pass on to your eternal home in heaven, know that your light has not been completely extinguished for your light will continue to shine upon us. May you call out to God as our Jewish brothers do and say: “Heneini, Heneini, - “Here I am Lord”. God awaits you with open arms.

Thank you, Lolly, for setting an example of the life and service we should all follow. May God grant you eternal rest in His heavenly kingdom. Vaya con Dios, Compadre.
—Your Tio, Fermin Velasquez

Frank Vela - February 09 at 02:55 PM



“ Sorry for your loss. My family and I have known Lolly for years. We are members of the Roswell Sertoma Club as well. He did a lot of work for the club and for the youth of the city of Roswell. He will truly be missed by all who knew him.

Bogschutz family.

Jennifer Bogschutz - February 07 at 01:50 PM



“ I graduated with both Lolly and Sandra from RHS. I coached for years and Lolly officiated basketball games and umpired baseball games. I had the best time with him. He had a great sense of humor and we were able to joke and poke fun of one another in all the games. I visited him at Mission Arch and know that he knew me because I got a rise out of him by saying “hey ref did you swallow your whistle”. May you rest in the arms of Jesus. I will see you soon to have fun for eternity. Prayers for Sandra and your kids. Eric

Eric Coll - February 07 at 12:33 PM



“ Great man and mentor to many young people.

Charley Thompson - February 07 at 12:11 PM



“ Lolly Zamora family,
Our heartfelt condolences on your loss.
May God's Blessings and the memories you have of Lolly support you forever.
God be with you Lolly..
your friends from Fat's Burritos..



The Duran Family - February 07 at 08:03 AM



“ Lolly was always. "The Man". He was ahead of his time. He was smart, tough and a good friend. When we were freshman at football practice we were in a live scrimmage and I dropped the snap and just bent over to pick up the football. Lolly reacted so fast to the ball that he hit me helmet to helmet and I literally saw stars. He thought he killed me and as a matter of fact, I did too, haha. Needless to say, I did not do that again, EVER, on a football field. Rest in God's arms my man.

Greg J Shamas - February 06 at 09:41 PM



“ Condolences to the family. I was deeply saddened to hear of Lolly's passing and regret not being able to attend the services.

Not only was he a great friend and teammate to me, he was always a benevolent and jovial gentleman to my family.

I feel blessed to have many good memories of Lolly through the years. From shaving his head one summer when we were 13 years old which for some strange reason he felt compelled to do every summer, to watching him tumble down Taos ski hill for what had to be a very long day for him after he had retired from the Marine Corp. But we finished with some Maker's Mark that day and all was good!

Also recall Lolly kicking my butt on seemingly every play trying to tackle him when he played fullback at Sierra Middle School. I recall the increased concentration and effort I needed to pitch to him in baseball because he certainly could smack a baseball. And also remember racing him on every kickoff my junior year at RHS to try and beat him to the ball, our personal head to head competition. A great competitor who made me better and I enjoyed the time we had together doing it.

I'll miss you homey!

Randy Maner

Randy Maner - February 06 at 09:36 PM



“ Greg & Martha Shamas purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of "Lolly" Vidal Shawn Zamora.



Greg & Martha Shamas - February 06 at 09:34 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of "Lolly" Vidal Shawn Zamora.



February 06 at 08:19 PM



“ I graduated with Lolly and Sandra and knew them as high school sweethearts. Had so many good times together. My heart is saddened to know he has left this world. Such a kind person with a big heart. I know you're flying with the angels now my friend.

Sandra and family, I pray happy memories of Lolly will help you smile again.

Dorothy (Lucero) Irion

Dorothy Irion - February 06 at 12:27 PM



“ Cassie Carrillo lit a candle in memory of "Lolly" Vidal Shawn Zamora



Cassie Carrillo - February 06 at 11:07 AM



“ Ericka Carrillo lit a candle in memory of "Lolly" Vidal Shawn Zamora



Ericka Carrillo - February 06 at 09:10 AM



“ My prayers go out to the Zamora family may our Lord comfort them in there time of need.
RIP Lolly

Ericka Carrillo - February 06 at 09:14 AM



“ Sincere Condolences for your loss, our prayers to the family. RIP LOLLY, Kathy and Steve Vigil



“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family. Theresa and Rudy Delgado

Theresa Delgado - February 05 at 12:54 PM



“ Aurora Jimenez lit a candle in memory of "Lolly" Vidal Shawn Zamora



Aurora Jimenez - February 05 at 12:49 PM



“ Yolanda Mendiola lit a candle in memory of "Lolly" Vidal Shawn Zamora



Yolanda Mendiola - February 05 at 12:07 PM



“ Raymond Lopez lit a candle in memory of "Lolly" Vidal Shawn Zamora



Raymond Lopez - February 05 at 12:06 PM



“ All around great person and athlete , God Bless !!!

Raymond Lopez - February 05 at 12:11 PM



“ My favorite memory of Lolly was in elementary age. Me and my sister were taking baton and tap dancing lessons. Lolly was the only boy taking the tap class and he was the alien in a spaceship. On the night of the recital we were informed we were all going to be painted green and I was devastated. I wanted no part of the green paint all over my body and face. While I was in tears and hating the paint Lolly grabbed my hand and told me he thought I was still pretty in green. I never forgot his kindness and always said hi to me anytime we ran into each other. We reconnected on Facebook and I looked forward to his post daily posts. Was sorry hear of his passing and pray for comfort and healing for his family.

Laurinda Alexander

Laurinda Alexander - February 05 at 11:57 AM



“ Prayers to all the Zamora family, you certainly will be missed my brother it wasn't that long ago we were running around the hood. God Bless you and the family. Rest in peace Carnalito.

James Aguirre Family.

James Aguirre - February 05 at 09:31 AM



“ To the Zamora family. We are truly saddened to hear about Lolly's passing. Our condolences to your family. He will be missed by all. Especially on the fields and Sport games. Our prayers are with you in this time of need and healing. God Bless.

The Espinoza Family.

Gloria Espinoza - February 04 at 08:24 PM



“ I would need to write a book on the adventures in the life of Lolly Zamora to share memories of a lifetime! We were friends since kids and remained friends for our entire life. Always a smile and a hug every time we'd see each other. He knew my kids. My grandkids. My family. Lolly was my family.

It broke my heart to hear he passed. But one thing that brings me comfort is that I know he went straight to heaven and will be keeping an eye on all of us from there!

Fly with the angels my brother. Soar on the wings of eagles.... your job on this earth

is complete.... Well Done

https://youtu.be/lZu7mfYS_VY



Pat Guajaca Kuemmerle - February 04 at 06:23 PM



“ Our great friend and fellow District Governor in the Mountain West Region of Sertoma. We will miss your companionship, smiling face, and service to Sertoma, as will the Roswell Sertoma Club, and the New Mexico District. Vaya con Dios Amigo Querido.

Harvey LeCato - February 04 at 05:13 PM



“ Lolly was a mentor to myself and many other umpires in this area and around thenSW. I loved giving him a hard time and he was always quick to give it back. He was a man you could count on and He would tell you the truth on anything you asked. He would help you out in any way you needed. He will be missed by many many in NM, Texas, Kansas, Oklahoma, Arizona and all the places he traveled to when they called on him. Prayers for comfort, peace, and rest for his family. He loved his family, his children and grandchildren were a great source of happiness, and he especially loved his wife, Sandra. Rest In Peace friend and brother. You will be missed. Mag & Viola Martinez

Mag Martinez - February 04 at 03:52 PM