



Alvaro E. Medrano

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Alvaro “Varo” Estrada Medrano, 68, was welcomed into heaven on April 6, 2026, in Las Cruces, NM. He passed away peacefully surrounded by his loving family. Please take a moment and share a kind thought or memory with Varo’s family at www.andersonbethany.com.

A Rosary will be held at Anderson Bethany Funeral home on Monday, April 13, 2026 at 6pm. On Tuesday, April 14, 2026, Mass will be held at St. Catherine Church in Hagerman at 10am, and burial will follow at Hagerman Cemetery.

On July 15, 1957, Varo was born to Ricardo and Gloria Medrano in Artesia, NM. Varo was a devoted husband, father, brother, tio, grandpa, and friend who brought love, strength, and warmth to everyone fortunate enough to know him. Varo was the heart of his family, always offering guidance, support, and unconditional love.

Varo had a passion for fishing, hunting, wood work, carpentry, yard work, and found joy in spending cherished time with his granddaughter lyla. He truly was a jack of all trades. On every holiday Varo looked forward to making ribs, brisket, or asado for his family. His presence could light up any room, and his

memory will forever live on in the hearts of those he encountered.

Varo was a long time employee of the Hagerman Municipal Schools - maintenance. He also drove busses for Hamill Transportation, he truly loved all of his bus kids. He was a hardworking man who took great pride in his work. Whether providing for his family or helping others, he approached everything he did with determination and integrity. His strong work ethic was an inspiration to those around him and a reflection of the deep love he had for his family.

Varo lives on in the heart of his beloved wife, Noelia Medrano; his daughters, Ashley Medrano (Jerome Torrez) and Clarissa Medrano (Guadalupe Ortiz); granddaughter, Iyla Torrez; best friend, Gary Barbe; brother, Oscar Sr. Medrano; and numerous nieces, nephews, brother/sister in laws, cousins, and friends.

Varo was preceded in death by his parents, Ricardo and Gloria Medrano; father in law, Armin Grado; beloved son, Jason Medrano; brothers, Richard Medrano and wife Beatrice Medrano, Cecil Medrano, and Armando Medrano; niece, Ruby Gonzalez.

PALLBEARERS:

Those honored to serve as pallbearers are Guadalupe Ortiz, Oscar Jr Medrano, Paul Rincon, Rick Medrano, Erik Ruiz, Dylan Franco, Daniel Suarez, and Fabian Romero.

HONORARY PALLBEARERS:

Those honored to serve as honorary pallbearers are his wife, daughters, brother, granddaughter, best friend, Wyome Escandon and Leandra Tarango. Though our hearts are broken, we find comfort in knowing he is at peace and reunited with loved ones who have gone before. The love he gave us will

carry on forever.

Varo's tribute was written in his honor by his family. We love you.

Previous Events

Rosary

APR 13. 6:00 PM (MT)

Anderson-Bethany Funeral Home and Crematory
2609 South Main
Roswell, NM 88203
(575) 622-5888
abfh@andersonbethany.com

Mass

APR 14. 10:00 AM (MT)

St. Catherine's
206 W. Texas
Hagerman , NM 88232

Interment

APR 14. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (MT)

Hagerman Cemetery
Hagerman, NM

Tribute Wall



“ *Noelia, and family you are in my thoughts and prayers. God give you strength. Varo rest in peace.* ”



Angie Gomez - April 13 at 08:34 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album* ”



Anderson - Bethany Funeral Home and Crematory - April 13 at 05:54 PM



“ *My deepest condolences to the Medrano family..Sylvia Hernandez Aguilar* ”



sylvia Aguilar - April 13 at 12:50 AM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Alvaro E. Medrano.* ”



April 12 at 03:22 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Alvaro E. Medrano.

April 12 at 03:22 PM



“ Marcia Jolley lit a candle in memory of Alvaro Medrano



Marcia Jolley - April 12 at 09:20 AM



“ Varo was such a kind soul. He touched many with his respectfulness and dedication. We will miss him.

Marcia Jolley - April 12 at 09:07 AM



“ The Rance Miles Family purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Alvaro E. Medrano.



The Rance Miles Family - April 10 at 02:10 PM



“ The Rance Miles Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Alvaro E. Medrano.

The Rance Miles Family - April 10 at 02:10 PM

CH

“ Dear Varo,
Thank you for your infinite kindness. When I came to Hagerman you were one of the first people I met. You always had time to answer my questions, explain any and everything. But what was new for me: you explained how people do things in the community. The history of the school since you began working there. Insight and perspective I really appreciate and value and will continue to use. Your love and enjoyment of our busy little bees makes me smile. Your enjoyment of solving artisan problems was such fun! So you are already missed by the manic art teacher, but your advice and insight are used constantly. Take care my friend, Charmaine

Charmaine Hall - April 10 at 01:10 PM

 Gayla Picou

“ Gayla Picou lit a candle in memory of Alvaro Medrano



Gayla Picou - April 09 at 05:47 PM

BR

“ *Hagerman Municipal Schools is saddened by the passing of one of our valued maintenance team members. Varo was dedicated, hardworking, and took pride in supporting our schools each day.*

On behalf of our students, faculty, administration, and all who make up our school community, we will remember him always. Our athletes will especially miss him, as he was a familiar and supportive presence as our activity bus driver.

Thank you for dedicating so many years to Hagerman Schools. We extend our heartfelt condolences to his family, friends, and colleagues. He will be greatly missed.

Belia Reyes - April 09 at 04:37 PM

SJ

“ *Starr Janitorial purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Alvaro E. Medrano.*



Starr Janitorial - April 09 at 02:26 PM

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“ *Starr Janitorial planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Alvaro E. Medrano.*

Starr Janitorial - April 09 at 02:26 PM

EP

“ *Varo was a co-worker of mine. He was always ready to help me if I needed something fixed in my classroom. Always very sweet and kind hearted. He will be deeply missed.* ”

Elizabeth Parra - April 09 at 02:06 PM



“ *Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Alvaro E. Medrano.* ”



April 09 at 11:28 AM

BG

“ *Betty G. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Alvaro E. Medrano.* ”



Betty G. - April 08 at 06:23 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Alvaro E. Medrano.* ”




April 08 at 04:42 PM

RS

“ RACHEL SANCHEZ lit a candle in memory of Alvaro Medrano



RACHEL SANCHEZ - April 07 at 09:50 PM

 Cheyenne Munoz

“ My heart is shattered for the family I grew up around Ashley as a teenager Varo and Noelia where always so welcoming and loving I'll never forget that and how Varo was always our hero the bus driver of the century for almost every athletic event I ever participated in there in hagerman And he always did it with pride and to be apart of the team and a smile he will be greatly missed and always remembered I'm sorry for the loss may the angels be with you all in this time of need -cam

Cheyenne Munoz - April 07 at 08:14 PM

ST

“ My condolences to the entire Medrano family. He was a classmate and athletic teammate of mine. He will be missed by many.

Scott Taylor - April 07 at 07:11 PM

MP

“ It's still hard to believe that your gone. My boys loved stopping to say "Hi" to you Varo or saying there's Varo's bus. You will forever be in our Hearts. We love you Noelia, Ashley, lyla & Jerome, Clarissa and Lupe. Prayers going out to all the family.

Love Paul, Melanie, Estrella, Malachai & Gage Rincon ❤️



Melanie Page - April 07 at 06:42 PM

CD

“ *Cindy Dennis lit a candle in memory of Alvaro Medrano*



Cindy Dennis - April 07 at 06:41 PM

MM

“ *Monica Medrano lit a candle in memory of Alvaro Medrano*



Monica Medrano - April 07 at 05:24 PM

MW

“ *I just can't believe Varo left us way too soon and very young. I enjoy visit with him when I go for my walk at the track when he is not tied up with his work and we just like to talk about our small community also about our kids with Athletics Football, Basketball, Track they enjoy participate with any sports and we always support those kids. He works very hard taking care the track field may sure everything nice and clean line mowing the grass and picking up trash. I will miss seeing him especially at the track field. This is such a huge loss for our Hagerman community, he will be greatly missed by so many great friends, family, entire school district. I'm sending my love hugs and prayers to his wife his children, grandchildren and entire Medrano Family during this difficult time. Going to miss you Varo so very much may rest in peace.*

Michael Waide - April 07 at 04:46 PM