



Antonio Torrez

May 10, 1949 - May 4, 2026

Celebrating the Life of Antonio "Tony" Torrez

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Antonio "Tony" Torrez, a man who truly never met a stranger and filled every room with music and laughter, passed away peacefully on May 4, 2026—just six days shy of his 77th birthday. A lifelong resident of Roswell, Tony left behind a legacy of faith, family, and a rhythm that will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

A Life of Service and Devotion

Born on May 10, 1949, in Dexter, New Mexico, to Candido and Eulalia Torres, Tony grew up with a deep appreciation for his roots. He graduated from Hagerman High School in 1968 before answering the call to serve his country. In 1969, Tony joined the U.S. Army, serving overseas in Germany with honor and pride. Upon returning home, Tony built a life centered on love. He was married to Ysabel Torrez from February 5, 1972, until her passing on February 7, 1989. In a beautiful second chapter of life, he found his soulmate, Consuelo Mendiola Torrez, and the two were wed on July 7, 1990. Their union was a testament to enduring partnership and joy.

Tony was perhaps best known for the guitar in his hands and the song in his heart. An avid musician, he was a pillar of the St. Peter's Catholic Church choir, where his voice served as a bridge between the congregation and the divine. Beyond his music, Tony was the undisputed king of the "Tony joke." He was legendary for telling jokes that were objectively bad, yet his delivery and spirit made them undeniably funny. He was also well-known for his famous advice to everyone he loved: he wanted to make sure we all had our "Ducks in a row." Whether he was at church, buying his lottery scratchers, the casino in Ruidoso, or cheering for the Kansas City Chiefs, Tony's wisdom and humor left a mark on everyone he met.

Family Legacy

Tony's greatest pride was his expansive, loving family. He is survived by his beloved children:

- Roberta Aragon of Roswell, NM
- Ricky Torrez and wife Connie of San Diego, CA
- Lionel Torrez and wife Audrey of Gilbert, AZ
- Willie Anadazola and wife Becky of Clovis, NM
- Pamela Garcia (bonus daughter) and husband Gabe of Roswell, NM

He is also survived by his sisters and brothers-in-law:

- Grace Mendiola
- Becky Bright
- Theresa Mendiola
- Margie Luevano
- Alice Larranaga and husband George

Danny Mendiola

Joe Mendiola and wife Doreen

Manuel Otero and wife Lola.

His spirit lives on through 27 grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

Tony was preceded in death by his parents, Candido and Eulalia, his in-laws Joe and Helen Mendiola; his brothers, Valois and Leroy; brothers-in-law, Lupe Luevano and Marvin Bright; sister-in-law, Tammy Mendiola; son-in-law, Michael Aragon; and grandson, Anthony Aragon.

The family wishes to extend a heartfelt thank you to Tilly Salas, and Lorenzo and Samantha Mendiola for their constant and loving care. We are also deeply grateful to the team at Gentiva Hospice, as well as Pamela Garcia, Tia Vialpando, Jeneva Orpineda, and Liz Fuentes and Theresa Mendiola for their kindness and support.

"He has fought the good fight, he has finished the race, he has kept the faith."

Tony Torrez's song has not ended; it has simply moved to a grander stage. He will be remembered for his warmth, his "bad" jokes, and his steady reminder to keep our ducks in a row.

Previous Events

Funeral Service

MAY 16. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (MT)

South Park Cemetery
3101 South Main St
Roswell, NM 88203

Tribute Wall

RL

“ *Rest in peace Tony, my condolences to Connie and the boys and family*



Ruthann Lopez - May 18 at 02:04 PM

MP

“ *Connie, my heart is broken at your loss. It seems like it was just the other day you two found each other. I remember well. May your many memories and the life you built get you through each day. Much love. Mona*

Mona Parks - May 17 at 05:42 PM

EO

“ *Ricky and Lionel, our prayers and love are with you at the passing of Primo Tony. So sorry for your loss. Esperanza and Raymond Otero*

Esperanza Otero - May 15 at 01:10 AM

WV

“ *Tony was a very special cousin Rest in Peace Primo 🙏🏻✝️*



Willie and Kathy Vegara - May 13 at 12:10 AM

JA

“ *Jo Ann Archuleta lit a candle in memory of Antonio Torrez*



Jo Ann Archuleta - May 12 at 10:26 PM



“ *Tony was a very special friend. Prayers for his family.*

Butch and Joann Hefner

Carlton Hefner - May 11 at 02:06 PM

GQ

“ *George & Angelina Quintero lit a candle in memory of Antonio Torrez*



George & Angelina Quintero - May 10 at 07:58 PM

FT

“ *Sending our condolences to Tia Connie and the Torrez family. Strength in the days ahead.*

Tio Tony, onward to be joined with family, miss and Love you.

Love Fabian, Kim, and Reyana



Fabian F Torres - May 10 at 06:03 AM

AJ

“ *Aurora Jimenez lit a candle in memory of Antonio Torrez*



Aurora Jimenez - May 09 at 01:14 PM

SM

“ *I will miss you so much uncle Tony* ☐❤️



Samantha Mendiola - May 08 at 07:03 PM



“ *Irene Chavez lit a candle in memory of Antonio Torrez*



Irene Chavez - May 08 at 06:48 PM

CM

“ *Cathy Mendiola lit a candle in memory of Antonio Torrez*



Cathy Mendiola - May 08 at 04:19 PM

YM

“ Yolanda Mendiola lit a candle in memory of Antonio Torrez



Yolanda Mendiola - May 08 at 10:47 AM

GP

“ Gordon & Betty Patton lit a candle in memory of Antonio Torrez



Gordon & Betty Patton - May 08 at 10:42 AM

YM

“ Yolanda Mendiola lit a candle in memory of Antonio Torrez



Yolanda Mendiola - May 07 at 06:04 PM

MJ

“ Condolences to you and your family.



MaryAnn and Jimmy Jimenez - May 07 at 05:52 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Antonio Torrez.*



May 07 at 04:54 PM



“ *You sure are going to be missed by so many you will never be forgotten and always in our hearts this is not good bye it's see you later. Give our love ones a hug for me love you Uncle Tony. R.I.P. fly high with the angels*



Serena - May 07 at 02:34 PM



“ *Andy Sedillo lit a candle in memory of Antonio Torrez*



Andy Sedillo - May 07 at 01:22 PM



“ *Bertha Coronado lit a candle in memory of Antonio Torrez*



Bertha Coronado - May 07 at 12:30 PM

RG

“ Roy and Sylvia Gonzales lit a candle in memory of Antonio Torrez



Roy and Sylvia Gonzales - May 07 at 01:20 AM

GQ

“ George & Angelina Quintero lit a candle in memory of Antonio Torrez



George & Angelina Quintero - May 07 at 12:17 AM

PT

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family. Take care and God bless you and loves you.

Patsy Taylor



Patsy J. Taylor - May 06 at 09:56 PM

AL

“ ANGELA LEAL lit a candle in memory of Antonio Torrez



ANGELA LEAL - May 06 at 07:56 PM

PG

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Pamela Torres Garcia - May 06 at 06:15 PM



“ Love you Tio , you were a jokester and I'm going to miss you ! Rest in Peace



Angela E. Chavez - May 06 at 04:21 PM

RG

“ Roy and Sylvia Gonzales lit a candle in memory of Antonio Torrez



Roy and Sylvia Gonzales - May 06 at 02:19 PM