



## Arturo Maes

August 9, 1933 - February 2, 2024

Arturo “Gilbert” Maes, 90, passed away on Friday, February 2, 2024 in Roswell, New Mexico. Please take a moment and share a kind thought or memory with Arturo’s family at [www.andersonbethany.com](http://www.andersonbethany.com).

There will be a Memorial Service at Crossroads Church on Saturday, February 17, 2024, at 11:00 AM.

On August 9, 1933, Arturo “Gilbert” was born to Delferio and Emila Maes in Arroyo Seco, New Mexico where he attended and graduated from Taos High School. Gilbert enlisted in the United States Marine Corps and fought in the Korean War. During the time he was serving his country, he was awarded the National Defense Service Metal, Korean Service Metal, United Nations Service Metal, and the Good Conduct Medel. After the military, he lived in Los Angeles, California where he worked as a machinist. He married Cora Jaramillo, the mother of their three children. Gilbert and family moved to Taos, New Mexico in 1977 where he served as the Taos County Commissioner. He worked as a crewman for TMC for ten years where he would eventually retire from. After retirement, Gilbert drove school buses for Pullard Bus Company for fourteen years and also a van for the Joy Center meal delivery service. Gilbert was a member of Crossroads Assembly of God and the Woodman on the World club. He was involved in establishing the first volunteer fire department in Arroyo Hondo, and was the Taos County Commissioner for four terms, along with organizing a free ski club for underprivileged kids and donating his time as a church van driver for kids to attend church. Arturo's hobbies were raising chickens and donating eggs to several charities. His favorite pastime was reading. Arturo “Gilbert” will be missed by his family and friends.

Those left to eternally treasure and cherish memories of Arturo are his wife, Fabiola Maes; children: Sophia (Gary), Debbie Maes (Marcellus), and Gillbert Maes (John); step children: Edwina Stewart (Ron), Alex Arellano (Chunie), Jessie Arellano, and Morris Arellano; grandchildren: Geneva Marcellus , Gary Marcellus, Jr. Martina Quinana (Fernando), Leann Arellano (Oscar), TJ Anderson, Sarah Arellano, and Daniel Arellano (Daniele); eighteen great-grandchildren; five great-great grandchildren; close cousin, Abe Garcia (Grace); sister-in-law, Eloise; nieces: Susan, Vickie, and Bonnie; and so many close friends.

Arturo is preceded in death by the mother of his children, Cora Maes, parents: Delferio and Emily Maes; grandparent, Teresita Martinez; siblings: Oattie Maes, Ernie Maes, and Mike Maes; and aunt; Avrelia Fernandez.

The family of Arturo wishes to extend sincere thanks to the Doctors, Nurses, and Aids at Lovelace Hospital in Roswell, Hospice, and all church family and friends and Pastor who came to pray for Arturo.

Gilbert's tribute was written in his honor by his family.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

FEB 17. 11:00 AM (MT)

Crossroads Assembly of God  
1224 West Country Club  
Roswell, NM

# Tribute Wall

PK

“ Rest in peace dear friend... we love you Faby ... our prayers surround you and your family at this time

With love from the Guajaca Family  
Patricia, Miquela, and family



Patricia Guajaca Kuemmerle - February 21, 2024 at 01:53 AM

WT

“ It was an honor to know Gilbert. We enjoyed his company. Our thoughts and prayers are with Fabi and the family. Mike and Wendi Tully

Wendi Lynn Tully - February 16, 2024 at 04:09 PM

DB

“ I am very sorry to hear of Gilbert's passing. He and my late husband, David, helped each other when Crossroads First Assembly was being built and they worked together on putting the grass and sprinklers in. He was a very sweet man and he and Fabiola always stopped to visit with me and David when we met while shopping. He will be greatly missed.

Dana Buckingham - February 15, 2024 at 09:25 PM

SS

“ Steve Silva lit a candle in memory of Arturo Maes



Steve A Silva - February 15, 2024 at 07:57 PM

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“ Steve A. SILVA

GILBERT WAS A VERY GOOD PERSON, HE DIDN'T HAVE A MEAN BONE. HE GOT ALONG WITH EVERYBODY. I WORKED WITH HIM THRU OUT HIS TEN YEARS AT T.M.C. IT'S FUNNY WE RAN INTO EACH OTHER AT A RESTAURANT UP NORTH AND HE STILL REMEMBERED ME. HE WILL BE MISSED LOTS. TILL WE MEET AGAIN GILBERT!

Steve A Silva - February 15, 2024 at 07:54 PM

DB

“ My wife Mollie and I have known Gilbert and Fabiola for many years and are very saddened by his passing. He was a special man. Among many other things he was an animal lover-- years ago we once gave him two baby kittens to care for. We greatly miss him.

Donald Burleson - February 14, 2024 at 02:34 PM

EB

“ My condolences to Fabiola and family. Gilbert was such a a nice,hard working person a kind heart may he RIP. My prayers are with you Fabiola

Ericka Brady - February 13, 2024 at 04:49 PM

EB

“ Ericka Brady lit a candle in memory of Arturo Maes



Ericka Brady - February 13, 2024 at 04:43 PM