



Daniel David Baiza

March 21, 1946 - April 20, 2024

Daniel (Dan) David Baiza, 78, passed away on April 20, 2024, at his home in Roswell, NM surrounded by his family. Please take a moment and share a kind thought or memory with Dan's family at www.andersonbethany.com.

A funeral service will be held at 10 am on April 27, 2024, at Gateway Church International (1900 North Sycamore Ave) in Roswell, NM, with pastor Rick Rapp officiating.

Dan was born on March 24, 1946, to Reynaldo and Maria Baiza in Carlsbad, NM. He graduated from Carlsbad High School in 1964. He married his high school sweetheart Leonora Doporto on June 1, 1964, in Carlsbad. He was a member of Gateway Church International in Roswell. Dan started working at a young age in the grocery business in 1963 as a sacker in Carlsbad. This career led him to Balboa Island in California in 1966. His favorite part of working on Balboa Island was delivering groceries to movie stars on their yachts. Dan then took a break from the grocery business to work at the Pilot Chemical Plant for several years. In 1977 he continued his grocery career back in Carlsbad and then eventually moved to Roswell, NM, where he ended his grocery career as a store manager. When in Roswell, Dan started the Christian radio station KCRX. Dan was also a production manager at the TMC bus plant for several years. Dan had several other jobs while in Roswell to keep him busy before retiring in 2011. Meanwhile, Dan traveled through the Southwest, singing, preaching, and sharing the gospel. Dan had many hobbies, including woodworking, softball, and working on cars. His love for

cars was also shared by his brothers Paul, Ishmael, and Lee. He took that love of working on cars and became an amateur drag racer, winning many races and bringing home many trophies. Throughout his life, he cherished supporting his children and grandchildren by attending numerous sporting events, band competitions, graduations, and other significant milestones. He also took great pride in attending the piano and dance recitals of his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. His greatest love, other than his wife and family, was his love for Jesus and gospel music. He was self-taught on the piano, drums, and guitar but his singing was his greatest talent. In California, Dan used his musical talents as a member of a band called "The Internationals". This band traveled far and wide, spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ. Following God's plan, he became an ordained minister of Assemblies of God and traveled to many churches, ministering to congregations through his music. Dan later became the lead music minister at Living Water Christian Fellowship in Roswell, NM, touching many lives and helping lead many souls to the Lord.

Dan is survived by his wife of 59 years, Nora Baiza; 5 children: Cathy Lilley (Tom) of Roswell, NM, Jerry Baiza (Deann) of Olathe, KS, Cynthia Gonzales (Michael) of Albuquerque, NM, Jeffrey Baiza (Amanda) of Roswell, NM and Cheryl Dillon (Kevin) of Roswell, NM; Dan "Papo" is also survived by 20 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; brothers: Ishmael Baiza (Esther) of Palm Desert, CA and Lee Baiza (Terri) of Mesa, AZ; sister, Betty Thompson of Carlsbad, NM; godson, Wesley Flores Jr. (Erica) of Albuquerque, NM; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Dan is preceded in death by his parents: Reynaldo and Maria Baiza; and brother, Paul Baiza.

The family would like to extend sincere thanks to Enhabit Hospice, Dr. Arnett and her staff, and the Gateway Church Family.

Dan's tribute was lovingly written by his family.

Previous Events

Funeral Service

APR **27**. 10:00 AM (MT)

Gateway Church
1900 N. Sycamore
Roswell , NM 88201

Tribute Wall

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“ *My condolences to my dear friend Cheryl and the entire Baiza family. May God put his arms around you all at this most difficult time. May Dan rest in paradise. Sending prayers and lots of love your way.*



Sherry - May 11, 2024 at 01:51 AM

LV

“ *Love The Lackeys David and Velma purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Daniel David Baiza.*



Love The Lackeys David and Velma - April 25, 2024 at 02:10 PM

ME

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Monica Baiza Elser - April 23, 2024 at 10:01 PM

NL

“ *MY SYMPATHY TO THE BAIZA FAMILY. MAY GOD BLESS AND COMFORT YOU, HOPE YOU KNOW THAT I PRAY GOD COMFORT YOU. NEVER WILL FORGET HOW BEAUTIFUL DAN COULD PLAY PIANO AND SING. IN GOD'S LOVE*

NANCY LARA - April 23, 2024 at 03:42 AM

LN

Condolences to the Baiza family. I remember him from LWCF, where he was Praise and Worship Leader. His ability to merge songs that flowed perfectly was unbelievable! I will always be mindful of him when I sing "Jesus, Name Above All Names" and "Emanuel" together as one song. It has been many years since I have seen him and his wife but he made a great impact on my life through Praise and Worship. Farewell, my friend and RIP!!!

LINDA STARLING (Artesia, NM) - April 25, 2024 at 06:59 PM

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“ 😭😭 praying for the family and most definitely to his wife!! 🙏🙏
Danny was a character and not a moment went by that he wasn't making us laugh! He definitely had a personality for sure! You will be missed and it was an honor to take care of you from my coworkers and myself!

ashley lopez - April 22, 2024 at 08:54 PM