



## David Gonzalez

July 14, 1955 - May 6, 2019

David González was welcomed home through the pearly gates of Heaven on Monday, May 6, 2019, while holding his children's hands and listening as his wife sang songs of praise. He was 63.

On July 14, 1955, David was born and raised in Roswell, NM, to Merced and Francisca González. Number 7 of twelve brothers and sisters, he was actually born and raised on the Haley Farm west of town as his father, Merced, tended to the pecan fields. David graduated from Goddard High School in 1973 and held many interesting jobs in his early days including, working maintenance at the local zoo, caring for the animals and conducting the train that travels through the zoo. He worked at Eastern New Mexico Medical Center as a transport tech; moving patients in and out of the OR and often stated he considered pursuing a career in nursing or medicine like his sisters. David attended Eastern New Mexico University to obtain his degree in Broadcast Journalism. During his education, he launched and hosted a Spanish Variety show called Cultura, Orgullo, y Herencia, which has now been shorten to Cultura and aired regularly on KENW, where he had various up and coming Tejano bands perform, and he often included his then girlfriend, soon to be wife, Mary Hernandez. David first met Mary in his church youth group during middle school. They became high school sweethearts and eventually married on September 2, 1978.

He began his journalism career at KMID in Midland, TX, and eventually made his way to Roswell, NM, to become lead anchor, and eventually news director

at KBIM-TV for fifteen years. David was promoted to a position in Albuquerque, NM, at the sister station, KRQE, but being the family man that he was, the hours were not compatible with family life and he decided spending time with his children was more important, so he moved back to Roswell, where he anchored and directed the broadcast for another five years. During David's time at KBIM, he had the privilege of starting and/or contributing to the careers of many other household names like Kathy Wyatt, Kim Stecklein (Halsted), Jaccii Farris, Bob Martin, Van Tate, and Cam Moore, among many others. After his time at KBIM, he began his career as a DJ by helping to launch the popular bilingual radio station KPSA (Que Pasa). David enjoyed bringing to the community the rich world of Tejano, Tex-Mex, and oldies. After a few years of working at KPSA, he returned to KBIM as station manager. David was soon presented with the opportunity to join the world of cable and internet by becoming general manager of Cable One, remaining there for the past seventeen years.

David always enjoyed guiding and directing paths and thus, during his early years at KBIM, he taught a broadcast journalism class at Roswell High School. He encouraged children to become part of the journalism world through "News for Kids" which was a program that allowed children to write their own news stories and report on them during the news broadcast. David coached an undefeated woman's softball team who ultimately became National Women's Champions. He regularly announced Girl's and Boy's basketball and varsity football games where he earned the name, "The Golden Voice." Many athletes looked forward to having their name announced over the sound system by "The Golden Voice" and often asked for him to announce their names in a similar fashion during high school graduation. Here, David also had the privilege of announcing the graduating names of his daughter, granddaughters, and many nieces and nephews. He was elected City Counselor and served for two years. He free-heartedly contributed often to the Roswell Community and aimed to make his city a better place to live. David's greatest love was first and foremost his Savior, Jesus Christ, and he

lived his life to follow the teachings of his faith. During his time in the hospital, he often stated that his circumstance was not about him, but about Christ and bringing people together to praise his name. David was astounded by the number of prayers lifted for him and was so pleased that so many people were praying and in communication with God.

PRECEDED: Preceding David in death: his father, Merced González; mother Francisca González Nunez; sister, María de Los Ángeles; and brother, Julian González.

SURVIVORS: David is survived by his loving wife of forty years, Mary González; son, Omar González (Sandy), and their five girls Victoria, Tiffany, Alexis, Abby, and Addison; great-granddaughter, Lea; daughter, Dr. Angelica Rodriguez (Jacob), and their four fur-babies: Shelby, Aiyana, Lily, and Mirasol; siblings: Clotilde (Kenneth Lake) of Houston, TX, Isidro Alvaro (Melinda), Benjamin (Nancy) of Las Cruces, NM, Gloria Estela, Samuel Francisco (Marsha), Daniel, Armando Elias (Sharlene), Merced Jr. (Ruth), and Roberto; and numerous nieces and nephews.

PALLBEARERS: Honored to serve as Pallbearers are his son, Omar; son-in-law, Jacob; and each of his brothers.

SERVICES: A Funeral Service will be held on Saturday, May 11, 2019, 9:30 AM, at Church on the Move. Interment will follow at South Park Cemetery.

MEMORIALS: In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the María de Los Ángeles González Nursing Award and will be greatly appreciated. Donations may also be made to ENMU-Roswell Foundation, PO BOX 6000 Roswell, New Mexico, 88202. Make checks payable to ENMU Roswell Foundation.

Memo: María de Los Ángeles González Nursing Award.

David's tribute was lovingly written in his honor by his family.

# Tribute Wall



“ *David Gonzalez*

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December 29, 2022 at 05:26 PM



“ *Dear González family:*

*We are deeply saddened by the news of David's passing. I was honored and blessed to have known David when I worked for him at KBIM-TV many years ago. Dave also remembers the good times that he had playing softball with David and his brothers at the wool bowl every summer. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. May God give you the peace that you seek at this difficult time.*

*Sincerely, Dave and Dianne-Quintana Featherstone*

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**Dianne Quintana- Featherstone** - May 12, 2019 at 03:11 PM



“ *Our Family is sadden at the passing of our friend and classmate, David's passing. Anytime a friend or family member leave us here on earth it's a sorrowful time. God can and will comfort us by His Spirit. May you all know that prayers and thoughts are with you at this time. Love always, The Hunter Family*

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**Rudy Hunter** - May 11, 2019 at 07:26 AM

GM

“ *When I think of David, all of my thoughts are positive. He loved his savior, he loved his Family as much as humanly possible, he cherished Friendships and he was a man of his word, no matter what was at stake!*

*David's smile was contagious, and he had the ability to put others at ease by just talking with them, which was one of many skills he used to successfully mentor young women and men. David, as the "Golden Voice" of SE New Mexico, you shall always be honorably remembered and sorely missed!*

*Thank you for your Friendship!*

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**Gene Munsey** - May 10, 2019 at 05:51 PM

JS

“ *June Serna lit a candle in memory of David Gonzalez*



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**June Serna** - May 10, 2019 at 05:05 PM

 Valerie Rodgers

“ *Valerie Rodgers lit a candle in memory of David Gonzalez*



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**Valerie Rodgers** - May 10, 2019 at 11:06 AM

JP

“*Mary, Angelica, Jacob, Omar, Sandy, and Gonzalez family along with the grandkids, nephews, nieces and cousins prayers for peace to bring comfort, and courage when you face the days ahead. We will all keep David's memory forever and especially you all will keep him in your heart. David May you rest in peace.*

*Freddy and Joann Palomino and Family*

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joann palomino - May 10, 2019 at 10:34 AM

MG

“*Our deepest condolences to all the Gonzalez family, Our heartfelt prayers are with all the family. May Our Lord and Savior Christ Jesus lead you by the hand though this difficult time. It is hard to believe that David has gone to be with the Lord. May the Love of Jesus give you peace and comfort in the days ahead. In Christian Love, Jesus, Martha, Merlinda Martinez, Daniel, Marcos and Natalie Kay Garcia. This the Garcia family.*



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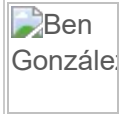
Martha and Jesus Garcia - May 10, 2019 at 09:28 AM

JS

“*My thoughts go out to Mary, the children and his family. I want to send my prayers to Ben with whom I taught at Mesa Middle school. What a loss. I remember all the Mesa students who worked at KBIM TV. It was a special occasion when I brought my students to sit in on a news cast and tour the studio. I also know that the Cableone family is grieving. May God comfort all of you at this sad time. Jerry (Seale) Stone*

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Jerry Stone - May 10, 2019 at 09:17 AM



Ben  
González

*Thank you ,Jerry.*

**Ben González** - May 13, 2019 at 11:22 PM

LM

“ *To the Gonzalez family. So saddened to read about David. May his soul rest on peace. Prayers go out to each one of you. He was a great person.*

**Lupe Morales** - May 09, 2019 at 09:38 PM

KV

“ *Condolences to the family of David Gonzales praying for you and the rest of the family. I know what you're feeling and going through I also lost my husband April 22nd also in Lubbock.*

**Kathy Vigil** - May 09, 2019 at 07:06 PM

RA

“ *My Condolences go to the family. May God give each one peace in your hearts. I've known David all my life. We grew up going to church at El Calvario Iglesia Bautista. I remember the good times as teenagers, even though I was 8 years older than David. Good memories. He is home with our good Lord.*

**Rachel L Aguilar** - May 09, 2019 at 05:24 PM

BM

“ Dear Gonzales family, my sincere condolences for your loss. David was a wonderful man that I truly enjoyed working with at the concession area for RHS choir. I remembered him from the KBIM days as well. I know he will be sorely missed by many in this community. Again, I'm so sorry for his passing.



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**Brenda Morrow** - May 09, 2019 at 02:18 PM

FS

David was a very wonderful man I worked with him for six years and enjoyed every minute of it. He was a great boss, friend and role model. He will be missed by all my sincere sympathy for Mary and his family.

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**Fredda Sanders** - May 09, 2019 at 09:49 PM

RG

“ My heart and soul are broken. I miss my sweet big brother. I'll think of you forever and I know you are in a great place with Papá, Mamá, María and Julian.

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**robert gonzalez** - May 09, 2019 at 12:39 PM

TD

“ Love and prayers 🙏🙏🙏❤️



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**Troey and Shauna Daffern** - May 09, 2019 at 12:27 PM

JB

“ Angelica and Jake.....I do not have the words to tell you how sorry I am for your loss. I too know the pain of losing a loved one and sending you and your family all of my love and prayers.....Love, Bobo

Jennifer Bobo - May 09, 2019 at 11:28 AM

SJ

Mary, my Sincere Condolences to you and your Family. And all the Gonzalez Family. It's So Sad. Keeping you all in my prayers. R.I.P. David. ❤️🙏❤️

susan Jaramillo - May 10, 2019 at 01:29 PM

AJ

“ Deepest condolences to the Gonzalez family. Prayers to the family.

Aurora Jimenez - May 09, 2019 at 11:12 AM

CL

“ Para mi hermano, David: tu recuerdo está grabado como un tatuaje en mi corazón. I will keep you alive as long as I live rejoicing each day with memories of you." Like someone said: "Oh, my brothers and sisters, it's not what they take away from you that counts-it's what you do with what you have left." tu hermana mayor, Tilde

Clotilde Lake - May 09, 2019 at 10:27 AM

CS

“ Mary Beth and Family, May the Lord give you the strength and the peace you need in this time of sorrow for the loss of your husband and father. Memories will always be in your heart and you will live on with all the happy moments you had together. Stay strong and continue your Christian walk with the Lord. Love you. Carolyn Rodriguez Silva

Carolyn Silva - May 09, 2019 at 09:49 AM

GF

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the Gonzalez family. May the Lord be your strength and comfort during this difficult season.  
From the Fitzpatrick family.

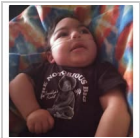
Gayla Fitzpatrick - May 09, 2019 at 09:18 AM



“ Our condolences to the family, from. Edna Garcia, Margo Nunez and ester Contreras,



Edna Garcia - May 09, 2019 at 09:12 AM



“ My deepest condolences to the family.



Andrea Martinez - May 09, 2019 at 02:29 AM

MA

“ Our Deepest Condolences to the Gonzales Family .. sending Prayers to all the Family !!  
Rest in Paradise Mr. David Gonzales .. 🙏🙏  
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Mary Helen Aragon - May 08, 2019 at 11:35 PM

ET

“ *My prayers go out too the Gonzalez family, God comfort and give you all strength in your time of need. May he rest in peace.*

**Ericka Torrez** - May 08, 2019 at 10:55 PM

ET

“ *Ericka Torrez lit a candle in memory of David Gonzalez*



**Ericka Torrez** - May 08, 2019 at 10:51 PM

AW

“ *Adelina Wright lit a candle in memory of David Gonzalez*



**Adelina Wright** - May 08, 2019 at 07:48 PM

AW

“ *Adelina Wright sent a virtual gift in memory of David Gonzalez*



**Adelina Wright** - May 08, 2019 at 07:48 PM

AW

“ So sorry for your loss..Mary...David was a good man and he will be missed. Prayers go out to your family at this time...take care

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**Adelina Wright** - May 08, 2019 at 07:47 PM