



Eulalio "Leo" Lopez

December 10, 1945 - April 27, 2020

Eulalio "Leo" Lopez, 74, of Roswell, NM, passed away on the morning of April 27, 2020, peacefully in his sleep. Please take a moment and share a kind thought or memory with Leo's family at www.andersonbethany.com.

Pops, as all the kids who loved him called him, believed that if you take care of children, they will take care of the community. He worked to make life right for kids from all walks of life and in every facet of the community.

Born in Cottonwood, NM on December 10, 1945, Leo graduated from Roswell High School in 1965. He married Esther Lopez on July 9, 1976. Together they raised more children than most people could imagine. Along with their own children, Leo and Esther had 18 foster children who know they are loved today just as they did when they lived in the Lopez home.

Leo graduated from the police academy on July 13, 1978. He served a full career with the Roswell Police Department, retiring with the rank of Commander on January 23, 1999. Leo served in the United States Army for 27 years, and he retired in 2005. He also served in the National Guard until 1992. Leo's final career was 12 years with the New Mexico Military Institute, where his faith in and love of children served dozens of students each day.

In Leo's spare time, he enjoyed riding motorcycles and woodworking. He was

an active member of the Roswell Elk's Lodge #969 for many years. Leo also invested much of his personal time with programs such as CASA, CYFD, the foster care program, and others.

In late 1992, Leo was honored as Chaves County Crimestoppers Officer of the year because, along with his dedicated service, he was instrumental in bringing Robert Steven Farley's killers to justice.

He gave from his heart right to the end, in December of last year, Leo was declared cancer-free. As he regained his strength, he learned of a couple of children who were not going to get Christmas presents that year. After Leo's death, his family learned that he had purchased bicycles for those two children.

Leo is survived by his wife, Esther; daughter, Patricia Doxsey and granddaughter Tosha Doxsey, and great-grandson, Gavin; son, Mike Lopez and wife Susan, and granddaughters: Bailey Lopez and Stephanie Winn and husband Kevin, and great-grandchildren: Owen and Hazel; son, Paul Lopez and wife Angie, and grandchildren: Nicholas, Nicole Graves, Kesha Spearance and husband Walter, and great-grandchildren: Khandi, Lilly, Chloe, and Nathaniel, grandson, Tre Graves and great-grandson Josiah; son, Roman Blueskyes and wife Oceana, and grandchildren: Leo and Luna; son, Rey Berrones and wife Kelly, and grandchildren Hayden, Layne, Dylan and Shelby; daughter, Gloria Harrison, and grandsons: Indigo and Tolkien; and great-grandchildren: Logan and Zachary Swift; and 18 foster children; as well as his siblings: Mary Varela, Virginia Buchanan, and Manuel Lopez.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Pedro and Ermina "Minnie" Lopez; siblings: Pete Lopez, Fred Lopez, Lorena Luna, and Ramon Lopez; and granddaughter, Sierra Harrison.

Due to public health restrictions, a Memorial Service will be held at a later date, as yet to be determined.

Pallbearers will be his four sons: Mike, Paul, Roman, and Rey; brother-in-law, Paul Nuñez, as well as Chris Bradley, who will be representing the Roswell Police Department.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be given to Chaves County CASA at www.casakids.org

Tribute Wall



“ *Eulalio "Leo" Lopez*

December 29, 2022 at 05:26 PM



“ *I knew Leo at the PD and I was a Parole officer for the State. We became friends and traded a gun or to, not a better person to know, I don't ever remember him greeting me without a smile on his face and always had time to talk or go over old times. I will miss him, I am sorry I didn't find out until now, but Leo knows I am thinking of him.*

John R. Wrinkle - May 26, 2020 at 07:41 PM

NJ

“ I miss you already Pops. I remember once we were skipping school in someones back yard and we were sparring. The neighbors called the police and I was never so happy and scared to see Leo in my life. He was pretty upset with my and my older brother about skipping school; not beating each other up he didn't care about that. Lol Pops always knew what to say to take people out of their funk. It was like his super power. Another funny memory was when me and my brother were much younger we would get frisked on the way out the door for any unnecessary contraband that needed to be confiscated. Leo was a positive force in many peoples lives and continues to do things through his sons. I pray I get to be half the man Leo was but who are we foolin, the guy was on SWAT team man! I've always been super jelly of that Pops. I love you Leo. Till we meet again Pops. Thank you for all the good times, laughs, and memories. You truly are the best in many ways.

Love,
Nah Nah (that was for you Mikey, love you)

Nathan J Joseph - May 10, 2020 at 12:10 AM

KC

“ I am so sorry to hear about Leo. He was a Great man and Roswell lost a great person. To the family. I am so sorry for your loss. Leo was an awesome friend. Esther please take care of yourself in this trying time.

Kellie Corn - May 08, 2020 at 12:08 PM

SM

“ Great guy! Prayers for the family, Sorry for your loss.

Shelia McKnight - May 06, 2020 at 11:13 PM

AR

“ *Deepest Sympathy To All of Leo's Family & Prayers. Leo was such a Great Person, Smiley & always had something nice to say. RIP LEO. Alex & Maggie Rodriguez*



Alex & Maggie Rodriguez - May 06, 2020 at 09:56 PM

TR

“ *My aunt, Charlotte Boswell, was dispatcher at RPD for many years. She always spoke highly of Leo and admired his dedication to the city of Roswell. Peace be with his family. Tish Vogel Resnik Albuquerque*

Tish Resnik - May 06, 2020 at 04:41 PM

OV

“ *Olivia Vargas lit a candle in memory of Eulalio "Leo" Lopez*



Olivia vargas - May 06, 2020 at 02:58 PM

PA

“ *To Esther & Family
My condolences to you and your family! Leo was a great man, always bubbly.. it's has been years since; I've seen him or the family! Cherish the memories always! Praying for your peace and strength. RIP Leo!! Patricia Shepard*



Patricia - May 06, 2020 at 02:42 PM

WV

“ *Willie & Kathy Vegara lit a candle in memory of Eulalio "Leo" Lopez*



Willie & Kathy Vegara - May 06, 2020 at 12:54 PM

WV

Leo was a great person all around, a good officer, a good friend, and a good man. Leo did alot of good things for the community of Roswell. Rest in Peace Primo ,, He will be dearly missed.

Willie & Kathy Vegara - May 06, 2020 at 01:01 PM



Leo was such a fine man and he also took took good care of his family. And can still remember my best friend Robert Marquez saying he needed to call Leo for a bit of help. Friends and Family could always count on Leo's help.

Lawrence Staeden - July 10, 2020 at 02:58 AM

JC

“ *I worked with Leo at Farmers Market when I was a young along with my brother, we were the best of friends at work. I remember all the jokes and laughs we had together and he has remained with me all my life as the happy times of my youth.*

JC Carter - May 06, 2020 at 10:06 AM

LB

Esther& family; my deepest sympathies at your time of loss! May God provide you the comfort you need and bless you with the fortitude to continue the legacy you have built! My daughter,Grace worked with Leo at NMMI & said he was a wonderful man!! God bless you!!

lolita brinning - May 06, 2020 at 10:17 PM

AB

“ I have known Leo since 1978 or so, when he went to work as a telephone operator. I often ran into Leo after he went to work as a police officer and always enjoyed visiting with him. The last time I saw him was at my son and his cousin, Dorothy's wedding a few years ago. He was a good man whom I respected very much. Anna Brown

Anna Brown - May 06, 2020 at 12:38 AM

EM

“ Thank you for being the best Grandpa to your Island girls and especially your volleyball girls 🥹 You'll be forever in our hearts❤️ May you Rest Peacefully in Heaven!! Til we meet again Grandpa Leo🥺



Elizabeth Muliaga - May 06, 2020 at 12:10 AM

LS

“ He was 1 of the Best ! They do not make them like Leo anymore , Honest an caring. You will be Greatly Missed . RIP

Lisa Shipman - May 05, 2020 at 10:24 PM

KM

“ I have never had a truer friend. He will all ways be in my heart. I love you my friend. Rest in Peace.

Kathy mounts - May 05, 2020 at 08:41 PM

PE

“ Remembering Leo with a heavy heart which is full of fun, loving and caring memories. Leo was always there to answer questions, a shoulder to cry on after the murder of my nephew Steven. Then as my son was growing up, we hung out a lot at the Elks Lodge swimming, dancing, bingo and dinners. He was a wonderful person with awesome caring kids.... and a wife who became a precious friend. I love you all and will miss Leo but will remember him with love and happiness in my heart. ❤️

Peggy - May 05, 2020 at 07:14 PM

AJ

“ Our condolences to the family. Leo primo hermano, I have a lot of memories of when we were young. Leo was always smiling, very contagious warm feeling. Last memory I have of Leo. Big guy, large beard on his bike. We said our goodbyes and he rode off, with a big smile. You will be missed. Your primo from California. Anastacio Robles Jr and family

Anastacio Robles Jr - May 05, 2020 at 01:22 PM

FP

“ Familia our thoughts and prayers are for you at this difficult time. We were primos-hermanos and our spirits were close. It is hard not to think of Leo and not remember his big smile and his positive outlook.

David, Esther, and Fred Pacheco

Fred Pacheco - May 05, 2020 at 07:00 AM

PW

“ Leo, you will be missed not only by family, but the many people who called you friend. My deep condolences to your family. I hope they find comfort in knowing how your life have positive influence on so many! Rest in heavenly peace. Patti Pellegrini-Wilcox

Patti Wilcox - May 04, 2020 at 11:19 AM

AH

“ Leo was a good friend and also was my supervisor at the Roswell Police Department. I have so many good memories of Leo and cases we worked together. I'm not able to actually pick any particular memories as they are all great. One memory was when he and members of the Detective Division decided to have a retirement luncheon for me. The only problem was that they forgot to invite me. He was a good friend of my wife Jean when she worked at the Police Department. Leo you will be missed. -- Albert Hill

Albert M. Hill - May 04, 2020 at 05:30 AM

PE

That's funny!

Peggy - May 05, 2020 at 07:16 PM

MJ

“ Leo was a good cop, a good friend, and a good man. He will be dearly missed. God's speed, brother!”

Mike Jurecek

Mike Jurecek - May 03, 2020 at 04:19 PM

TR

“ Leo knew no stranger. He was funny, intelligent and kind. I'm gonna miss my friend.

Teri Romero - May 01, 2020 at 09:22 PM

DS

“ Leo was always good to the Teen group that I was in East Roswell. We hung out on Bland street and at Ave Maria Center Boys Club. He treated us law abiding teen Guys with respect. He was a young police Officer. I'll always remember seeing him on his Patrol Motorcycle. The Roswell Police Department had an asset by having Officer Leo Lopez in their Department. He also served in the National Guard. Leo and I were life long friends. RIP Officer Leo Lopez.

Danny Ortega Sr. - May 01, 2020 at 09:03 PM

BM

“ Leo was a good friend and I have too many stories to pick just one. He will be missed dearly. Love ya brother, RIP, we got it from here.

Brenda Morrow

Brenda Morrow - April 30, 2020 at 05:25 PM

ML

“ Leo was in my Spanish class at RHS and remained friends ever since. He would come to our class reunions and we had so much fun talking about everything what we did in class .He also served with my husband John. May his family live on in the comfort of their memories of Leo.

Margaret Lackey

Margaret Lackey - April 29, 2020 at 01:00 PM

PO

Leo was a lot of things to many people. To me he was my dearest friend from high school. Leo was one of those people would live forever. Having said that, I still am struggling with his passing. I can only imagine the pain and heartache of the family. My sincerest, deepest condolences to all of you. Fly high with the angels, My Friend

Priscilla Olivas - May 05, 2020 at 06:52 PM

LC

Leo and I were taking sessions at the Cancer Center. His wife Esther and Rey took my psychology course at ENMUR. I enjoye talking to him at China King and the Cancer Center. Good. good man. He will be missed.

Lloyd Chaves - May 06, 2020 at 10:03 AM

CB

I always felt "SAFE" when "required" to work very late 3 nights a week at my Insurance Agcy. Leo was undercover many of those years. He knew I worked very late and came by w/ his "high beams" shining through the windows to check on me. I'd give him the OK sign as he drove off. A great insurance client and better "Watch Dog" for me. "The SKIES are a little darker now... but the HEAVENS are so much BRIGHTER with Leo's presence. He will be missed by so many".. Carol Berryman (formerly from The Insurance Center of Roswell)

Carol D Berryman - September 19, 2020 at 11:36 PM