



Florencio Salas "Willie"

September 14, 1924 - June 26, 2016

Florencio "Willie" Salas, 91, passed away on June 26, 2016, in Roswell, New Mexico. He was born September 14, 1924, in Picacho, NM, to Ben and Aggie Salas.

At a young age, Willie decided to join the Army. He bravely fought in WWII during his time in service. After that time, he began work as a maintenance worker for the Hagerman Independent School District. Florencio spent twenty years working for the schools until he retired.

Known as everyone's 'TaTa', Willie was a great friend to all who knew him. Following his retirement, Willie spent part of his time doing what he loved, fishing and hunting. When he wasn't fishing or hunting he was playing pool, which was his specialty where he won several Senior Olympic trophies.

Preceding him in death were his wife; Eufemia Salas; parents, Ben and Aggie Salas; son, Bennie Salas; brothers: Roger Salas, Julio Salas; sister, Lucinda Salas; and two grand-children: James Salas Madrid and Donnell Hamilton Salas.

Willie's survivors include his sons: George Salas (Lolly) and Florencio Salas Jr. (Kathy); daughters: Nora Aguliar (Junior), Cora Hernandez (Mike), Dora Lopez (Jessie), Lorey Madrid (Joe); and numerous grand-children and great-grandchildren all of Hagerman, NM.

Viewing will be Wednesday, June 29, 2016 9:00 AM at St. Catherine's Catholic Church in Hagerman, NM. A Rosary will be recited Wednesday, June 29, 2016, 6:00 PM at St. Catherine's Catholic Church. Mass celebration will be

June 30, 2016 10:00 AM at, St. Catherine's Catholic Church Burial will immediately follow at Hagerman Cemetery where he will be laid to rest beside his loving wife, Eufemia.

Honorary pallbearers are Chris Hollis, Joe Madrid, Kimberly Aguilar, Florencio Salas Jr., Angela Madrid, Eric Madrid, Janet Salas, Veronica Hernandez, Tanya Hernandez, Mary Lou Hernandez, Alex Salas, Evangelina Moreno, Janessa Moreno, Cheyenne Moreno and Jason Aguilar – Special name by grandfather "Pancho Villa".

Pallbearers are Brenda Hollis, Precilla Aguilar, Naomi Salas, Heather Aguilar, Shantell Aguilar, Janet Salas Lopez, Erica Salas, and Damon Hamilton Salas.

Tribute Wall



“ *Florencio Salas "Willie"*

December 29, 2022 at 05:26 PM



“ *Lorey, my deepest sympathies to you and your family for the loss of your dad. I know how special he was to you. May God bring each of you peace beyond measure, a peace that only He can provide. God Bless you during this most difficult time.*



Lisa (DeLaRosa) Chaves - July 01, 2016 at 01:21 PM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with all the family, May God bring you and all the family much-needed comfort and peace during this sad time. Prayers and fond memories are what we have to remember our loved ones by and oh what memories you must have!! :) May God bless you all and may Tio Florencio rest in peace. Anita and David Salas Jr.*

Anita Salas - June 30, 2016 at 11:54 AM

EW

“ It is hard to say the "right" words at times like this. We all prepare ourselves to "Go to Heaven and be with God" but when that day comes our loved ones enter with joy to embrace the Lord and begin a beautiful life free of worldly issues, but us loved ones left on earth hurt and yearn for the presence that we now hold only in our hearts.

Lori, and all of you guys, I do remember Willie. He was an awesome, respectful and very kind GENTLEMAN. I most remember his warm smile and the little glow in his eyes. I send you my hugs pray that our Lord give you the strength to get through the hurt of losing Willie. A WHOLE CENTURY OF HISTORY HAS LEFT US. Thank you Willie

Elvia Reveles Walker

Elvia R. Walker - June 30, 2016 at 03:35 AM

RH

“ Sorry to hear of the passing of Willie. I really enjoyed my time with Willie in the school system because he was such a fun person to be around. Prayers for Willie and all his family.

Ricky Hatley - June 29, 2016 at 04:27 PM

KW

“ Love and Prayers for your family, during this difficult time. He left a beautiful and loving legacy. Kenny

Kenneth Ward - June 29, 2016 at 02:01 PM

MR

“ *Mr lit a candle in memory of Florencio Salas "Willie"*



mr - June 29, 2016 at 08:01 AM

MR

light from the Hondo Valley Salas

mr - June 29, 2016 at 08:02 AM

 Valerie Gonzalez

“ *Valerie Gonzalez sent a virtual gift in memory of Florencio Salas "Willie"*



Valerie Gonzalez - June 28, 2016 at 10:22 PM

KR

“ *May God give you comfort at this time of Tio Florencio passing. Cousins,he was our last uncle in that generation. May he rest in pease with the Tia,that I loved so much.*



Your cousins,the Dominguez.

Kathy ramirez - June 28, 2016 at 09:06 PM

GU

“ *Guadalupe lit a candle in memory of Florencio Salas "Willie"*



Guadalupe - June 28, 2016 at 04:26 PM

GU

I remember when I came down to this school and I got a job working with Willie, he was a good man with a heart of gold, God bless the family and RIP +Florencio Willie Salas.

Guadalupe - June 28, 2016 at 04:29 PM

MD

“ *Hugs and love to all the family. If u were ever walking the halls or around Hagerman High School You could always count on a smile and how are u today. RIP Willie.*

mary Dunnahoo - June 28, 2016 at 01:07 PM


Rebecca Sanchez

“ *I havent seen him years. He was a very sweet man. So sorry for your loss.*



Rebecca Sanchez - June 28, 2016 at 10:41 AM

EB

“ *Ericka T Brady lit a candle in memory of Florencio Salas "Willie"*



Ericka T Brady - June 28, 2016 at 08:39 AM

EB

My prayers go out to the SALAS family in the loss of Florencio may GOD be with all of you and give you comfort. RIP Florencio.

Ericka T Brady

Ericka T Brady - June 28, 2016 at 08:42 AM

BH

“ *Brenda Aguilar Hollis sent a virtual gift in memory of Florencio Salas "Willie"*



Brenda Aguilar hollis - June 28, 2016 at 02:26 AM

 Naomi Marie

“ *Luv n miss u tata...u wer a blessing to me*



Naomi Marie - June 28, 2016 at 02:00 AM

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“ *Luv n miss u Tata..i luv the stories u shared wit me when u n my daddy n tio roger wer kiddos growing up n la sierra..i luv all our selfies to* ❤️❤️❤️

Naomi Marie - June 28, 2016 at 01:56 AM