



Frank Herrera

October 11, 1956 - August 7, 2024

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San Patricio, NM

In memory of Franklin A. Herrera (Frank) who was called home to our Lord on Wednesday August 7, 2024. Please take a moment and share a kind thought or memory with Frank's family at www.andersonbethany.com.

There will be a Rosary at St. Peter's Church in Roswell, NM, on Saturday, August 24, 2024, at 9:30 a.m., with a Funeral Mass to follow at 10 a.m. Interment will be at St. Jude's Cemetery in San Patricio, NM. A reception will follow after interment.

Born on October 11, 1956, in Long Beach, Ca. to Benito and Josie Herrera. Frank was a retired educator with the Roswell Independent School District where he taught for 26 years. He founded and directed the Roswell Folklorico (Mexican Folk-Dance Group), which he began in 1991. He was very proud of all his dancers and always looked forward to their annual dance recital. Frank is survived by his 5 siblings: Yvonne (Reyes), Sylvia, Randy (Marie), Kim (Bruce) and Loretta (Leroy); thirteen nieces and nephews: Bethany (Rick), Christina, Eris (Crystal), Alyssa (Lee), Robert (Cassie), Irene (Mark), Xavier, Andrea (Estevan), Mikaila, Nathan, Randy Jr. (Christina), Jude, Julian

(Bobbi); thirteen great nieces and nephews: Christian, Jason, Judea, Tatyanna, Benito, Leticia, Jayde, Jaxson, Kimber, Isabella, Elijah, Julianna and Estevan Jr; his very special lifelong friend Mary Gonzales; and his two very special fur babies: Mallory and Ruby.

Frank was proceeded in death by his parents: Benito and Josie Herrera; brother-in-law, Lenard Gutierrez; niece, Benita Sanchez; grandparents; and many uncles, aunts, and cousins.

Pallbearers: Reyes Sanchez, Randy Herrera, Leroy Gallegos, Eris Gutierrez, Xavier Gutierrez, Robert Gonzalez, Julian Gallegos.

Honorary Pallbearers: will be his nephews, nieces, former students and dancers.

In lieu of flowers please make donations to the Sisters of the Poor Claire Monastery of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Roswell, NM.

Frank's tribute was lovingly written by his family.

Previous Events

Rosary

AUG 24. 9:30 AM (MT)

St. Peter's Catholic Church
111 East Demming St.
Roswell, NM 88203
(575) 622-5092

Funeral Mass

AUG 24. 10:00 AM (MT)

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Roswell, NM 88203
(575) 622-5092

Interment

AUG 24.

St. Jude's Cemetery
San Patricio, NM

Tribute Wall

LM

“ I met Frank at a Bilingual Conference and also connected through folklórico dance, attended several dance conferences. Frank was a very generous and thoughtful person! RIP Frank, and my condolences to the entire family. Prayers for all

Lorenzo Montoya - October 08, 2024 at 03:02 PM

SM

“ RIP Frank! I enjoyed our fused glass classes and how much fun we had. Our class time was not the same whenever you missed a class. I loved attending your folkloricia recitals and seeing how proud you were of all your students. May God's light always shine upon you.

Sara Manion - September 18, 2024 at 10:41 PM

MJ

“ Dear Herrera Family, Mike and I are so grateful we had the opportunity to take Folklorico dancing lessons with Frank. Our lessons were the highlight of our week. So many good times and friendships made. He was a bright light in our lives and we will forever hold him in our hearts! Our warmest thoughts to your family, Molly and Mike Jennings

Molly Jennings - September 03, 2024 at 09:23 AM

LA

“ I worked with Frank for years at University High School. He added so much to our school with all his contributions, particularly teaching by example in his content area and in his commitment to the family he was born to as well as the extended family he created through Folklorico and his many other interests. What I'll remember most, though, is his beautiful voice singing in celebration at graduations. Thank you, Frank.

Leslie Andrews - August 25, 2024 at 12:46 PM

LJ

“ Frank Herrera had the patience of Job while he taught dancing to an old lady like me. I danced with Franks's folklorico for 15 years! Loved every minute of it thanks to his enthusiasm and dedication to the art. He was one of the most remarkable people I've known. Roswell lost an icon, may his legacy continue. My condolences to his family. May his soul rest with the dancing angels. Linda Jones

linda jones - August 23, 2024 at 05:22 PM

SM

“ Frank was an all around nice guy. I went to his recitals every year. One year parents gave him a "viejito" statue made of paper mache to which he said "I'm looking more and more like him." We would also about our favorite topics, him folklorico, me mariachi. I would tell him my favorite son and he would be thinking and counting in his head the steps to choreograph such son. Of course we would discuss our favorite mariachi: Mariachi Cobre. Our years in the Hispano Chamber dances, Piñatafests and tardeadas. I will miss our conversations dear friend. My condolences to his family. Dance with the angels amigo. Vaya con Dios.



Sandra Martinez - August 21, 2024 at 06:43 PM

MD

“ I enjoyed working with Frank at University High and two of my children having the opportunity to learn folkloric from him. He was a kind man with the patience of a saint. Rest in peace Frank.

Michelle Dunne - August 21, 2024 at 04:45 PM

AV

“ Amber Vegara lit a candle in memory of Frank Herrera



Amber Vegara - August 21, 2024 at 11:25 AM

ML

“ Monica lysak lit a candle in memory of Frank Herrera



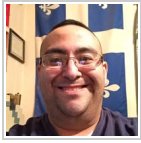
Monica lysak - August 20, 2024 at 02:23 PM

ML

“ I remember the very first time I met him, he was teaching country line dancing at university high school I remember he told me hello what is your name I told him Monica and he asked me if I ever line dance I said no. So then he told me don't worry it's something new for me too. So he was there for a bit teaching but then he told me that he started a group called the roswell flocorico and I remember saying too him what kind of dancing it that so he explained to me and he told me go check it out, and I told him I would so I was going to but I ended up getting pregnant at 16 so I didn't go to check out his classes until my oldest son was 5 years old and it was at the yucca recreation center and then from there the classes were at the adult center for a while and then we had classes at the Aquatic center. I remember telling him I didn't know if I be a good dancer but he told don't it takes time to learn the steps but it's ok just keep trying, he always was so positive and such a wonderful teacher and he never gave up on me. Mr frank Herrera was the kindest hearted person. I remember the first dress I had to purchase and it was expensive and I was worried and he ask if I was going to be able to purchase it all at once and I said no but I would figure it out so after class when everyone left I was the last person to leave he told Monica don't I will pay for the dress and you give payments on it and I told him that he didn't have to and he said I know I don't but I want too so I will always remember him and I will always be so grateful to him for everything he was did for me. Even when my husband was sick fighting cancer he always took the time to find out how he was doing and how I was holding up, he will always be in my mind and heart I will never forget you Mr Herrera you have been very important in my life oh by the way can you believe he actually was able too teach my how dance that there tells you how wonderful of a dance instructor he was.



Monica Iysak - August 20, 2024 at 02:03 PM



“ *The time I spent learning from you were some of the best times of my life. You introduced me to an art that would become part of who I am as a person. Because of you I learned more about my Mexican heritage and the beauty of the music, the costumes, and folklore traditions of my ancestors. Folklorico became a huge part of my life and I will never forget the memories made under your instruction. I know you are in heaven now dancing your heart out and praising God. Rest in Peace my friend you deserve it.* ”



David Montoya - August 19, 2024 at 06:58 PM

AJ

“ *Aurora Jimenez lit a candle in memory of Frank Herrera* ”



Aurora Jimenez - August 19, 2024 at 04:39 PM

AS

“ *My sincere condolences to the family of Frank Herrera. Thinking of you Mary during this difficult time. Prayers and hugs.* ”



Anisa Schomburg - August 19, 2024 at 01:15 PM

JC

“ RIP dear friend you will always be remembered with your kind smile.

Jimmy Concha - August 18, 2024 at 08:01 PM

PC

“ Mi querido amigo Mr. Herrera was a fan of our two sons, he attended many of their football and basketball games at Roswell High. He was also a frequent substitute teacher at Pecos Elementary in Roswell. We loved to visit and enjoyed “el chisme” every once in a while. I am going to miss him very much. He was a great friend. May perpetual light shine upon him. My condolences to his family.
-Pilar & Diana Carrasco (Justin & Xai)



Pilar & Diana Carrasco - August 17, 2024 at 12:50 AM

MV

“ Mario Vasquez lit a candle in memory of Frank Herrera



Mario Vasquez - August 16, 2024 at 10:16 PM

MV

“ With deep sympathy to all of Frank's family. Frank was a special friend since college. And we have always been friends, worked together at Job Corp and I really admired him for his kindness, humor, intelligence, and always giving valuable advice to anyone. He was also very talented in many aspects. We have lost a great teacher, friend, and leader. May his legacy live on forever. We will all miss him. May your wings be waiting in Heaven Frank. And may you be blessed by God and the Angels in Heaven's Paradise for you deserve a special place, as I would always see Frank glorifying God in very special ways. And would always treat everybody with his kindness and love!!! Thank you Frank for everything.

Mario Vasquez - August 16, 2024 at 10:14 PM

CS

“ *Primo, may you rest in God's loving peace. Thank you for the years you shared your dancing skills with me when we taught the Hondo Fiesta Dancers together. Thank you for making me laugh and keeping me calm when I wanted to pull my hair out. So glad we were able to share one of our fiesta trips together. You touched so many lives and we will hold you dear in our hearts. May you dance with the angels in heaven.*

Cecilia Gomez Sanchez - August 16, 2024 at 08:32 PM

PM

“ *Frank was a great friend, colleague, teacher and a great person. He will be greatly missed by many. God Bless You friend and you will never be forgotten and remain in our hearts.*

Pablo and Dora Martinez

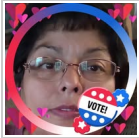
Pablo Martinez - August 15, 2024 at 03:07 PM

JB

“ *Josie and Nina Brusuelas lit a candle in memory of Frank Herrera*



Josie and Nina Brusuelas - August 14, 2024 at 10:54 AM



“ *Rest in Peace Mr. Frank. You created a lot of great memories for the kids of our community. You will be missed.*
Mary Espinoza and Joe Gutierrez



Mary Espinoza - August 13, 2024 at 11:24 PM

VR

“ *virginia romero lit a candle in memory of Frank Herrera*



virginia romero - August 13, 2024 at 10:05 AM

GL

“ *Frank was a good friend of mine. We both taught folklorico dances. He left us many good memories and taught us several dances. One dance I really enjoy to this day is the dance to the Virgen de Guadalupe. I will surely miss all those invitations to his recitals. Fly with the angels my friend. You will always hold a special place in my heart.*

Gregoria Luna - August 13, 2024 at 01:31 AM

RM

“ *Richard Montoya lit a candle in memory of Frank Herrera*



Richard Montoya - August 12, 2024 at 11:15 PM

CA

“ *Cathy lit a candle in memory of Frank Herrera*



Cathy - August 12, 2024 at 07:28 PM

VG

Frank will be missed by so many! He was such a kind man and a wonderful nephew! He is now in Heaven back with his Dad and Mom! Rest in peace Frank! 🙏🙏🙏❤️

Vangie Garcia - August 14, 2024 at 01:58 PM

GL

“ *Grace Lozano lit a candle in memory of Frank Herrera*



Grace Lozano - August 12, 2024 at 06:21 PM

SG

“ *Sylvia And Roy Gonzales lit a candle in memory of Frank Herrera*



Sylvia And Roy Gonzales - August 12, 2024 at 05:02 PM

EM

“ *Elizabeth moore lit a candle in memory of Frank Herrera*



Elizabeth moore - August 12, 2024 at 02:28 PM

SC

“ *Suzanne Castillo lit a candle in memory of Frank Hererra*



Suzanne Castillo - August 12, 2024 at 01:42 PM

MA

“ *Mia Nieto Avitia lit a candle in memory of Frank Hererra*



Mia Nieto Avitia - August 12, 2024 at 12:18 PM