



Fred Arnold Gonzales Jr.

January 29, 1949 - December 30, 2021

Fred Arnold Gonzales Jr., best known as “Popo”, passed away on December 30, 2021, at the age of 72, in Roswell, NM.

A viewing will be held at Anderson Bethany Funeral Home & Crematory on Monday, January 10, 2022, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Funeral services will be held at Church on the Move on Tuesday, January 11, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. Burial will follow at General Douglas L. McBride Veterans Cemetery located at South Park Cemetery in Roswell.

Fred was born on January 29, 1949, in Roswell, the son of Fred Gonzales Sr. and Mary Davina Gonzales. He attended and graduated from Roswell High School. In 1968, Fred proudly enlisted in the United States Army and served for 17 years. During his time in the service, he was awarded the National Defense Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon-2D AWD, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Army Achievement Medal, NCO Professional Development Ribbon-2D AWD, Army Commendation Medal, Good Conduct Medal and Expert Badge with M-16 Rife Bar. In 1993, Fred enlisted in the New Mexico National Guard and served 13 years.

Prior to retirement, Fred worked as a Cadre at New Mexico Youth Challenge Academy and was awarded the Legacy of Honor Coin by the General and

Cadre of Cycle 27. He was a God-fearing man, family orientated, hardworking, patriotic individual, and a member of the VFW, that will be missed by his family and many friends.

Fred is survived by his beautiful wife, Norma Gonzales, of the family home, son David Gonzales and wife Linda, Leonel Gonzales, Melanie Gonzales, Michelle Gonzales, Francisco Amaya, Erika Amaya and husband Carlos Zarazua, Christian Aguilar and husband Matthew, Fabian Amaya and wife Samantha; many grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Siblings, Richard Gonzales and wife Lydia, Tommy Gonzales and wife Rose, Cheila Viverette and husband Cliff, and DeeDee Neal and husband Clifton.

Fred is preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Michael Ray Gonzales.

Blessed to be chosen as Pallbearers are David Gonzales, Leonel Gonzales, Francisco Amaya, Fabian Amaya, Matthew Aguilar, and Carlos Zarazua. Honorary Pallbearers are Freedom Riders.

The family wishes to extend sincere thanks to Church on the Move, where he loved serving as an usher, Freedom Riders, Anderson Bethany Funeral Home, and to all those that loved him.

Fred's tribute was written in his honor by his family.

Please take a moment and share a kind thought or memory with Fred's family at www.andersonbethany.com

Cemetery Details

South Park Cemetery

3101 South Main St
Roswell, NM 88203

Previous Events

Viewing

JAN 10. 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM (MT)

Anderson-Bethany Funeral Home and Crematory
2609 South Main
Roswell, NM 88203
(575) 622-5888
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Tribute Wall

ML

“ I was looking online to see if I could find my old section sergeant from the 1980s and was deeply saddened to hear he had passed away. I served under Staff Sergeant Fred Gonzales at B Battery, 4/1 ADA, Fort Bliss, Texas in 1983-1984. Sergeant Gonzales was quite a character. He would work your tail into the dirt, but would work just as hard beside you. I learned a lot from him and he was a credit to the Army. Rest In Peace, Sergeant Gonzales.

Michael Lee - November 22, 2024 at 11:32 AM



“ Fred Arnold Gonzales Jr.

December 29, 2022 at 05:26 PM

GM

“ Gail A Moore lit a candle in memory of Fred Arnold Gonzales Jr.



Gail A Moore - July 04, 2022 at 01:06 AM

FM

“ Our condolences go out to the Gonzales familia. Rest in Peace Fred.

Frank Montoya - January 10, 2022 at 01:07 PM

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“ We are saddened to hear that you are no longer with us. Rest well brother. We will never forget you.
VFW post 12184.

VFW post 12184 - January 08, 2022 at 06:06 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Fred Arnold Gonzales Jr..



January 06, 2022 at 02:55 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Fred Arnold Gonzales Jr..



January 06, 2022 at 02:45 PM

HH

“ My true condolences to out to Fred's wife and family. That man was a true soldier through everything. Fred my brother you will be sincerely missed by everyone that knew you. Rest in piece soldier and American hero.

Harley Harkness - January 04, 2022 at 10:40 PM

AV

“ I Remember when I first when Fred was at the MOI he was so happy to be there we chatted about what he like to see happen and he said See God move he loved And served God with a Joyful heart had a bright look always was a glow I will never Forget Our brother Rest Easy MOG Love you

Andrew Valadez - January 04, 2022 at 09:47 PM

RO

Norma and family, our most sincere condolences for the loss of your loved one, may God be with you during this difficult time and may he give you strength! You're in our prayers. 🙏🙏🙏🙏

RosaVilla - January 04, 2022 at 10:49 PM

PD

My condolences to Fred's family. I have known Freddy since Jr. High. I was so saddened to hear that he had passed. He was a friend and he will be missed. RIP Fred.

Pat Harrison Dodson - June 18, 2022 at 01:43 PM