



Dr. Gilbert Espinosa Jimenez

January 20, 1939 - May 5, 2023

Dr. Gilbert E. Jimenez, 84, passed away unexpectedly on Friday, May 5, 2023, at his home in Roswell, NM surrounded by his wife of 50 years, his four daughters and other family members. Dr. Gil, as he was known by his clients and colleagues, was born to Jesus Jose Jimenez and Soledad Espinosa Jimenez on January 20, 1939 in Roswell, NM and was one of eight children. He served a stint with the New Mexico National Guard before he began pursuing multiple degrees. Dr. Gil obtained a Bachelor of Science in Individualized Studies with an emphasis in Mechanical Engineering and Psychology in 1976 from New Mexico State University. He then obtained a Masters of Divinity in Family Counseling from The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1978. He completed his education with a dual Ph.D. in Psychology and Counseling in 1990 from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary/Southern University.

Dr. Gil worked in the area of mental health, serving clients for most of his life. After moving home to Roswell in 1999 from Yakima Washington, he worked with Counseling Associates, Inc. where he served as a Clinical Therapist and Assessment Specialist of Hispanic clients for 14 years from 1999-2013. He transitioned to Turquoise Health and Wellness in 2013 and then to La Casa Behavioral Health in 2015. On the side and along the way, he opened up his own private practice, Action Counseling Services, LLC in 2005 where he served clients and the Spanish speaking community continuously as a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist up until the time of his death.

In addition to serving the mental health community, Dr. Gil served the Lord for many years as a pastor at a variety of churches throughout his life, including but not limited to Terrace Heights Baptist Church in Yakima, WA, First Baptist Church of Hagerman and Trinidad Baptist Church in Roswell.

On April 6, 1973, he married Patricia Ann Robinson in Longview, Washington to whom he remained married for fifty (50) years. Dr. Gil is survived by his wife, Patty Jimenez in the family home; four daughters, Teresa A. Melendez and her husband Manny Villalobos of Roswell; Gail Jimenez and her companion, Tony Dominguez of Roswell; Sheryl Saavedra and her husband, Harold Atencio of Albuquerque and Julie Bassing and her husband Jacob Bassing of Roswell. Gilbert loved and adored all of his grandchildren and great grandchildren including Granddaughter, Sally Aviles, her husband Pedro Aviles and their two children, Mia Rae and Raymond Montano, Jr., of Blackwell, OK; Grandson, Anthony Hernandez, his wife Heidi Beverage and his two sons, Xavier and Zander Hernandez of Roswell, NM; Granddaughter, Kelsey Tolland, her husband, Reynaldo Guillen and their two children, Cruz and Sophia Guillen, of Albuquerque, New Mexico; Granddaughters, Miranda and Cierra Saavedra of Albuquerque, NM, and Granddaughters, Olivia, Evelyn and Avery Bassing of Roswell, NM.

Dr. Jimenez was preceded in death by his parents, Jesus Jose Jimenez and Soledad Espinoza Jimenez, his brothers, Daniel E. Jimenez and David E. Jimenez, his sisters, Dalila Quadros and Dora Garcia and his Grandson, Steven Tolland. He is survived by his brother Joe and his wife Katy of Dallas, TX, his sister Delia Hernandez and her husband Steve of Roswell, and his sister Domi McCarty and her husband Bill of Longview Washington and numerous nieces and nephews.

Dr. Gil loved his family, especially his grandchildren. He also loved helping people and families as the opportunity presented itself. He loved live music and was even in a band called The Blackouts while he was a student at Roswell High School. He loved family and church gatherings, even if he was always late. Most importantly, he trusted in Jesus Christ as his Lord and

Savior and had a confidence of where he was going when he graduated to Glory.

Services will be held at First Baptist Church located at 500 N. Pennsylvania Ave. in Roswell, NM, on Thursday, May 18, 2023, at 11:00 a.m.

Dr. Gil's tribute was lovingly written by his family.

Please take a moment to share a kind thought or memory with Dr. Gilbert's family at www.andersonbethany.com.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAY 18. 11:00 AM (MT)

First Baptist Church
500 N Pennsylvania Ave
Roswell, NM 88201

Tribute Wall

EL

“ Erika Leyva lit a candle in memory of Dr. Gilbert Espinosa Jimenez



Erika Leyva - May 17, 2023 at 09:43 PM

EL

“ I had the pleasure to meet “Don Gilberto” as I used to name him, back around 2002 or so, when he used to work at Counseling Associates. I was so nervous about starting the counseling process, but he made it passive and his sense of humor was very contiguous and kind. He always was available when I needed to talk, I continued with therapy throughout the years. He was like a father to me, and hurts so much about his passing. My kids will miss them too. My sincere condolences to the family, he will be miss dearly. Don Gilberto: lo voy a extrañar mucho, dios me lo bendiga donde quiera que este, gracias por ayudarme cuando mas lo necesito, nunca lo voy a olvidar...🙏🙏🙏

Erika Leyva - May 17, 2023 at 06:32 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dr. Gilbert Espinosa Jimenez.



May 17, 2023 at 09:40 AM



“ [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was purchased for the family of Dr. Gilbert Espinosa Jimenez.

May 17, 2023 at 09:40 AM



“ Although I never really knew Gilbert, I did always see him in church sitting beside Patty. He was always by her side. I am so sorry for your loss, Patty and Julie and all of the family. Remember all the people he helped and the lives he touched throughout his life. He loved you all and was dedicated to you and his Lord. He had a kind smile. You all are in my prayers this week.

Sherri Hall Crowhurst - May 14, 2023 at 09:55 PM



“ Such a beautiful soul ! You will be missed by many. Hugs to the family Karen Harkness Rn



Karen Harkness - May 14, 2023 at 02:20 AM



“ A beautiful tribute to a wonderful man who spent his life helping others. His absence on this earth will leave a void in this community, both in the mental health community and in the community of Roswell overall.



Prayers of peaceful comfort surround his family and all those whose lives he touched. Rest in peace.

Patricia Kummerle - May 13, 2023 at 02:14 AM

DG

“ My deepest condolences to the family of Gil. He was truly an amazing man. Julie, my prayers are with you. May he rest in peace.

Dorothy Garcia

Dorothy Garcia - May 12, 2023 at 06:48 PM

RL

“ I will always remember my Tio's infectious smile and laugh everytime there was a family get-together. He and my mom looked so much alike. I will miss him and think back to all those wonderful family parties. Rest in the arms of Jesus, Tio. Until we meet again.

Rita Longo - May 12, 2023 at 05:37 PM


Gamboa
DiGiorno

“ Gamboa DiGiorno lit a candle in memory of Dr. Gilbert Espinosa Jimenez



Gamboa DiGiorno - May 12, 2023 at 04:14 PM

MD

Mis mas sinceras condolencias! Descanse en paz el Dr Jimenez. Sinceramente. Fam. Gamboa

Maria Deleon - May 12, 2023 at 07:33 PM

AJ

“ *Aurora Jimenez lit a candle in memory of Dr. Gilbert Espinosa Jimenez*



Aurora Jimenez - May 11, 2023 at 10:44 AM

CH

“ *Gilbert was the sweetest man. He would come in the office with the biggest concerned look on his face as if he or we had done something wrong. Once we greeted him he would always say “It’s so nice that y’all are pleasant.” We would conduct business and he always left with a smile and always appreciated me walking him to his car the last few months. I’m sure going to miss him. We all are. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. With lots love, Crystal*

Crystal Hester - May 10, 2023 at 03:28 PM

SD

“ *My thoughts and prayers are you, my friend*



Shauna & Troey Daffern - May 10, 2023 at 12:44 PM