



## Jerry Louis Montoya

June 25, 1959 - November 6, 2022

A rosary is scheduled at 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 20th, 2022 at Anderson Bethany Funeral Home in Roswell, NM for Jerry Louis Montoya, age 63, who sadly passed away in Roswell on Sunday, November 6th, 2022 with his family by his side. A funeral mass will be held at St. John's Catholic Church on Monday, November 21st at 10:00 a.m. with Deacon Martinez officiating. Burial will follow at South Park cemetery with a reception held at The Ponderosa shortly after.

Jerry Montoya was born on June 25th, 1959 to Pete Trujillo Montoya and Josephine Nelson Montoya. Our Father/Grandfather/Brother/Friend loved his family & friends unconditionally and trusted in God completely. Jerry was preceded in death by his beloved parents, great nephews Elijah Romero, Sr. & Jacob Becerra; nieces Anna Lara & Denise Morales; great niece Chloe Lara; Ex-wife, Renee Del Los Santos whom he married on March 1st, 1986. Unfortunately, Jerry lost his eldest sister, Virginia Montoya Romero, one week after his passing.

Jerry attended Roswell schools including Highland elementary, Pecos elementary, Yucca Middle School, Mesa Middle School, and Roswell High school, graduating in 1977, where he picked up his trade of carpentry. It is believed that Jerry went into building trades to build a pitch roof on the family home so that the boys would no longer have to do flat-roof repairs every summer (Thank you, Jer). After high school, Jerry worked thirty plus years for several contractors including John Hinkle and The Ortega Brothers who had a

name for building reputable houses. Jerry did quality work and was often sought after.

As a young boy, Jerry was quite a character and amazed many of his elders with his attorney-like questions and comments. Although, he was the youngest brother, he always wanted to be the “big brother” and call the shots. He was a very big part of his Nephews and Nieces upbringing wanting to teach them the “ropes” of life. Jerry also had a passion for boxing, music, dancing, and was the first family paparazzi. Several family members can remember waking up to a camera in their face. At one of our high school graduations, Jerry set up his construction bright lights with seating and told all of the party-goers that he was taking senior portraits, which many graduates fell for (LOL). He loved spending time with all of his immediate family, cousins, and friends whether at family gatherings, public dances, house parties, or just around the hood...often the life of the party. Jerry was hilarious and a man of riddles and sayings, could stand on his applehead at parties, showed us tricks on the tape measure, and show off his trademark dance moves. Quite a character. Jerry’s life and legacy will continue to be remembered and honored by his family and friends. “Dad, your love and strength is still our guide. Thank you for all you’ve done at your best”...Bern

Jerry is survived by:

Daughters: Valerie Lopez and Bernadette Montoya; sons Jeremy Louis Montoya (wife Janice) and Joshua Nunez, Sr.

Sisters: Jessie Carabajal (Chris), Helen Ortega (Danny), Debbie Moore (Trent)

Brothers: Pete Montoya, Jr. (Diane), Frank Montoya (Jessica)

Grandchildren: Robert Lopez, Jr., Annissa Nunez, Aubrianna Nunez, Dominic Lopez, Mercedes Lopez, Angelo Lopez, Jacob Lopez, Lorenzo Lopez, Nehemiah Lopez, Elijah Montoya, Maya Montoya, Devin Nunez, Joshua Seth Nunez Jr., Emeriee Nunez, Elliana Nunez

Jerry is also survived by numerous Nephews and Nieces whom he loved very much.

Pallbearers: Robert Joseph Lopez; Frank Montoya; Jason Montoya; Jeremy Montoya; Joseph Montoya; Robert Farmer; Camillo Nunez, Sr.; Frank Gabaldon.

Honorary Pallbearers: All of his Nephews and Nieces; Eddie Boy Najar; Joe-Ray Carillo; Josue Ramirez; Larry Martinez; Orlando "Loli" Carillo; Steve Matta; Victor Baca; William Anaya

"What up whichoo..."; "Call me this, and call me that, But I still think...";  
"Colors, Colors, COLORS"; "I don't know Karate, but I know Karazy"; "Aye-Bay-Bay"; "Is that in the contract"; "Thigh-thigh, wiggle wiggle wiggle"

# Previous Events

## Rosary

NOV **20**. 6:00 PM (MT)

Anderson-Bethany Funeral Home and Crematory  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Jerry Louis Montoya*

December 29, 2022 at 05:26 PM



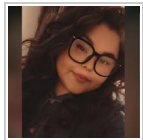
“ *Our deepest condolences to Frank and the Montoya family for the loss of your brother and sister. May God comfort and bless you. Lupe and Sally Mendez*

**Sally Mendez** - November 21, 2022 at 07:38 PM

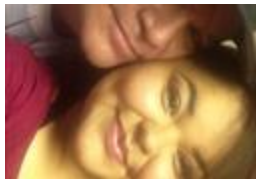


*Thank you Lupe & Sally.*

**Frank Montoya** - November 24, 2022 at 03:12 PM



“ *Love you Jerry 💕 you always made me laugh, you'll be forever missed!*



**Mariah Walters** - November 21, 2022 at 10:47 AM



“ *Lily's Flower Shop lit a candle in memory of Jerry Louis Montoya*



**lily's Flower Shop** - November 20, 2022 at 11:49 PM

JM

“ I will miss you Uncle Jerry and never forget all your boxing techniques you taught me and my Josephine. Man Josephine and Uncle Jerry were road dogs when we lived at gram's. Then him and Xavier always playing "Turn it down for what" him and Xavier would be bopping their heads!! I love and will miss you. Thanks again for being a great Uncle!!

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**Jeanette Montoya** - November 18, 2022 at 07:14 PM

EB

“ Ericka Brady lit a candle in memory of Jerry Louis Montoya



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**Ericka Brady** - November 18, 2022 at 05:26 AM

FM

Thank you, Ericka...

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**Frank Montoya** - November 24, 2022 at 03:13 PM

DG

“ Our deepest condolences to Primo Jerry's family, Jerry would always visit with me no matter where I would run into him, lots of good times, and I thank Jerry for helping build a patio cover at my families home God Bless Jerry and Virgie and Family, Dick @ Lydia Gonzales.

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**Dick Gonzales** - November 17, 2022 at 11:07 PM

FM

Thank y'all Primos...

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**Frank Montoya** - November 24, 2022 at 03:13 PM

TD

“ *Condolences to the Montoya family, especially Frank. Know that Jerry is no longer suffering.*  
*Terry Delgado*

Terry Delgado - November 17, 2022 at 05:46 PM

FM

*Thank you, Terry.*

Frank Montoya - November 24, 2022 at 03:14 PM

YM

“ *Yolanda Mendiola lit a candle in memory of Jerry Louis Montoya*



Yolanda Mendiola - November 17, 2022 at 01:14 PM

FM

*Thank you, Yolanda!*

Frank Montoya - November 24, 2022 at 03:14 PM

FM

“ My Brother Jerry, your journey has ended in this World and no longer suffering! I know you left before Virgie to make sure nobody was gonna stop her from going to Heaven... right on Bro. Always had our backs. Even though we didn't look it, we grew up like twins (LOL) always with each other, till our later years. Both fans of Cowboys, Dodgers, Lakers, Yucca Rebels, Coyotes!!! Always remember when coach Cooper kicked you out of the basketball game for "supporting" Jeremy... I had to duck down so I wouldn't get kicked out too (cabron)(LOL). You were rough around the edges, but I know you also had a Big Heart. You were a man of riddles and sayings, could stand on your applehead at parties, showed us tricks with the tape measure... on and on, bro. You were an amazing & interesting person to grow up with. As life goes, we grew apart, but we still had that connection. I'll miss you bro, but glad that you don't have to suffer anymore. Take care of the familia up there, bueno? See you one day bruh! Rest in Peace in God's Hands. Love you!

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**Frank Montoya** - November 16, 2022 at 05:17 PM

AG

“ Rest in peace primo! You were unique, funny and one of a kind it's that Nelson Swizzo blood that runs in our veins. Your in heaven no more pain and suffering .. Love you primo ❤️🙏🏻😊

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**Anthony E. Garcia** - November 14, 2022 at 10:28 PM

FM

Thank you primo. Hope you're not sore from all of that shoveling. :)

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**Frank Montoya** - November 24, 2022 at 03:15 PM

CM

“ *My condolences to Bernadette and Montoya family. May Jerry Rest In Peace!!*



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**Cathy Mendiola** - November 14, 2022 at 10:23 PM

FM

*Thank you, Cathy.*

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**Frank Montoya** - November 24, 2022 at 03:15 PM