



Joe Richard Ornelas

January 18, 1949 - February 22, 2023

Joe R. Ornelas, 74 passed away on February 22, 2023, in Roswell, New Mexico. Please take a moment and share a kind thought or memory with Joe's family at www.andersonbethany.com.

Rosary and funeral services will be held on Monday, March 6, 2023 at 1:30 p.m. at Anderson Bethany Funeral Home. Interment will follow at South Park Cemetery.

On January 18, 1949, Joe was born to Paul C. Ornelas and Nieves L. Mercado in Roswell, New Mexico. He graduated from Goddard High School in 1968 and in 1969 he married his high school sweetheart, Rosa L. Ornelas. Shortly after their marriage, Joe enlisted in the United States Marine Corp. He served in the Vietnam War and received the following medals for his service: Good Conduct Medal; National Defense Service Medal; Vietnam Service Medal; Combined Action Medal; Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal with Device; Republic of Vietnam Meritorious Unit Citation Civic Action Colors First Class with Palm and Frame. Joe was very proud to serve his country.

Joe was preceded in death by his wife of 51 years, Rosa L. Ornelas; daughter, Cecilia Ornelas; son, Joseph Ornelas; mother, Nieves Mercado; father, Paul Ornelas; brother, Albert Ornelas; and sisters: Paula Jane Higgins and husband Bill Higgins, and Irene Ororke.

Survivors include son, Oscar Ornelas; special grandson, Matthew Ornelas; grandchildren Dominic, Nathaniel, Brittany, and Gabby; sisters-in-law, Irma Nevarez, Elida Mundy and wife Rhonda, and Linda Mundy and wife Jessica

who he considered sisters. He is survived by sisters, Erlinda Vale and husband Val, Rosa Sosa and husband Robert, and Rosemary Dean and husband Ben; brothers-in-law, Pepe Torres and wife Susan, Victor Torres and wife Yolanda, Lalo Torres and wife Debra, Jaime Torres and wife Rosa, and Kirk Mundy and wife Kristen who were also considered brothers to Joe. Joe is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews whom he loved dearly.

Previous Events

Rosary

MAR 6. 1:30 PM (MT)

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

LY

“ Spent many years across the street from from Joe and family, watched his family grow up as he watched me and mine grow. I'll always miss you as you were a good friend Mi Amigo.
Lyle McClelland

Lyle - March 28, 2023 at 04:29 PM

EG

“ So hard to believe, I am so sorry for the families loss, prayers



Edna garcia - March 21, 2023 at 11:50 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Joe Richard Ornelas.



March 05, 2023 at 05:02 PM

LI

“ RIP Joe. sent with love from Linda and Jessica



lin8 - March 05, 2023 at 01:30 PM

RG

“ Roy And Sylvia Gonzales lit a candle in
memory of Joe Richard Ornelas



Roy and Sylvia Gonzales - February 25, 2023 at 11:39 AM