



John Orquiz

November 27, 1950 - November 2, 2017

John Orquiz passed away on Thursday, November 2, 2017, in Lubbock, TX, at the age of sixty-six years old. A Memorial Service will be held at Church on The Move on Monday, November 13, 2017, 10:00 AM, 901 W. Brasher Rd, Roswell, NM 88201. Celebrate John's life by visiting www.andersonbethany.com to offer a memory or expression of sympathy for his family.

On November 27, 1986, John was born to Ramon Orquiz and Elisa De La Rosa Orquiz in Artesia, NM, who have preceded him in death. He was a resident of Roswell, NM since 1980. John was the type of person you could easily talk to and he would really listen and give good advice. His passion was playing the drums, but he could pick up any instrument and play it. John loved music, especially the oldies.

John and his wife were way ahead of internet online dating. On October of 1976, John was working for KRSY Radio Station as a DJ. Denise called the radio station to find out about a song and John answered the phone. It turns out, she liked his voice and he liked hers. So, to get to know each other better, they agreed not to meet face to face until the spring of 1977. They talked on the phone every day until they finally met in person and they had been together ever since for forty years. John worked for KRSY and KBCQ Radio Stations in Roswell, NM, and KKAT Radio Station in Carlsbad, NM, as a DJ. He went to college and received three Bachelor Degrees and wanted to go back to get his Master's Degree. John was a Pastor for Victory Chapel Ministries. He was working for Roswell Job Corps and Roswell Refuge at the

time of his passing. John was a huge Denver Broncos fan and when they were playing, you knew it was time to start up the BBQ grill. He was a member of the Native American group at Job Corps and really loved taking the group to the Gathering of Nations in Albuquerque, NM.

John was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Robert Orquiz; and cousin, who was also his best friend, David De La Rosa.

He is survived by his wife, Denise; three children: Sonya Cardona (David), Dominic "Mauri" Orquiz and Nizhoni Rain Orquiz all of Roswell, NM; six grandchildren: Sesar Borunda, Mercedes Romero (Jeremy), Shania Johnson (Thomas), Jula'Ny Slash Orquiz, Elijah Giovanni Orquiz, Jasmine Ravin Orquiz; six great-grandchildren: Josiah Borunda, Sophie Borunda, Rayanna Borunda, Daniel Romero, Paisley Johnson, Paige Johnson; sisters: Sylvia Flores of Cottonwood, NM, Cath Cobos of Aurora, CO; and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

This tribute was lovingly written in honor of John by his family.

Tribute Wall



“ *John Orquiz*

December 29, 2022 at 05:26 PM



“ *I worked with John at RJCC. He is an awesome guy. He loved life. Always kept busy. I know he loved working with the students at RJCC. John was the type of person who always found time to listen to what others had to say. I would see the excitement in his eyes and a smile so big, when it was almost time to go on a trip with some of the Native students to the Gathering of Nations. He would come back and tell me about the trip. The beauty of it all; food, colors, music and the dancing. It said it with such passion and awesomeness! John will be missed by many.*

RIP John.

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“ John was a drummer for a church band I was with. He was always so excited about band practice and eager to share with others the love and grace God has for all who would simply believe. The one thing I know for sure is that John lived life as a prime example of letting God being the light that shined through. I will always remember John with much admiration and respect. God gained an awesome warrior in His heavenly army.

Cassie Wollrab - November 11, 2017 at 11:01 AM

PM

“ John married my sister denise met him when about 14 years old was a good person was the best brother in-law love the Lord going miss him very much

Patricia mcmath - November 10, 2017 at 11:26 AM

MG

“ I worked with John for approximately 17 years. John was a Counselor, then a Career Preparation Period Specialist and recently held the position of Career Counselor for Job Corps. He was also appointed the Equal Employment Opportunity Officer and trained several employees in EEO throughout his tenure at JC. He attended several EEO conferences, and I remember one in particular-- Washington, D.C. He was so happy he got to go to D.C. He was a great person to work with. He will be dearly missed. John has gone before you (family), to paint the way to Heaven. May he rest in peace.

Mary Gonzalez
Human Resources Manager

Mary Gonzalez - November 08, 2017 at 05:42 PM