



## John Adrian Ponce

May 3, 1979 - July 4, 2023

John Adrian Ponce loved his family more than anything in this world and tragically left them all too soon on July 4, 2023, at the age of 44.

John was born on May 3, 1979, in Roswell, NM to Joe and Pauline Ponce.

John attended Roswell High School where he played football and ran track.

John was also a wrestler along with his soon to be wife Jessica. Although they wrestled against each other for a sport and Jessica may or may not have won a few rounds, John ultimately won Jessica's heart and they were married on April 17, 2004. John and Jessica built their home in Roswell and quickly expanded their family bringing into the world girl after girl after girl after girl. John was an

amazing girl dad, they were his princesses and he wouldn't have it any other way. John had the

privilege of becoming a grandpa in May of 2021 to a beautiful little girl, Elliana (yes, another girl)

John enjoyed cooking out with family and friends, cheering on his girls at their sporting events, taking his girls on trips to the lake, camping, Ruidoso trips, cross country drives to New York to visit Jessica's family, amusement parks, and many other family adventures. John's love for his family was evident to everyone he encountered. Whether he was picking up fresh flowers and writing a handwritten love note to drop off at Jessica's work, surprising his girls with a special treat (or a \$20 bill) or mowing his parent's yard on the weekends. John always had his family on his mind.

Very few people get to say they have loved someone who equally loved them just as much. John and Jessica equally adored one another, and time only made that grow. They shared 24 amazing years of marriage.

Anyone who has been a part of John's life can attest to the fact that John gave with his whole heart and showed unconditional love not only to his wife and girls, but to all that have had the privilege to know him. John was someone who genuinely had a good heart. He had an infectious laugh and loved his parents, grandparents, brothers, aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews, wife, girls, and friends with his all. He never left the house or hung up the phone without an "I LOVE YOU".

John was a very dedicated person, whether it be to his family or his job. He started working at Rhoads Co. in May of 2022. He loved going to work and making as much of a difference as he could. John wasn't very tech savvy so we will miss having to help him figure out an email on his phone or helping him draft appropriate replies. He was very proud of what he was doing for Rhodes, and he was also very proud of his beautiful family.

We will miss so many things about John, including watching the History channel with him, listening to him sing loudly in the shower, and the Statue of Liberty...IYKYK

John is survived by his wife Jessica Ponce, four daughters, Kylei Ortega (son-in-law Edder Ortega), Mackenzie Ponce, Ryann Ponce, Zoey Ponce, Granddaughter, Elliana Ortega, Parents, Joe and Pauline Ponce, brother, Joseph Ponce and companion Grace Pineda, brother-in-law, Pete Shangraw and wife Audra and many other loved ones.

John was preceded in death by his brother and best friend, Michael Ponce, grandparents, Paul and Angelina Jimenez, Francisco and Francisca Ponce, mother-in-law, Kathy Vega, grandson, Thiago Ortega, brother-in-law Christopher Vega.

Pallbearers are Pete Shangraw, Rey Mendiola, Sam Gamboa, Peter Alvarado, Jeremy Montoya, Manuel Aragon, Lupe Ponce, Jesse Silva, Jr.

A Rosary will be held at Anderson Bethany Funeral Home on July 17th at 6:00 PM. A celebration of his life will be held at Church on the Move on July 18th at 10:00 AM. Graveside service will immediately follow at South Park Cemetery. Please join us for a reception directly after at Beginnings, 3908 SE Main St.

# Previous Events

## Viewing

JUL 17. 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM (MT)

Anderson-Bethany Funeral Home and Crematory  
2609 South Main  
Roswell, NM 88203  
(575) 622-5888  
abfh@andersonbethany.com

## Rosary

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## Funeral Service

JUL 18. 10:00 AM (MT)

Church on the Move  
901 W Brasher Rd  
Roswell, New Mexico 88203  
(575) 622-7011

*Interment to follow at South Park Cemetery.*

# Tribute Wall

LM

“ *linda montoya lit a candle in memory of John Ponce*



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**linda montoya** - July 27, 2023 at 12:01 PM

VG

“ *Veronica Giron lit a candle in memory of John Ponce*



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**Veronica Giron** - July 18, 2023 at 12:51 PM

SH

“ *Rest in Paradise! Prayers sent to the Ponce family!*



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**Sherry** - July 18, 2023 at 02:39 AM

KC

“ *Kimberly Golightly / Cloud sent a virtual gift in memory of John Ponce*



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**Kimberly A Golightly / Cloud** - July 17, 2023 at 11:24 AM

YR

“ Jessica,

*Our condolences to you, your beautiful girls, and your family. May God wrap you all in his arms and provide you strength and comfort during this difficult time. John was a good man, husband, and father. He set the bar high for your girls and grandbaby! He will be greatly missed. Sending you lots of prayers and hugs.*

*Yesenia Renteria and Family*

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**Yesenia Renteria** - July 17, 2023 at 11:22 AM



DW

“ Deborah Wilhite lit a candle in memory of John Ponce

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**Deborah Wilhite** - July 14, 2023 at 09:21 PM



DW

“ Deborah Wilhite sent a virtual gift in memory of John Ponce

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**Deborah Wilhite** - July 14, 2023 at 09:17 PM



EM

“ *Erica Montoya lit a candle in memory of John Ponce*



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**Erica Montoya** - July 14, 2023 at 05:44 PM

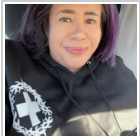
BY

“ *My deepest condolences to the family of John. Though I did not personally know John and his family, I would like to convey my sympathy during this difficult time. I grew up knowing Joe and Pauline and am offering my deepest of prayers to them as well during this time of sorrow in the loss of your son. Peace be with the families of John Ponce 🙏.*

*Barbara Madrid Young*

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**Barbara Madrid Young** - July 13, 2023 at 06:55 PM



“ *My condolences on your loss! Prayers to the family and friends!*



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**Jami Lovings** - July 13, 2023 at 01:50 PM

TC

“ Terrie Callaway lit a candle in memory of John Ponce



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Terrie Callaway - July 13, 2023 at 01:44 PM

KC

“ John was always doing his BEST to be the BEST HUSBAND,, FATHER,,UNCLE THAT HE COULD BE...

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Kimberly A Golightly / Cloud - July 13, 2023 at 01:42 PM

KC

“ My prayers are with you Jessica and yalls Girls, and Family...



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Kimberly A Golightly / Cloud - July 13, 2023 at 01:41 PM

EA

“ Edward Avitia lit a candle in memory of John Ponce



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Edward Avitia - July 12, 2023 at 11:35 PM

SH

“ Our love and prayers are with you Jessica and your family. So sorry for your loss. 🙏💕 Gary and Sharon Hooser

sharon hooser - July 12, 2023 at 09:39 PM

DL

“ Dolores Loza lit a candle in memory of John Ponce



Dolores Loza - July 12, 2023 at 07:32 PM

LB

“ Loretta Brady lit a candle in memory of John Ponce



Loretta Brady - July 12, 2023 at 06:47 PM

RW

“ Our thought and prayers are with Jessica and her family. Also prayers for Mr. and Mrs. Ponce. John was good man and devoted Father. God Bless Your soul and rest in peace.

Richard, Felice and Ryan Wheeler

richard wheeler - July 12, 2023 at 02:48 PM

AU

“ Jessica, we are so sorry! Prayers for you and your family! Love,  
Daniel & Autumn Fuentes

Autumn - July 12, 2023 at 01:15 PM

EJ

“ Eppy, Martin, Gil, Ellie, Ray & Joe Jasso  
purchased the Fairest of All for the family of John  
Adrian Ponce.



Eppy, Martin, Gil, Ellie, Ray & Joe Jasso - July 12, 2023 at  
09:08 AM

CJ

“ Carol Jaramillo lit a candle in memory of John  
Ponce



Carol Jaramillo - July 11, 2023 at 04:53 PM

BM

“ Brenda Macks lit a candle in memory of John  
Ponce



Brenda Macks - July 11, 2023 at 04:53 PM

CO

“ *Christina Ortega lit a candle in memory of John Ponce*



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**Christina Ortega** - July 11, 2023 at 01:24 PM

AJ

“ *Aurora Jimenez lit a candle in memory of John Ponce*



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**Aurora Jimenez** - July 11, 2023 at 10:41 AM

SG

“ There was never a dull moment with John around, always smiles and laughs. He was always respectful, thinking of the next person, happy as anyone could be, biggest heart ever who loved his wife and daughters with all he had. Always put a smile on my face just to even see him in the day when I would go buy parts. Would always have something crazy funny to say. When we were sick he stopped by with food, vitamins, drinks, and yelling at my door "Sambo y'all get better soon" and then running off with love y'all always. Always ending our talks with love you brother 🥺🥺🥺 love you too John Thank u for all the good memories and funnest times ever. Always making me laugh with pranks and jokes, Never judging anything just being there through whatever. He would always be the DJ in my ride on our way to Artesia with burritos ready to eat before work and a ice chest full of drank ready for after work 😊😭 Love you brother so much you will never be forgotten. Without you my friend there is a part of my life missing now. RIP John you r home now brother you beat me there! 😭 God Bless 🙏🙏🙏

Samuel Gamboa - July 11, 2023 at 12:26 AM

JP

“ We are going to miss you so much my love! 💔😭 After 24 years, I'm not quite sure how to do life without you. Love, your babydoll ☐

Jessica Ponce - July 10, 2023 at 11:31 PM

KC

Jessica,, you are a very strong woman and GOD AND JOHN AND YOUR GIRLS WILL HELP GUIDE YOU 🙏 THROUGH THIS VERY DIFFICULT TIME

Kimberly A Golightly / Cloud - July 13, 2023 at 01:45 PM

MV

“ *Melissa Vegara lit a candle in memory of John Ponce*



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**Melissa Vegara** - July 10, 2023 at 08:45 PM