



## John Rocha

December 21, 1948 - July 19, 2016

John Manuel Rocha, 67, of Roswell, NM, passed away on July 19, 2016. He was born on December 21, 1948, in Sidney, Nebraska, to Guerillmo Salas Rocha and Josephine Guilez Montoya.

A kind and hardworking man who loved his family, John worked with the city of Roswell for twenty plus years. He was an inspiration to those he was around. This was evident by the love, admiration, and respect given to him by all who knew him. The apple of his eye was his granddaughter, Jaylynn Apodoca. He was a man who enjoyed spending time with family and his close friends. He had many interests including, but certainly not limited to: gardening, fishing, and hunting. John had a soft spot when it came to fur babies; he loved his dogs: Coco, Bruno, Trouble, Bronson, and Rebel.

John is preceded in death by his parents: Guerillmo Rocha and Josephine G. Montoya; step-father; Stanley Montoya; grandmother, Pilar G. Rocha, brothers: Jose Guilez, Florentino Guilez, Pedro Rocha, Guerillmo Rocha Jr. (Mike), Chon Rocha (Conception); sisters: Tina Montoya, Charlene G. Martinez, Dolores Rocha, Carmen Rocha, and Lupe Bouckley.

Those surviving to cherish John's memory are his life partner, Francisca (Fran) Apodoca; stepson, Tommy Apodoca and wife Serise; granddaughter, Jaylynn Apodoca; sisters: Jerri G. Samario, significant other, Alex Ogas, of Roswell, NM; Mary Lou Montoya, of Roswell, NM; Cecelia Meeks and husband, Chris, of Roswell, NM; Simona Zamona and husband, Francisco Zamora, of Colorado Springs, CO; Tina L. Montoya; Esther Landry and

husband, Rick Landry, of Tahapachee, CA; brothers: Orlando Guiles, of Roswell, NM; Lucio Rocha and wife, Pauline, of Roswell, NM; Francisco Rocha, of Roswell, NM; and many nephews and nieces that loved him dearly. Viewing will be on Saturday, July 23, 2016, 8:00 AM–5:00 PM and Sunday, July 24, 2016, 1:00 PM–6:00 PM at Anderson Bethany Funeral Home and Crematory. A Rosary will be recited Sunday, July 24, 2016, 7:00 PM at Anderson Bethany Funeral Home and Crematory. A Funeral Service will be held Monday, July 25, 2016, 10:00 AM, at the Anderson Bethany Funeral Home Chapel. Deacon Ernesto Martinez will officiate. Burial will directly follow at South Park Cemetery.

Honorary Pallbearers are: Jesusita Aragon, Margo Nunez, Lucio Rocha, Francisco Rocha, Francisco Zamora.

Pallbearers will be: Tommy Apodaco, Orlando Guilez Jr., Emilio Gonzalez, Raul Martinez, Jr., and Alejandro Ogas Jr.

The family request you join them for a Celebration of John's memory at the Ava Maria Center immediately following the burial.

Please take the time to share your thoughts and memories of John with the Rocha family in the online registry at [andersonbethany.com](http://andersonbethany.com).

Anderson Bethany Funeral Home and Crematory is honored to serve the Rocha family.

# Tribute Wall



“ *John Rocha*

December 29, 2022 at 05:26 PM



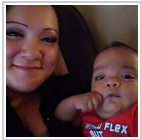
“ *Happy Father's Day I love u!*

**Tommy Apodaca** - June 16, 2019 at 05:49 PM



“ *I miss you! Love u*

**tommy** - January 28, 2018 at 12:59 AM



“ *To the man i will always be sitting beside you smoking shareing good times and funny stories. Who never Took anyone forgranted .who love his family truly cared about everyones well-being. A man ill never forget who taught me so much about my self and what im capable of doing and never giving in to what others say to be the best you can be i love you my tio ill will always have one rolled for you. #IloveyTioJhon🤘*



**Mona Montes** - August 28, 2016 at 04:03 AM

VG

“ Today as we laid u to rest as the trumpets blew and Angels in heaven welcomed u home with arms wide open with the little breeze hitting my forehead with the little whistle from the wind was very warming to know u were entering the gates of heaven you will always have that place in my heart u were more than beyond awesome father, son, uncle, best friend, brother, always going out of your way to see your family happy n supporting us every step of the way you were like a father to me always there for me n my sister n brother fought to see us when there were differences in the family when mom departed u fought like there was no tomorrow to see us u went beyond that was the maddest i ever seen u because we weren't able to see us when things got a little better and u had a certain time to spend with us u were always there 20 minutes early to pick us up never failed we would be so happy to see u we would come out the door n u would hug us tight with a kiss on the forehead n say hi mejita n no matter how ugly we were u would always say u look so beautiful .

U had your special way of showing us all of ur nieces and nephews love n never treated any of us different and if we fought with one another u would say ur not suppose to be fighting ur family family is to take care of each other i love u uncle till we meet again Thank u for showing us what family was all about

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Veronica valeria & orlando Guilez - July 25, 2016 at 08:06 PM

CH

“ I met him only once , he had beautiful shar pei dogs...he was a very very nice man..His brother ,Chon, would ALWAYS talk about ..He loved him VERY much....i miss and love my Chon. And all the interesting and adventurous stories he would tell me about him and his brothers while growing up..i feel like i knew all of Chons brothers and sisters very well..thats how much he would sit and reminisce about all of them,...but he mostly admired John...my sincere condolences....untill we meet again...r.i.p. (i never got to say goodbye to Chon..and tell him thank you for his love. And teaching me respect, and to not be selfish, and not materialistic..)😞❤️  
P.S.. My brother Manny Rocha,(rebecca and Chons son) is locked up till 2018 , but ill be sure to let him know about his tio...he is going to be very sad...

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**Cindy hernandez** - July 25, 2016 at 09:35 AM

 Tommy  
Apodaca

“ One day I will meet you at the gates of heaven thank you with all my heart for loving me and raising me to be the man I am now.most of all thank you for taking care of my mother and keeping her in a straight path.I know you are in a better place watching over me and my mother and most of all Jaylynn.now that you are free in heaven make sure you give me signs that you are watching over me.I almost can't wait to see you in heaven I'm sure you will wait for me with your arms open. Again thank you for loving me I love you with all my heart.like Tupac Shakoor says how long will they mourn me.I will always have you in my heart

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**Tommy Apodaca** - July 22, 2016 at 11:28 PM

LM

“ *Linda Montoya lit a candle in memory of John Rocha*



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**linda montoya** - July 22, 2016 at 10:42 PM

LM

“ *Ima miss my uncle John . He was a very good man . J can remember my uncle John taking my sister's Margaret Amanda and cousin Valerie and myself to Queens house.. I got so much love and respect for my uncle John. I love you uncle John*

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**linda montoya** - July 22, 2016 at 10:29 PM



“ *I didn't have much memories of Uncle John because I'm so young but I won't forget the memories I have of him. Rest in peace Uncle John . ❤️*



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**Angelique Barrientos** - July 22, 2016 at 03:04 AM

FB

“ *My condolences to Fran and the family. I will miss John so much and am grieving with you. May he RIP. (He sure wad heck of a gardener).*

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**Frances Brown** - July 21, 2016 at 05:22 PM