



## Johnny Espinosa

April 12, 1957 - September 19, 2019

JOHNNY, 62, passed away on Thursday, September 19, 2019. Please take a moment and share a kind thought or memory with Johnny's family at [www.andersonbethany.com](http://www.andersonbethany.com).

SERVICES: A Viewing will commence at Anderson Bethany Funeral Home, 2609 S. Main, Roswell, New Mexico, on Thursday, October 3, 2019, from 12:00 PM to 7:00 PM, followed by a recital of the Rosary at 7:00 PM. A Mass will be held at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, 506 S. Lincoln Street, Roswell, New Mexico, on Friday, October 4, 2019, 2:00 PM. Interment will follow at General Douglas L. McBride Veterans Cemetery located at South Park Cemetery. A reception will follow the services at the Roswell Adult Center, 807 N. Missouri Ave., Roswell, NM.

On April 12, 1957, Johnny was born in Roswell, New Mexico, to Isabel G. Juarez (Chavela) and Frank B. Espinosa in Roswell. He grew up in Roswell attending local schools and graduating from Roswell High School in 1975. Johnny went on to enlist in the US Army, becoming a member of the 82nd Airborne Unit. He was then attached to the 5th Special Forces Group as a Medical Specialist at Fort Ord, CA. Upon completing his honorable service, Johnny returned to Roswell, NM.

Johnny worked at several jobs throughout his life. He was employed by Hinkle

Farms Winery, the Security Department for the Roswell Museum, as well as for the late Judge Alvin Jones as an assistant for the Casa Program. He became a member of the Big Brother, Big Sister Program and was also an advocate for the prisoners at the Chavez County Detention Center, providing support and spiritual counseling for the inmates. He also worked for MJG Corporation and lastly for OMNI Corporation at FLETC.

Johnny was an avid book reader who liked collecting books on art, cooking, and history. He loved spending time with his friends, Mac and Apple, fishing, and attending Taco Tuesday, and listening to his friend, Chris play with the Pacers. Johnny loved to sing, and on occasion, he could be found at Billy Ray's singing Karaoke. He loved to cook and had a funny side. He loved to crack jokes to make others laugh and smile. Johnny had a deep love for the history of Lincoln, NM, touring the town and reciting the history.

**SURVIVORS:** Those left to cherish memories of Johnny are his brothers: Patricio Espinoza and wife Rachel; Roy Espinosa and wife Gracie; sisters: Beatrice Espinosa and partner David; Oralia (Connie) Espinosa. He had several nephews and nieces with whom he was very close to and spent precious time with him from their young lives through the years: "We love you, uncle John." He is also survived by our stepfamily, with whom he was also extremely close and loved very much: Stepbrother: Art De La Cruz of Las Cruces NM, Stepsisters: Maria Taylor of Moreno Valley, CA, Cecilia Castrillo of Roswell NM, and Rose Ann Trujillo of Lake Forest, CA; He is also survived by his partner, Carla Cobb of Roswell NM, and Godchildren: Gabriella, and Ryne Kermode.

**PRECEDED:** Johnny was preceded in death by his mother, Isabel G. Juarez; father, Frank B. Espinosa, stepmother, Amada Espinosa, (Emma De La Cruz), maternal-grandmother, Casimira G. Gamboa; grandfather, Patricio Gamboa; sisters: Georgia Archuleta, Rollina Alice Juarez Losolla, Juanita Espinosa;

brother, Manuel Griego; and nieces: Ruth Ann Juarez (Tootie), and Vivian Irene Juarez.

HONORARY PALLBEARERS: Chosen to serve as Honorary Pallbearers are Christian Perez, Raven Night Martinez, Mycah Cortez, Frankie Ray Espinosa, Conrad Espinosa, Ted, Joel, Matthew, and James Romero, Ernest Espinosa, Amari Izquierdo, Regina Bennett, Mac McFerraz, David "Apple" Thomas, Chris Armijo, and Anita Kermode Lidy.

PALLBEARERS: Honored to serve as Pallbearers are Isaac Romero, Patricio B. Espinoza, Fernando Correon, Adolph Castrillo, Mark K. Lawrence, and Jay Gluck.

Johnny's family would like to thank everyone for the outpouring of love and support during this time of loss.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Johnny Espinosa*

December 29, 2022 at 05:26 PM



“ *Carla Cobb lit a candle in memory of Johnny Espinosa*



**Carla Cobb** - October 19, 2019 at 08:00 PM



*Oh My love, my John, how I miss you! I can't believe it's already been a month. These last few years with you have been the best of my life. I miss hearing your voice call out "Mama, I'm home", that little voice you used whenever you teased Paco about me being your girl, and dancing to "Wagon Wheel" with you. I miss cooking for and with you. I miss the joy, happiness, laughter and love you brought into my life, but I will hold the memories we made forever in my heart. I know that your life wasn't always easy, but you can rest now, believing that you gave life, and those you loved, your best.*

*We love you and we miss you Papa Monkey!*

**Carla Cobb** - October 19, 2019 at 08:24 PM



“ *May you rest in peace. Prayers for all his family and friends. God bless you all.*

*David and Esabel Thurman*

**Esabel Thurman** - October 04, 2019 at 09:51 AM

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“ I send my deepest condolences to the families may rest in peace Johnny Espinosa it was a honer to know you thank you for service may the Lord be with and bless and comfort the families and friends

Russell norris - October 03, 2019 at 10:01 PM

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“ John I never got to say good bye or tell you just how much you meant to me and my family. Thank you for sharing your love with us . As I saw in earlier post you did earn your wings. We will miss your calls and your frequent visits. Rest in Peace my dear friend.



anita lidy - September 26, 2019 at 04:19 PM



“ Rest now Uncle John.  
No more need to be tired as you rest.  
No more pain or confusion in this life.  
You can be at peace.

I remember when I was little and we would go to visit you and my aunt nancy, in your little blue house and we would get so excited to see you. As we got older we saw less and less of you but the times we did were filled with you cracking jokes on people and our laughter from it. There were good times to remember. Ill hold on to that.

Rest now.

We love you, Tio.

Ana Izquierdo - September 25, 2019 at 02:35 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Johnny Espinosa.



September 25, 2019 at 01:48 PM



“ John and family, may you rest in peace.

**Lupe Morales** - September 24, 2019 at 10:57 AM



“ Aaawww.... John. It made my heart sad to hear of your passing. You were an amazing advocate for all those kids you worked with. You've definitely earned your wings my friend. Into His hands we lift you.



**Pat Guajaca Kuemmerle** - September 23, 2019 at 11:13 PM

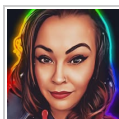


“ You didn't ask for the battle, but you have won the war.

*Now be at peace, forever in God's Loving Arms. It is indeed glorious that He collects our tears as prayers...*



**Nancy Sweet Espinosa** - September 23, 2019 at 06:40 PM



*I love you, Aunt Nancy.*

**Ana Izquierdo** - September 25, 2019 at 02:24 PM



*Johnny, the memories of you will always be of us growing up in East Grand Plains.*

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**Lupe Nevarez** - September 30, 2019 at 10:09 PM