



Johnny A. Gonzales

September 29, 1949 - November 25, 2017

A Celebration of Life will be held Friday December 8th, 2017 at 2 p.m, Anderson Bethany Funeral Home, Roswell, NM. Interment will follow at South Park Cemetery

A faithful Servant of God always wanting to do more than anyone could; the fear of God was in him to honor the Lord in all things and to do for others. Johnny A Gonzales, 68, has won the race home on Saturday, November 25, 2017, he was born in Artesia, NM to Manuel Gonzales, Visalia, CA and the late Ramona Acosta.

Johnny had a love and compassion to God; his ideas were endless. With his wife and daughters, they worked on all these plans God gave him to get them accomplished.

Johnny could be found everywhere lifting people's spirits up with the word. Literally Thousands and thousands of prisoners heard the Gospel and many were born again because of his faithfulness and commitment to them.

Johnny is the founder of Prison Doors Ministry/Community Volunteer Program. He always listened to people, never left anyone out, and had a real passion for serving his community. This translated into years of volunteer service.

Johnny was well known and respected in the local community. He was a very

caring and compassionate person, who always put the needs of others before his own, always very giving and had a smile for everyone. A very descriptive story teller who was able to command anyone's attention and was a natural born leader.

He would sit with his Bible and write in his log book about the activities for the next day, and prepare his calendar for a year.

It was the simple things around him in life that he never took for granted, commenting daily how fortunate and thankful he was. Above all, Johnny was absolutely devoted to his wife, daughters, grandchildren and the community. He was a father who always encouraged his family to help others in need, no matter their situation and keep their eyes on God.

He respected and loved his wife unconditionally. He was a man of strong faith, believing in the power, strength of Jesus Christ's love and the beauty with peace that would await him after his passing. He was truly a legacy to his family, community, surrounding areas, and prisons. He will truly be missed by many.

Johnny is survived by his best friend, loving wife of 46 years, Mary, father, Manuel Gonzales of Visalia, CA, sister Angie Gonzales of Bakersfield, CA, brother Leo Gonzales, of Roswell. Daughters Michelle and husband Michael Martinez, Angela and husband Justin Dunbarr, Regina and husband Joseph Paredes of Roswell. His beloved 'sons/grandsons' who he raised, Nathaniel and Josiah Paredes.

Grandchildren, Sara Cruz of Goshen, CA, Mariah Martinez, China Landreth, Malena Martinez, Yvette Dunbarr, Jonathan Martinez, Zachariah Dunbarr, and Markus Dunbarr of Roswell, NM, including three great children, Mia Munoz, Benjamin and Ian Valencia of Goshen, CA.

Sister-in-law Yolanda and husband Delfin Hinojos, of Carlsbad, NM, Virginia and Steve Perez of Hobbs, NM, Linda and husband Jed Dill of Roswell, NM,

Cindy Sosa and fiancée Michael Chavez of Roswell, NM, along with numerous nieces, nephews, friends. Many who loved him and cherish him for life.

He is preceded in death by his son Johnny A Gonzales II, daughter Veneta Sherri Gonzales, unborn 6 month old daughter, his mom Ramona Acosta Gonzales, sister Nancy Sarli, brother Robert Gonzales, sister-in-law Margie Castillo, mother-in-law Luciy Rodriguez, and father-in-law Angel Sosa.

21 His lord said unto him, Well done, good and faithful [h]servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will set thee over many things; enter thou into the joy of thy lord. Matthew 25:21 ASV

21 He that followeth after righteousness and kindness
Findeth life, righteousness, and honor. Proverbs 21:21 ASV

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

Tribute Wall



“ *Johnny A. Gonzales*

December 29, 2022 at 05:26 PM



“ *Smile because he Lived
You can shed tears that he is gone,
or you can smile because he lived,
You can close your eyes and pray that he will
come back,
or you can open your eyes and see all that he has left.
Your heart can be empty because you can't see him,
or you can be full of the love that you shared,
You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday,
or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday.
You can remember him and only that he is gone,
or you can cherish his memory and let it live on.
You can cry and close your mind, be empty and turn back,
or you can do what he would want:
Smile, open your eyes, love and go on.*



Marcella - October 20, 2019 at 06:19 AM



“ *Andrea Martinez lit a candle in memory of
Johnny A. Gonzales*



Andrea Martinez - May 11, 2019 at 11:09 PM

MA

“ *Minister Letty Acosta lit a candle in memory of Johnny A. Gonzales*



Minister letty acosta - December 31, 2017 at 01:31 AM

MA

Para Las personas que Las Amo Mucho de el paso tx el amor de Dios Ministry min letty acosta johnny Siempre re Recordaremos con Mucho Amor Y Respeto y Aprendi Mucho de ty Mary y cuando me dijieron she re Fuiste con Dios. He go danzando y muyyyy contento mas Alegre que Aqui Dios me dio esa Vision pot she me sent muy mal am out she re Fuiste me to Chris to me dio Aqui Esta conmigo miralo Gozandose y Danzando para my y Genoa in a Big Smille. Solo he Fuiste Las pronto she Nosotros we will see u up stairs my Big Bro. And Mary My Big Sister in God's Family. Thank u for showing Us All we learned From u and Mary and just to walk in life in the Word like u Thought us all and love love u all from El Paso tx Ministries. We are sure Going 2 miss u but u are happier with Christ so I am happy 2 for u. Love u my Big Brother with All My Love and Respect. Condolences a todos sus familiars y Mary y todos sus hijo. Love u sis with all my heart and love. .will be praying 4 u all. God Bless U

Minister letty acosta - December 31, 2017 at 01:42 AM

CS

“ *On behalf of friends back in El Paso, Tx we at Centro Vida members whom did prison ministry (The champion) with Johnny would llike to send Johnny Gonzalez family our deepest condolences and our prayers. I heard a song today that reminded me of him "I'll fly away o Lord". He was a truly devoted servant for God who was truly dedicated to the Lord's work. Until we meet again with the Lord Johnny. May Johnny's family get a hold of me. Soriacm61@gmail.com*



Christina Soria - December 30, 2017 at 12:07 AM

JA

“ I was unsure as to whether I had a chance to sign this as when I went to the Anderson-Bethany, no book was available to sign. God's blessings to a good man. He as a patient and a man we always ran into gathering funds for doing God's work. He atoned for his past and the good Lord has a special place for him. Love, Jena Amaral

Jena Amaral - December 15, 2017 at 02:21 PM

LM

“ Laura L Montoya lit a candle in memory of Johnny A. Gonzales



laura l montoya - December 08, 2017 at 03:26 PM

DD

“ Mary I'm sorry I want be able to be there Friday I will miss Johnny God give you an the family peace and show you His way

Doug Dupuy - December 06, 2017 at 10:56 AM

AS

“ JOHNNY WAS A DEAR FRIEND FOR MANY YEARS.. WHEN I FIRST CAME TO ROSWELL IN THE USAF BACK IN 1959 HE WAS ONE OF THE KIDS I GOT TO KNOW. THROUGH THE YEARS WE HAVE PRAYED FOR EACH OTHER AND OUR MINISTRIES. LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING HIM ONE DAY AGAIN IN HEAVEN..GOD BLESS YOU JOHNNY...AL

AL SMITH - December 04, 2017 at 12:08 PM

FG

“ *My prayers and condolences to Mary and family. Another brother went to heaven this day. May the peace of God be with the Gonzalez family in the time of grief and sorrow. See you in heaven brother. Absent for the body present with the Lord. Amen*

Frank Gomez - December 02, 2017 at 11:07 AM

Angela Dunbarr

“ *Dad. I miss you so much....but i know you are watch over all of us...love u... Angela* 😘😭



Angela Dunbarr - December 01, 2017 at 10:10 PM



“ *Andrea Martinez lit a candle in memory of Johnny A. Gonzales*



Andrea Martinez - November 30, 2017 at 07:40 PM

FR

“ *Giving is so often thought of in terms of the things we give, but our greatest giving is of our time and kindness and even comfort for those who need it. And that's exactly what brother Johnny did. He will truly be missed . God Bless and prayers to all the family. Mike and Frances*



Frances - November 30, 2017 at 01:41 PM

AG

“ Sending my condolences to the Gonzalez family



Amanda garcia - November 30, 2017 at 10:21 AM

TH

“ Love this man...He was my dads good friend..known him all my life...he was definitely one of a kind❤️his prayers were so touching and just known that God could use this man in every way..He had a big heart for the lost and he definitely knew how to reach them...i last seen him in October 2017 in Hobbs,NM...We laughed, we cried just talking abt my dad that passed September 2015, and we prayed together. Love to hear the awesome things he was doing Roswell, NM...He will be greatly missed....and never forgotten...#saveaplaceforme#😭😭😭

Trenda Hernandez - November 30, 2017 at 01:17 AM

HW

“ Many people in the community will be saddened by the loss of this giving man. He put his whole heart and soul into doing for others. I only met him in passing, but I saw his energy for his family of man on earth. My condolences to the family and friends who were closest to him. Helen Walters, Roswell, NM

Helen Walters - November 28, 2017 at 10:51 PM

ET

“ So sorry for the loss of this great man! He reminded me so much of my dad. I Love these pictures of 2 of my kids and my grandson with your dad and my dad. Praying for all of the family during this difficult time. God bless all of you!



Ester Acosta Tienda - November 28, 2017 at 11:55 AM

LS

“ What can I say , but one of the greatest men of God that I've known, he will surely be missed , he did so much for the public , Ministry, and so much in the prisons, I don't know anyone else in Roswell that has done as much work for the Lord as brother Johnny, I thank God for brother Johnny, in 1989 he pushed me to preach in the tent for the first time, I didn't like the way he was so very aggressive ,lol, but now I thank God the way he was , cuz he was led by God to push us out of the "box " ,many went to prisons to minister because Johnny was the one that open many doors to prisons ministries and now I've been ministering there over 480 times in the last 20 years , such a small man with such a big big vision ,a man of God that would not stop but pushed through many obstacles of life , a great role model to many that knew his life ,,"Thank You Lord for Brother Johnny"

Lawrence Sanchez - November 28, 2017 at 04:07 AM



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Gina Gonzales - November 28, 2017 at 12:27 AM



“ *Im so sorry for your loss . Both my mother and I served w Brother Johnny on several prison ministrys. Thanks to him I now realize the need of prayer and love needed in prison. May God bless him and his ministry.*

Sandy Azcona - November 28, 2017 at 12:15 AM