



Lionel Franco

April 1, 1953 - December 25, 2018

LIONEL FRANCO -- On Tuesday, December 25, 2018, Lionel Franco went to be with his Lord and Savior, whom he loved the most. Please take a moment and share a fond memory or kind expression of sympathy for Lionel's family at www.andersonbethany.com.

Services: There will be a Viewing at Anderson Bethany Funeral Home on Thursday, December 27, 2018, from 11:00 AM to 6:00 PM. Family and friends will gather in celebration of Lionel's purpose driven life at Church on the Move, on Friday, December 28, 2018, at 10:00 AM. Interment will follow at General Douglas L. McBride Veterans Cemetery.

On April 1, 1953, Lionel was born to Ignacio Franco and Mary R. Franco in Hanford, CA. He graduated from Roswell High School and would later attend Eastern New Mexico University-Roswell. Lionel married Rosie Robles on April 19, 1974, in Roswell, NM. He was a proud veteran, having served our country as a member of the United States Navy, and was honorably discharged on October 19, 1977.

Lionel gave his life to the Lord eighteen years ago and throughout his illness, remained strong in his faith through prayer. When asked what his favorite scripture was, he would say 'The Bible - God.' He was an active member of Church on the Move, an avid softball enthusiast/coach, Dallas Cowboy fan,

NMAA Official, and Classic Chevy Fanatic.

Prior to Lionel's retirement, he worked for the US Postal Service as a clerk. He was previously owner/operator of New Satellites.

Lionel was deeply loved and will be profoundly missed, not only by his family and friends, but by all those fortunate enough to have known him. His daily scriptures and prayers via text to encourage others, will also be missed.

Survivors: Those left to treasure and cherish memories of Lionel are his loving wife of forty-five years, Rosie Franco; children: Danielle Garcia (Mike) of Denison, TX, Alisha Alirez (George) of San Antonio, TX, Roxanne Hiatt (Kevin) of Fort Worth, TX, Marissa Sanchez (Lawrence) of Albuquerque, NM; grandchildren: Joseph, Melanie, Eric, Vanessa, Dominic, Kalen, Jacoby, Mia, Isaias; sisters: Emalda Lara, Erma Horton, Teresa McDaniels; brother, Sammy Salcido; and numerous nieces and nephews. He is also survived by Ronnie Castillo.

Preceded: Lionel was preceded in death by his parents, Ignacio Franco and Mary R. Franco; siblings: Joseph W. Franco, Lina Portillo, and Nadine Franco.

Pallbearers: Chosen to serve as Pallbearers will be Mike Garcia, George Alirez, Kevin Hiatt, Lawrence Sanchez, Joseph Franco, and Eric Garcia.

The family would like to give a Special Thanks to the VA in Albuquerque and Artesia, ENMMC-Roswell, Kindred Hospice for the excellent care that was given to Lionel. Thanks to Church on the Move for their prayers, faith, and support.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 27. 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM (MT)

Anderson-Bethany Funeral Home and Crematory
2609 South Main
Roswell, NM 88203
(575) 622-5888
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Tribute Wall



“ *Lionel Franco*

December 29, 2022 at 05:26 PM



“ *I met Lionel through the Roswell Softball association when we were opposing coaches. He took the time to help my wife and I become better coaches and we entrusted our daughter to him when we realized she was a better player than we were coaches. I was so happy to see him grow in God and become as excited about church as he was sports. He was more than a brother in Christ and my thoughts and prayers go out to Rose and the girls. I can't wait to see you in heaven Lionel, I'm sure you're a door greeter for Him now.*

Barron Broomfield - February 04, 2019 at 06:13 PM



“ *Dear Danielle & Mike,
Want you to know that we are praying for you and the rest of your family. He has gone before us, so lets be sure we're ready when our time to leave Earth comes. Jesus is Alpha and Omega, trust Him to comfort you in this very difficult time in your life. Yours in Christ,
Derrick Fletcher's parents. Mr. & Mrs. Hunter*

Rudy Hunter - January 10, 2019 at 03:39 PM



“ *RIP my fellow official. We only did a few games together but I learned a lot. I hope your family heals but mostly remembers the great you did.*

Marcos Franco - December 28, 2018 at 04:37 AM

JS

“ *John L And Deserrea Singleton lit a candle in memory of Lionel Franco*



John L and Deserrea Singleton - December 27, 2018 at 04:55 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Lionel Franco.*



December 27, 2018 at 10:39 AM

SJ

“ *Ms. Rosie our condolences to you and your family. We are saddened by his passing, we pray God's comfort, strength, peace and encouragement during this time. I never forget that every time he would hug me he would tell me "Thank you so much for all you do" and it was always yes sir, thank you. During Men's prayer if he didn't understand something he would ask for an explanation, he wanted to learn as much as he possibly could. We will miss him and we are sorry that we can't be there for the services but we'll see you when we get back in town. From the Sanchez family.*

Savino Sanchez Jr. - December 27, 2018 at 09:59 AM

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“ *To the Franco family, may God rest his soul, please accept my sincere condolences for your loss.*

Lupe Morales (Reyes) - December 27, 2018 at 06:17 AM


Rebecca
Box

“ *Always loved getting a hug at church, such an awesome man of God*



Rebecca Box - December 26, 2018 at 10:59 PM

MC

“ *RIP prayers for all family*



Melissa & Orlando Cobos - December 26, 2018 at 10:47 PM

AQ

“ *Angelina & George Quintero lit a candle in memory of Lionel Franco*



Angelina & George Quintero - December 26, 2018 at 10:31 PM

JT

“ *Joan Tempero lit a candle in memory of Lionel Franco*



Joan Tempero - December 26, 2018 at 10:20 PM

VH

“ Please accept our sincere condolences. We are so saddened to hear this news. He was such a kind and gracious man. Our prayers are with you. May God comfort you. He was one of the best greeters at our church andd it was a pleasure and honor to serve with him. I know our Jesus was there to greet him! Hugs and much love to you Rosie and your family.

Vicki Hobbs - December 26, 2018 at 09:59 PM

PK

“ There is no better place to be but in the arms of Jesus.... prayers of comfort for you Danielle, your mom, sisters, and all Lionel's grandchildren. Life is but a journey.... one we are blessed enough to walk alongside those we love the most until they step into heaven.



Pat Guajaca Kuemmerle - December 26, 2018 at 09:58 PM

DV

“ Doris Vallejos lit a candle in memory of Lionel Franco



Doris Vallejos - December 26, 2018 at 09:48 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Lionel Franco.



December 26, 2018 at 09:33 PM

CC

“ Oh Danielle...I'm so sorry to hear about your dads passing. So many memories of him in our younger days and at the softball field with our girls. My prayers are with you, your mom, sisters and his grandchildren now and always. Love always, Camille Coronado

Camille Coronado - December 26, 2018 at 09:21 PM

LI

“ Danielle, our sincere condolences for your loss. We enjoyed speaking with your dad when he was in Denison. May you find comfort in the Lord. May God bless you all. Lester & Linda Flemming, Denison, TX.

Linda - December 26, 2018 at 08:59 PM