



Manuel C. Gallegos

September 23, 1937 - April 18, 2024

Dad completed his final pickup truck ride on Thursday, April 18, 2024, at age 86, passing peacefully while under hospice care in Roswell, NM, following geriatric injuries sustained in a fall four months ago. Please take a moment and share a kind thought or memory with Manuel's family at www.andersonbet hany.com.

Manuel Canuto Gallegos was born in Raton, NM on September 28, 1937, to Frances Garcia Gallegos and Natividad Edwardo Gallegos, the tenth of thirteen children. He attended local schools and served in the U.S. Army before starting a family in Albuquerque and raising them in Central California in the 1960s and '70s. He relocated to his native New Mexico, where he met the love of his life, Betty, and they settled into their longtime Roswell home. Dad spoke fondly of his childhood in the mountains of northern New Mexico, and his desire to return home one day. He often shared many happy stories of when he was in the wilderness fishing and hunting with his brothers. Manuel became a friend of Bill in 1977 and eventually retired from his work as an auto mechanic, devoting the rest of his life to helping others build better lives. During the years after he became friends with Bill he took and helped his family and friends to better their life growing closer with his family and loved ones. He was a very strong man, but his home was opened to his grandkids who he loved, and they loved him. He showed them how to be respectful and how to love family.

Manuel is survived by his wife Betty; two sisters and two brothers; all his adult

children, including Mark, George, John, Cindy, Kaylee, Kenny, and Nicholas; and dogs: Highway and Daisy.

Manuel is preceded by his parents and eight siblings.

The family of Manuel would like to thank Anderson Bethany Funeral Home and Crematory, Sunset Villa, and Enhabit Hospice, along with anyone else who may not have been mentioned, you are greatly appreciated.

Manuel's tribute was lovingly written by his family.

Tribute Wall

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“ *My Uncles legacy will go on in children grandchildren nephews and nieces he touched many lives with his kindness and left many life lessons with his knowledge our love to each family member in this time*



Bobby Bowen - May 10, 2024 at 11:19 PM

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“ *You were my rock for 26 years being together. We traveled together. I sure will miss you.*

Betty - May 10, 2024 at 04:41 PM

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Manuel you stole my heart a long time ago. I wish you would stayed here with me. I'm trying to be strong the way you taught me how to be strong and don't ask for help. I won't ask for any help because you all ways say god will help us out. You are my guardian angel always.

Betty - May 11, 2024 at 11:28 PM