



Mariano Jose Mares Jr.

March 12, 1942 - June 20, 2018

Mariano Jose Mares Jr., born March, 1942 in Fort Sumner, New Mexico, went to be with the Lord on June 20, 2018 at his home in Roswell, surrounded by his family and close friends. There will be a Viewing at Anderson Bethany Funeral Home on Thursday, June 28, 2018, 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM. Funeral services for Mariano, are planned for Friday, June 29, 2018, 3:00 pm at Christ's Church, 2200 N. Sycamore Avenue, Roswell, New Mexico, with a graveside immediately to follow in Fort Sumner, New Mexico. Celebrate Mariano's life by visiting www.andersonbethany.com to offer a memory or expression of sympathy for his family.

Mariano was born to Florence Corine Casaus and Mariano Mares. Mariano was the sixth child born of eight. His mother and father both pre-deceased him, along with his brother Ezekiel, his sisters, Clara, Perla, Floripa and Mary Viola.

Mariano, affectionately known as "Red" or "Uncle Junior", was married to his loving wife, Angie for fifty-three years. They were blessed to have adopted and loved their only child, Patricia. Mariano is survived by his loving family, Angie, Tricia and Dirk and his only grandchildren, Chaundra, July and Tara. Mariano is also survived by his two sisters, Vivian and Elizabeth and their families, along with Angie's family and hundreds of cousins, nieces and nephews..... he had a big family. Mariano's favorite companion in his last few months was his sweet poodle puppy, Buddy.

Mariano graduated from Fort Sumner High School in 1960. After high school, he did some carpentry work with his dad and some of the buildings he helped build still stand today.

Mariano's true work career started with the New Mexico State Highway Department. A few years after starting with the Highway Department, he moved to Albuquerque to work in the uranium mines. Working in these mines for fourteen years lead to so many illnesses for Mariano. He struggled most of his life with several health issues. But, he was a strong man and always worked hard to provide for his family. In 1981, the uranium mines shut down and he was able to return to the New Mexico State Highway Department in Roswell. Even through illness, he was a strong and super smart man and even without a full college education, he got very far and was sought after by many companies for his auditing and math skills. After retiring from the Highway Department in 2005, he went on to work for Bohannon Houston for several years until his health failed him and forced him into retirement. Mariano met and made numerous lifetime friends in the highway department.

Mariano could tinker and fix ANYTHING. He could do woodwork, electrical work, plumbing and not only was he a jack of all trades, he was a master of most. He loved to cook and was famous for his big breakfasts. Mariano always had a laugh and smile, he was quite the jokester, everyday with everyone...

As a boy, he loved to play cars in the dirt with his siblings, and that must have fueled his thoughts that every boy needed a truck. He was very loving but always teased his siblings, as a past time.

In his younger years he loved to camp and fish.... he taught Tricia at a young age the love of both too. He spent many a summers at Ft. Sumner Lake and

Elephant Butte Lake camping with his family. He also spent time in the Jemez mountains with his family.

Mariano was always a forgiving person. He was also a servant of Christ. He could read the scriptures and memorized them easily. He gave his life to Christ and was saved in 1975. He was water baptized in the Rio Grande River with his wife and daughter, the same year.

Pallbearers will be Jerome Sena, Chris Sena, Geno Sena, Richard Gonzales, Christopher Chavez, Larry Roybal, Dickie Roybal and BJ Dunn.

Special thanks to our Christ's Church family, special caregivers, Walinda and Maylon, Araceli, Deyanria, Lupita, Yolanda, Yareli and Claudia who cared for him like their own and his granddaughter Chaundra, special thanks to his nurse, Renee, Hospice and Encompass.

Mariano's tribute was lovingly written in his honor by his family.

Tribute Wall



“ *Mariano Jose Mares Jr.*

December 29, 2022 at 05:26 PM



“ *To Angie and her family we offer our sincere condolences and heartfelt sympathy for their loss. I remember Red and Angie when they ran the Rio Pecos service station in Encino. They were hard-working, kind and generous with the people from Encino and wherever they lived and settled. It is certain that he walks in Gods garden eternally. God's blessings to the entire Marez family.*

Herman Garcia - July 15, 2018 at 08:57 PM



“ *I am so sorry for the loss of your Husband, Father & Grandfather. He was a good man & well liked by all.*

Donna Croney - July 02, 2018 at 05:50 PM



“ *Sorry for your loss, I graduated in 1960, same class as Mariano. Although he had health problems and couldn't attend the 50th anniversary reunion of our graduation we kept him informed on what his classmates were involved in. May the Lord provide strength to family and friends during this difficult time!*

Dale Burge - July 02, 2018 at 12:49 PM

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“ On behalf of the members of our Facebook Group Page “Remembering Fort Sumner” we offer our sincere condolences to the friends and family of our friend and classmate Mariano Mares!! May the Lord provide strength to family and friends during this difficult time!!

“Remembering Fort Sumner” - June 30, 2018 at 04:07 PM

RS

“ We send our condolences to you and your family. May God Bless you all. Love Steve and Rosa Salas



Rosalie Salas - June 28, 2018 at 04:33 PM

GD

“ I met Mr Mares when he came in to purchase insurance from me, it was just a short matter of time that he went from client to friend. We really enjoyed visiting with him. He always brought smiles to our faces and shared interesting conversation. He will be missed. Gina Dwyer

Gina Dwyer - June 26, 2018 at 04:16 PM

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Thank you Gina for sharing!

tricia - June 28, 2018 at 09:30 AM