



## Mario Othni Cornejo

March 19, 1954 - February 11, 2019

Mario Othni Cornejo (Ot), 63, passed away on Monday, February 11, 2019, at his home. He was the beloved husband of Valerie Cornejo. They shared twenty-four wonderful and blessed years together. Ot was a loving son, husband, father, grandfather, and friend to all.

On March 19, 1954, Mario was born in Guatemala, Guatemala to Mario Vierra Cornejo and Blanca Caballeros. He graduated from Goddard High School in 1972. Ot earned his Associates Degree from ENMU-Roswell and worked for Xcel Energy for thirty-three years as a Journeyman Lineman. He was a God-fearing, hardworking man. Ot was not only the kindest man, but he was also a very generous man with a wonderful sense of humor. He enjoyed playing golf and spending time with his wife, children, family, and friends. Ot will be remembered for his contagious laughter, beautiful smile, and kind and loving heart.

Survivors: Ot is survived by his wife, Valerie; son, Eli Cornejo of San Diego, CA; daughter, Mariah Cornejo; grandson, Bruno Othni Cornejo of Roswell, NM; mother, Blanca Hernandez of Roswell, NM, parents-in-law, Manuel and Elia Franco; sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law, Barbara and Jay Gluck, Teresa and Perry Payton of CA.; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Manuel and Dawn Franco; Carlos Franco and Erica Shangraw; and sister and brother-in-law, Nancy Vierra Sanchez and Tom Sanchez, all of Roswell, NM; ten nieces and

nephews; and five great-nieces and nephews.

Preceded: Ot's stepfather, John Hernandez preceded him in death.

Services: A Memorial Service will be held on Friday, February 15, 2019, at 2:00 PM at Anderson Bethany Funeral Home, 2609 S. Main Street, Roswell, NM.

Memorials: In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made in Ot's honor to the Alzheimer's Association.

"What the mind doesn't remember, the heart never forgets." 

Please take a moment and share a fond memory or kind expression of sympathy for Ot's family at [www.andersonbethany.com](http://www.andersonbethany.com).

Ot's tribute was written in his memory by his family.

# Previous Events

## Service

FEB **15**. 2:00 PM (MT)

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



“ *Mario Othni Cornejo*

December 29, 2022 at 05:26 PM



“ *He was a good man and strong believer in Jesus Christ! I remember talking to him at work about our faith. My sincere condolences to Valarie and family. The angels in heaven rejoice.*  
*Ron Lynch*

**Ron Lynch** - February 16, 2019 at 10:59 AM



“ *Im so sorry for your loss and yet life of Othni. Hes one of the nost down to earth people ive ever met and Ive always felt the comfort of being with family amongst all of you. I love you guys and youre in my prayers*

**Suzanne Vigil-Sosa** - February 16, 2019 at 10:59 AM



“ *Valerie & Family*  
*It so saddened us to read about your husband's passing.*

*May God's Blessings and the memories you have of Othni support you forever.*

*Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*  
*The Duran Family*

**Corinne Duran** - February 15, 2019 at 04:41 PM



MV

“ Sincere condolences to Othni's family.

*Michael Vaida*

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**Michael Vaida** - February 15, 2019 at 04:11 PM

EV

“ The memory of my second cousin Othni that will always stay with me is of a lively and intelligent three-year old. I never saw him since but in later years I kept up with news of him and his family through his mother. I am very saddened by his passing but will always cherish the memory I have of him.

*My God be with the family.*

*Ester Vaida*

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**Ester Vaida** - February 15, 2019 at 04:09 PM

RS

“ Robin Smith sent a virtual gift in memory of Mario Othni Cornejo



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**Robin Smith** - February 15, 2019 at 09:06 AM

RS

*I will always remember my friend and all the days on golf course with him...*

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**Robin Smith** - February 15, 2019 at 09:07 AM

AL

“ Audra L. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Mario Othni Cornejo.



Audra L. - February 14, 2019 at 03:00 PM

AL

“ No other smile could light up a room like Ot's!!! He was a great man. Our SPS group was like family and I wouldn't be the person I am today without all these great guys I had around me growing up! I miss the days of camping with our crew.



You will be greatly missed Othni! Say hello to my baby for me! Till we meet again....

Love Audra Leighton (Whitehead)

Audra Leighton - February 14, 2019 at 02:55 PM



“ "Memories" Keepsake Memory Box was purchased for the family of Mario Othni Cornejo.



February 14, 2019 at 01:26 PM

RU

“ Rudy purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mario Othni Cornejo.



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**Rudy** - February 14, 2019 at 11:50 AM

LC

“ We were friends for many years. There are no better people on this earth than those like Othni. Gone way to young.

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**Lloyd Chaves** - February 14, 2019 at 11:09 AM

CS

“ Othni was my brother’s BFF in High School and I had the privilege of meeting him through my brother. They were the bomb at the Mall dances, invented Milo Koolaide, and probably did a few things we do not know about , that is how best friends roll. Othni was so much fun and so handsome always. Valerie was THE one for him. I have also been blessed to meet the love of Othni’s life and he would look at Valerie with such love in those smiling eyes. I will always remember you, Othni. I am so proud to say I knew you as a very young man and later met up again, as a old married guy. I celebrate your life with sadness as I write, but also with celebration that you are restored in the Lord. Valerie, I pray God be with you and your loving family, supporting each one with strength and the good memories that Othni gave you. Blessings to each family member.  
Cleta (Stone) Sharp

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**Cleta (Stone) Sharp** - February 14, 2019 at 11:09 AM

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“ As my brother stated he and Othni were best friends in high school. That’s how I meet Ot,  
He was a funny guy full on life and a darn good dancer. Lots of young years spent with this man.  
I got the privilege of meeting Val after we all put a few years between us. What a wonderful woman God put in his life.  
What this life on earth took from you in health Othni. God has now given back to you. We will miss you but rejoice with you in your now heavenly home.

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**Rita Fisher ( Stone )** - February 13, 2019 at 11:10 PM

PK

“ To the family of Ot Carnejo.... Valerie and family. My prayers of comfort surround you.

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**Pat Guajaca Kummerle** - February 13, 2019 at 10:50 PM

JS

“ Othni and I were best friends in high school . If you seen one of us you seen both, we always had a great time. I will miss him. I pray for comfort for the family and I know Othni will take his place in heaven with our Lord.

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**JE Stone** - February 13, 2019 at 09:18 PM

FK

“ Ot was by far the kindest, sweetest man we have had the privilege of sharing time with! Our fondest memories are shared time on the back porch, golfing together in Roswell, Cloudcroft and Buffalo Thunder. He was the very best at our Oklahoma Washer games and loved whipping our butts every chance he got!! If any of us needed help, Ot was always the first person to step up. We will miss his great laugh, his “dance moves” and his friendship. Rest In Peace Ot. You are now standing beside the God you loved so much❤️

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**Fran and John Kelt** - February 13, 2019 at 08:45 PM