



Miguel Morales

July 20, 1949 - January 6, 2017

Miguel Salas Morales, 67, of Roswell, New Mexico, passed away on January 6, 2017. Miguel was born on July 20, 1949, in Hagerman, to Alvaro and Arcilia Morales. A viewing will be held at 8:00 AM, on Wednesday, January 11, 2017, at Anderson Bethany Funeral Home Chapel, with a Rosary to follow at 1:00 PM. Celebration of Life for Miguel will be held Friday, January 13, 2017, 10:00 AM, at St. Peters Catholic Church. Funeral Services will follow at General McBride Veteran Cemetery. A reception will follow the service at the American Legion, 1620 N. Montana.

Miguel was a Retired Staff Sergeant Army Veteran and was very proud to have served his country. He was known to many in his unit as "Machinegun Mike." He shared many stories of his 20 plus years in the Military, always talking about the comradery that he and his fellow soldiers shared. Miguel was a Vietnam Veteran and was a Tunnel Rat during his time served. He was very proud to be a part of the "BIG RED 1."

Miguel S. Morales was a very Decorated Soldier. He will be missed. Salute Hooah.

Harley Davidson was a way of life for Miguel. Every road trip was an exciting one. If you ever had the chance to ride alongside with Miguel, it was all out on the highway. Keeping up with him was a challenge at times. Miguel was a member of the "PACK RC" known as "Jeffe" Ghost rider, the name given to him by his oldest son, whom also rode alongside him. RPFRRP.

Miguel was a wonderful grandfather and enjoyed all his grandchildren's

activities. He was not just a great dad to his own children, but a wonderful dad to anyone that needed him. Miguel always had a smile on his face.

Those left to cherish him are his sons: Michael Morales and wife, Erika, Marcos Morales, Fabian Morales and wife, Jamie, Matthew Morales, James Morales and daughters, Melissa Morales and Erica Chavez. Other children are: Johnny Sanchez and wife, Ramona, Tomas Sanchez and Edward Sanchez; brothers: Mario Morales and wife, Lucelda, and Gilbert "Beto" Morales. Miguel also had numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren. Miguel is preceded in death by his father, Alvaro Morales and sister, Jane Morales.

Obituary was lovingly written by Miguel's family.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 11. 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM (MT)

Anderson-Bethany Funeral Home and Crematory
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Tribute Wall



“ *Miguel Morales*

December 29, 2022 at 05:26 PM



“ *Mike was a wonderful and caring man. I would always talk to him every day when he would bring his grandson Fabian to my class. He loved his grandkids because he would always come in talking about them. His last day before his passing he came and volunteered in my class on that Thursday my kids were always so happy to see Mike and so I was I. He spent the whole day with us and I was so very grateful to him. He even came in on Veterans Day to talk to my kids about what Veteran's Day was. He loved what he did for our country and we are so grateful for his service. Thank-you so much for sharing your dad with us and for Fabian. I am so truly sorry for your loss. Melissa Bezouche. I LOVE YOU Fabian.*



Melissa BEZOUCHE - January 14, 2017 at 06:58 PM

OP

“ Every time we crossed paths Mike n I had to stop n talk about good n sad times, but it was always time for sharing about times growing up in Dexter/Hagerman area and the times we spent in Nam. Growing up in Dexter I got to know Mike because Hagerman is only 6 miles from Dexter so we would go there and they would come to Dexter for different events. Many times guys from Hagerman and Dexter could not get along but I can honestly say that I got along with Mike. He was always easy going and good to talk to. He was like the peace maker for Hagerman along with Roger Salas.



We both served our country and went to fight a war in Vietnam. For two small communities in Hagerman and Dexter their was a large contingent of us that were either drafted or volunteered to serve our country. Many Chicanos from both communities comprised the majority of the ones who fought in Nam. Some did not make it back and the ones that made it back were injured physically or mentally. Mike was one of those who served his country proudly! Every once in awhile I would see him at the VA hospital and we would talk about our health and our families. He would often speak of his grandkids and kids and how proud he was of them. For Mike it was always about someone else. I was glad he finally got his 100% Vet Disability because he worked so hard to get it. He was a good example for many Vets out there that should never give up on pursuing your rights to Veterans Disability. I salute you brother and may you rest in peace. You will be missed!

Orlando Padilla
Vietnam Vet

Orlando Padilla - January 12, 2017 at 04:19 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Miguel Morales.*



January 12, 2017 at 10:32 AM



“ *I was saddened to hear about Mike. He seemed so happy and in great spirits a couple of months ago when I talked to him. A couple of summers ago we talked about the good old days and Viet Nam. He was a great person, father, provider. They don't make very many men like that anymore. Hopefully all or some of that rubbed off on his family. Now all you are left with is memories. Always remember the good ones with him. God Bless your family in this time of grief and that you will heal real soon. Go get them Mike!!*

Espinoza family.

gloria/frank espinoza - January 11, 2017 at 05:58 PM



“ *I met Mike several years ago when I worked at OFCU. Then when I went to work at Pioneer Bank I continued a friendship with him. He was always so kind and always was upbeat and had a smile on his face! The last time I saw Mike was a few days before Christmas! I had customers in my office but Mike made a point to peak his head in my office and wish me a "Merry Christmas"! Mike will be greatly missed!!! Wish there were more people like him!!*

Tammy Beaver - January 10, 2017 at 08:22 PM

RA

“ To Mike's Family,
Mike was a good resend of mine for many years. It's sad to hear of his loss. We should have more people like Mike and I know it would be a better world.
To his family believe he is happy and looking down on you.
Ray Apodaca (SFC,Ret.)

Ray Apodaca - January 10, 2017 at 03:03 PM

BW

“ Our hearts go out to all of you and our prayers Mike was a good neighbor



Barbara and Dale White - January 10, 2017 at 01:29 PM

TO

We will miss him soooooo much. thank you, Barbara

Toni - January 10, 2017 at 05:08 PM

ME

“ So many wonderful thoughts about you Tio...you and Tia always welcomed us into your home...in good times and bad you always had such a peaceful, kind presence. You always asked how we were and were so considerate. I will always be grateful and thankful. Miles separate us and have for years but my heart is filled with so many memories and distance can never take away from the sincere blessings we wish upon you and the family.



Melissa - January 10, 2017 at 11:36 AM

TO

Thank you mijita

Toni - January 10, 2017 at 05:17 PM

ET

“ *Ericka Torrez lit a candle in memory of Miguel Morales*



Ericka Torrez - January 10, 2017 at 10:19 AM

ET

My thoughts and prayers go out to the Morales family, Mike was my neighbor when we both lived on Hendricks, I had seen him at the DMV last summer and he told me all about his grandchildren he was so proud of them. RIP Mike

Ericka Torrez - January 10, 2017 at 10:23 AM

PF

“ *Our love and prayers to Mike's Family.*

"Jefe"

We all will miss the love, the jokes, and the trying to keep up with you on a ride. Never a dull moment when you were around, and we feel a little lost right now without you with us. The love and respect this club has for you will always be with us. We will think of you often with a smile. Ride on our brother, our Friend. We will forever miss you.

With all our love,

*Pack
RPFRRP*

Pack Family - January 10, 2017 at 09:37 AM

RM

“ I served with Mike in the NM National Guard A Battery from 1972-78.. I will always remember him as a humble unassuming friendly guy that was proud to have served his country in Vietnam. My Sincere Condolences to his family.

Robert Mendoza - January 10, 2017 at 08:30 AM

JR

“ Always been a great uncle i will miss you uncle mike lots of memories riding and just being young and staying over at your house RIP shared lots of stories and always tried to guid us down the right path

jason romero - January 09, 2017 at 07:49 PM