



## Ralph Anthony Flores

November 19, 1959 - September 1, 2023

It is with profound sadness that we announce the untimely passing of Ralph Anthony Flores. Ralph died unexpectedly on September 1, 2023, at age 63. Please leave a kind thought or memory with Ralph's family at [www.andersonbethany.com](http://www.andersonbethany.com).

Ralph was born on November 19, 1959, in Roswell, New Mexico to Julio Ramirez Flores and Velia Salas Flores and was a lifelong resident. Ralph graduated from Goddard High School in 1976 at the age of 16 and was a proud member of the Goddard JV and Varsity baseball teams. Ralph married Vivian Salas at St. John's Catholic Church on October 9, 1976. He was owner and operator of Pecos Valley Door and Trim for the past 35 years. In more recent years he was transitioning from a full-time work schedule to spend more time with his family, especially his beloved grandchildren who were a source of great pride and enjoyment to him. Along with his wife, Vivian, he spent many hours transporting to and attending sporting events all over the state, dance recitals and birthday parties as a show of love and support for his children and grandchildren. Ralph rarely let a day pass without speaking to his grandchildren. He often said they gave him magic or healed him when he wasn't feeling good. He loved greeting his granddaughters by saying "good morning beautiful" no matter if it was 8:00 AM or 8:00 PM because seeing or speaking to them was like seeing a new beautiful day. He had a unique relationship with every one of his grandchildren, making each feel like the

favorite and had special nicknames for them all.

Ralph was a man of deep faith and a devout member of St. John's Catholic Church. He devoted much of his spare time in volunteer service, including construction projects at St. John's Church, working alongside his brother-in-law, Michael Puckett, at Habitat for Humanity, assisting in the St. John's food booth at the Eastern New Mexico State Fair, as a longtime coach for Eastside Little League, and following in the footsteps of his own father, graciously doing volunteer work at the Poor Claire Monastery.

Ralph was an avid outdoorsman his whole life. He traversed the state of New Mexico from Ruidoso to Red River, from Cloudcroft to Chama, from the Pecos Wilderness to Quemado Lake on hunting, fishing, and camping excursions with friends and family and was considered an expert in all of these areas. Ralph passed on the tradition to his children and grandchildren, with the expectation that they would appreciate and respect the splendor of New Mexico's natural resources. Ralph always looked forward to his annual Labor Day camping trip with his wife, a tradition they started more than 20 years ago. They would return home with stories of who caught the most or largest fish, with photos to support bragging rights. Ralph enjoyed his daily walks with his dog, Negra Modelo, otherwise known as "Mo." During these walks he would pray the rosary, catch up with quick phone calls or listen to music. Ralph was a lover of music and dancing. He would often send videos and songs to family members, songs he loved or that triggered a special memory. With or without a dance floor, Ralph loved to dance. He often challenged his younger nephews to dance offs and took great pride in getting others on the dance floor.

Ralph was a friend to many in Roswell and throughout the state. His friendships were cemented with a sincere and enduring quality, and he was always the first to extend a helping hand to friends and strangers alike. He

was loved and respected by a vast network of nephews and nieces, cousins, in-laws, co workers, employers and business associates. Ralph's greatest source of happiness were his grandchildren, Ty Jordan, Julia Flores, Isabella Hernandez, Audrianna Flores, Julio Flores, Sophia "Squishy" Amador, Jaden Amador, Mia Beltran and Briella Beltran, all of whom will miss him deeply. His devotion to family was above reproach and nothing was impossible when it came to his family.

Ralph was preceded in death by his parents Julio and Velia Flores, his beloved brother Raymond Flores, and his infant brother Enrique Flores, his mother-in-law, Aurora Salas, and his brother-in-law, Israel Salas, and his baby niece, Genesis.

He is survived by his wife of 47 years, Vivian Flores, his children, Aleace Flores- Amador (Jose), Miguel Flores (Heather)and Adrean Flores-Beltran (Carlos), his father-in-law, Ramon Salas (Rita) siblings, Ricardo Flores (Elida), Angie Nunez (John), Veronica Puckett (Mike) and Rebecca Flores. He is also survived by his sisters-in-law, Carmen, Merlin, Bernice and Dolores (Israel) Salas, and brothers-in-law, Christopher, Floyd (Luis) and Carlos Salas. Ralph's loyalty to family and friends was beyond measure. He set an example of love and acceptance that will live in our hearts forever and will be rekindled every time we remember his radiant smile, his exuberant spirit or his kind words.

Those chosen as his casket bearers are Ray Baca, Jamie Brady, Carlos Salas, Sam Acosta, Albert Garcia, and Danny Herrera. Honorary Pall bearers are Sam Salas, Ernie Ortega, Andy Ortega, Felix Padilla, Mariano Flores, Richard Greg Flores, Paul Nunez and Darrell Stacy.

A viewing will be held on Friday, September 8, 2023, at St. John's Catholic

Church from 8:00-9:30 AM, followed by a recitation of the holy rosary from 9:30-10:00 AM, funeral Mass from 10:00-11:00 AM and procession to South Park Cemetery.

A reception will be held following the burial at The America Legion Hall located at 1620 N. Montana.

Ralph's obituary was lovingly written by his family.

# Cemetery Details

## South Park Cemetery

3101 South Main St  
Roswell, NM 88203

# Tribute Wall

GH

“ My condolences to the Flores family on the loss of your beloved Husband, father, and grandfather. I didn't know the Flores family well, my daughter, Amy, played softball with Adrien and she kept getting our cars mixed up at the end of her games and jumping into theirs instead of mine. He would laugh and tell me "I guess that is what they mean by being a "Blonde"! He had the best smile and he was always so proud of his family! Please know I have you all in my thoughts and prayers as you go through this difficult time.



Georgianna Hunt - October 03, 2023 at 12:20 PM

CF

“ Clara Fuentes lit a candle in memory of Ralph Flores



Clara Fuentes - September 24, 2023 at 11:53 AM

ME

“ Ralph lived on east first. I was next to the youngest of the Alexander's. He always had an open door to all of us. Vivian he was a wonderful man. I hope he tells my Mom and dad hello and give them a hug for me. Melissa Bezouche (Missy Alexander)

Melissa - September 10, 2023 at 07:21 PM

RF

Thank you Missy. We all remember you and your family.

Ricardo Flores - September 15, 2023 at 04:03 PM

EQ

“ *Ralph was an amazing person. Truly someone to look up to. His talents were many. He had a good heart and was a good family man. My heart goes out to you Vivian, Aleace and all his family. Be strong and continue to live by his good example. God give you comfort and strength.*

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**Emma Q** - September 10, 2023 at 05:46 PM

RF

*Thank you Emma for your kind words.*

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**Ricardo Flores** - September 15, 2023 at 04:04 PM

 Sam  
Trujillo

“ *My deepest condolences to Vivian and the family. I am lost for words to describe how everyone will miss Ralph. Ralph was more than just a friend but an irreplaceable part of everyone's life. Ralph's unexpected departure has left a void that can never be filled. The memories he has left will be imprinted in everyone's heart forever. It seemed just like yesterday when he told me that he was going to be a father. The light in his eyes and smile on his face spoke words that will always be imprinted in my mind. To his kind heart of talking to me when I was a child will always bring a smile to my face. Some of the stories he told me will always be remembered, and I have told them to my family. From the days of laying in his bed and hearing him talk to me. To including some of the stories he told me what his mother would do when he came home from drinking the night before. The laughter and joy everyone shared with Ralph will certainly be missed. Ralph had a unique way of lighting up a room and bringing happiness to those around him. His kindness, compassion, and infectious enthusiasm were truly remarkable. His absence is felt deeply by everyone who knew you.*

*We will miss you, old friend!!*

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**Sam Trujillo** - September 08, 2023 at 11:55 AM

CB

*I have the honor of cutting his hair when I was in Roswell and we hung out at Chili's. Always an amazing laugh. Hugs and good down home advice. They don't make them like him anymore. He will be so missed*

**Cynthia Beesley** - September 08, 2023 at 03:25 PM

RF

*Thank you Sam. I know how close Ralph was to the entire Trujillo family since we moved to east First in 1964. He always spoke highly of you and your entire family.*

**Ricardo Flores** - September 15, 2023 at 04:08 PM



“ *Rose Remembrance was purchased for the family of Ralph Anthony Flores.*



September 08, 2023 at 11:10 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Ralph Anthony Flores.

September 08, 2023 at 11:10 AM



“ *My wife and I only knew Ralph casually, He did the door work on our new home. Ralph was always pleasant, professional and accessible if a issue arose. Got the chance to talk with him at Chili's from time to time, very nice man, he will be missed.*

**Matt N Larsen** - September 08, 2023 at 08:32 AM

RF

*Thank you Matt. Ralph was completely dedicated to serving his customers.*

**Ricardo Flores** - September 15, 2023 at 04:10 PM

AY

*“ My deepest condolences to Vivian and the entire family. Everybody is right about Ralph's amazing smile and his exuberance presence. No matter where he was at and no matter what he was doing, Ralph would always give me a big hug and ask how my family and my mom were doing. Going to be greatly missed.*

*Andrea*

**Andrea Ybarra** - September 07, 2023 at 05:52 PM

RF

*Thank you Andrea for your kind words.*

**Ricardo Flores** - September 15, 2023 at 04:02 PM



*“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ralph Anthony Flores.*



September 07, 2023 at 05:14 PM

CD

*“ Dear Ralph's Family,  
Our Thoughts and Prayers are with you all  
and Ralph..  
(Crew from Fat's Burritos)*



**Corinne Duran** - September 07, 2023 at 03:49 PM

RF

*Thank you for your thoughtfulness.*

**Ricardo Flores** - September 15, 2023 at 04:01 PM

MF

“ *Vivian and family, I am so sorry for your loss, Ralph was a good man and he will be missed by many. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.*



**Michelle Romero and family** - September 07, 2023 at 03:05 PM

RF

*Thank you Michelle.*

**Ricardo Flores** - September 15, 2023 at 04:00 PM



“ *A grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Ralph Anthony Flores.*

September 07, 2023 at 08:49 AM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Ralph Anthony Flores.*



September 07, 2023 at 07:45 AM

BJ

“ *Ralph was a good man with a kind heart and an infectious smile. The world was so much brighter with you in it. I will miss you Ralphie. My sincere condolences to you Vivian and the whole family. My prayers are with you all!*

Becky Jones - September 06, 2023 at 11:05 PM

RF

*Thank you Becky. Your kindness is so appreciated.*

Ricardo Flores - September 15, 2023 at 04:00 PM

SG

“ *To Aleace and the Flores family !!!!! So sorry about your loved one May he rest in peace ... Prayers to the Family he will be missed...*

*Gustavo, Sylvia and Family*



Sylvia Garcia - September 06, 2023 at 10:41 PM

RF

*Thank you Sylvia for your thoughtfulness.*

Ricardo Flores - September 21, 2023 at 04:52 PM

JB

“ *What a kind and happy man! He always had a smile. He loved his family and his friends. Ralph will be missed by many.*

jamie boling - September 06, 2023 at 09:49 PM

RF

*Thank you Jamie for your tribute to my brother.*

Ricardo Flores - September 15, 2023 at 03:58 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Ralph Anthony Flores.*



September 06, 2023 at 07:34 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Ralph Anthony Flores.

September 06, 2023 at 07:34 PM



“ *What can you say about a man who gave all he could to his community. Was just talking about how great the fields were at east side and the long drinking I mean working hours that was spent on them. Going be missed by all*

**Paul Peyton** - September 06, 2023 at 07:18 PM



*Thank your Paul for your remembrance.*

**Ricardo Flores** - September 21, 2023 at 04:53 PM



“ *Ralph was a very special cousin we called each other cousin dog from whey back to the Flores an all others may u rest in peace God has a new angel may he dance with the angels in heaven rest in peace cousin dog*

**Maria cousin dog martinez** - September 06, 2023 at 05:24 PM

RF

*Thank you Maria for being so kind and thoughtful.*

**Ricardo Flores** - September 21, 2023 at 04:54 PM

MM

“ *Maria dog martinez lit a candle in memory of Ralph Flores*



**Maria cousin dog martinez** - September 06, 2023 at 05:17 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ralph Anthony Flores.*



September 06, 2023 at 01:55 PM

RR

“ *My most sincere condolences Vivian, and to all of your children. I didn't know Ralph personally, but I'm sure he was a great human being. I knew him as your husband and thought of you both as an admirable couple. I know he was a devoted catholic, because it was rare that I wouldn't see him in church at St John's. I hope your faith and the faith he had in GOD will alleviate the pain your family is going through, may he RIP.*

**Regina Ramirez** - September 06, 2023 at 01:48 PM

DG

*Vivian, I'm so sorry for the loss of Ralf. He was an extremely good man. My deepest condolences to you and your family. May he rest in peace 🙏*

**Dorothy Garcia** - September 06, 2023 at 07:47 PM

EG

*“ Ralph was a wonderful person and will be miss by that knew him. Ralph was my sister's brother in law so I have known him for a long time. He was always a caring and compassionate person. Always ready to help anyone who needed help. Rest in peace. Eloyda Gomez*

**Eloyda Gomez** - September 06, 2023 at 01:27 PM

RF

*Thank you for your kindness.*

**Ricardo Flores** - September 21, 2023 at 04:56 PM

SA

*“ Sandra Aguirre sent a virtual gift in memory of Ralph Flores*



**Sandra Fitz Aguirre** - September 06, 2023 at 12:47 PM

RF

*Thank you Sandra.*

**Ricardo Flores** - September 21, 2023 at 04:55 PM

CE

“ My sincere condolences to Vivian and the family. RIP and may the perpetual light shine upon Ralph. 🙏



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**CeciliaChavez** - September 06, 2023 at 12:16 PM

RF

*Thank you Cecelia for your kind words.*

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**Ricardo Flores** - September 11, 2023 at 03:59 PM

MG

“ My deepest condolences to all the Flores family. The last time I saw Ralph, what I remember is how proud he was of his pride and joy, Aleace ,he was taking pictures of her like she was a rock star! He is so proud you Aleace. He will be missed every day.

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**Monica Garcia** - September 06, 2023 at 11:57 AM

RF

*Thank you Monica for the kind words.*

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**Ricardo Flores** - September 11, 2023 at 04:00 PM