



Ramon A. Montoya

April 14, 1956 - May 4, 2019

Ramon Montoya, also known as “Papaw, Dad, Uncle and Hubby”...left to join his heavenly home at the age of 63. At the time of his passing, he was at home with immediate and extended family by his side.

SERVICES: The Viewing/Wake will be at Anderson Bethany Funeral Home, 2609 South Main St., Roswell, New Mexico, on Saturday, May 11, 2019, and Sunday, May 12, 2019, from 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM. A Funeral Service will be held at Anderson Bethany Funeral Home on Monday, May 13, 2019, at 10:00 AM, followed by the burial at South Park Cemetery.

Ramon was born April 14, 1956, in Roswell, New Mexico, to Abaristo Montoya and Eva Marquez. He had two sisters, Cecelia and Rebecca Montoya, and one brother, George Dodd/Wells. Ramon moved to Long Beach, California, his high school year and graduated from Polytechnic High School in June of 1974. After graduation, Ramon joined the Navy where he proudly served his country for ten years.

On June of 1982, Ramon met the love of his life, “the woman that he always dreamed of,” Sheilah “Katie” McKeegan, and they were married on September 4th, 1982. After an honorable discharge from the Navy, he worked for several TV stations in Roswell and later went to Eastern New Mexico University-Roswell, where he graduated with an Associate’s Degree in nursing in 1995.

Ramon worked mainly in critical care for over twenty years.

Ramon loved music, dancing, singing, going to the movies, playing the guitar and collecting comics...but most of all enjoyed spending time with his family and doing karaoke with his kids. Prior to his passing, he told his family, "I've lived a good life, I got to see the world, I've done things others only dream of doing and will never have the chance to do. I have three beautiful kids, I have three grandsons and a brand-new granddaughter, and nothing could make me any happier."

He was a beloved husband, father, grandfather, and uncle, who will be truly missed by all. Ramon also had a stepdaughter and stepson as well as one step-granddaughter and three step-grandsons.

SURVIVORS: Ramon is survived by his wife and love of his life, Sheilah "Katie" Montoya; daughter, Katrina Mata (Marky); son, Emilio Montoya (Veronica); son/grandson, Alex Montoya of Lubbock, Texas; stepdaughter, Carla Alexander (Guy); stepson, Michael Rider (Sarah) of Westerville, Ohio; grandsons: Noah Kal-el and Hayden Montoya; precious granddaughter, Marion of Lubbock, Texas; step-grandsons: Christopher, Landon, and Tristin; step-granddaughter, Katlyn of Westerville Ohio; sisters: Cecelia Vela of Lubbock, Texas, Becky Carrillo (Ermando) of Roswell, New Mexico; as well as many nieces, nephews, and in-laws.

PRECEDED: Preceding Ramon in death: his daughter, Rebecca "Becky" Montoya; nephews: Daniel Rivera, Jason McKeegan; mother, Eva Vega; father, Abaristo Montoya; brother, George Dodd/Wells; brother-in-law, Charlie VanMeter; mother-in-law, Mary VanMeter; and father-in-law, Charles VanMeter.

Ramon's tribute was written in his honor by his family.

Tribute Wall



“ *Ramon A. Montoya*

December 29, 2022 at 05:26 PM



“ *I remember Ramon from my years on the Talbot. He always had a smile and made many friends and made the time aboard easier for us all. Fair winds and following seas.*

*Ed Klug
Dubuque, Iowa*

Edward - August 10, 2019 at 11:50 AM



“ *Fair winds and following seas... my Shipmate from the USS Talbot FFG-4*

*'ET' Pete Gong
San Antonio Texas*

Peter Gong - August 10, 2019 at 09:49 AM



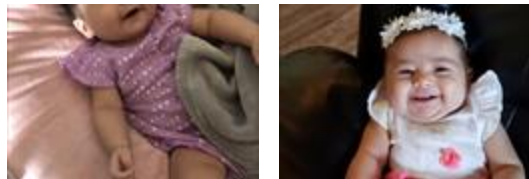
“ *Dad! Oh man! What can i say.... i miss u more than life idk how im gonna do it without u! Now i really do gotta learn to walk without u! I hate it but im glad ur no longer in pain! I love u dad!*



Katrina Montoya - May 16, 2019 at 03:14 AM

SM

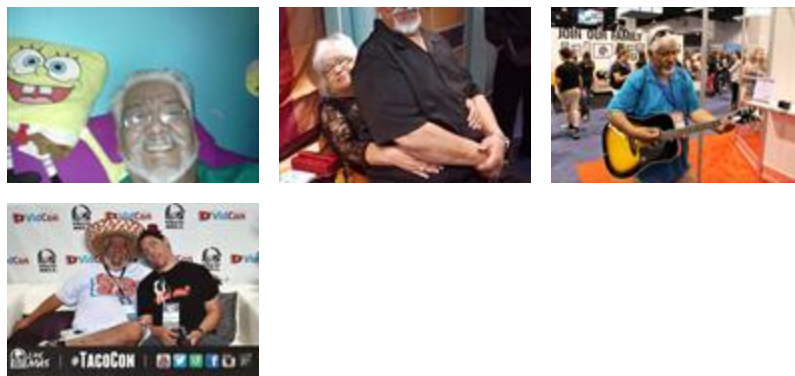
“ *Papaw I was your first granddaughter and you loved me so much and were so proud of me. I love you papaw. I know your my guardian angel.* ”



sheilah montoya - May 11, 2019 at 12:57 AM

SM

“ *I will always remember the day I met you and how romantic you were. I miss you more than you will ever know hon.* ”



sheilah montoya - May 11, 2019 at 12:47 AM

HC

“ *Raymond Montoya was an amazing man and awesome friend and just a big bear. Hes gonna Missed by so many and heaven just earned another angel so go be with Becky Raman and wait for us until we get there* ”

Heather Crenshaw - May 10, 2019 at 06:58 PM

MR

“ *Ramon was awesome friend of our family for almost 30 years. He was like a father to our children. We will have so many wonderful memories of Ramon. He will be greatly missed by our family and we will always love Ramon. Rick & Mindy Rupe*

Mindy Rupe - May 10, 2019 at 04:24 PM

JM

“ *I got to know Ramon a lot more in my younger 20s. He had training out in Phoenix where came and stayed with me for a few. He was always smiling and happy. Remind me of the rest of the Montoya/Tejon blood line. You will be missed primo. Rest in peace. Love ya. Jeremy F. Montoya. Twins.*

Jeremy F. Montoya - May 09, 2019 at 10:28 AM

JM

“ *I remember Ramon since my Grandma Jo used to take us by to visit the family when we were very young. He always had a smile and in good spirits. He will be missed. Love you, Joseph F. Montoya/Tejon.*

Joseph F. Montoya - May 09, 2019 at 10:00 AM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Ramon A. Montoya.*



May 09, 2019 at 09:04 AM



Meekayla
Montoya

“ *My uncle was soo stubborn and like my auntie Katie said "he was set in his ways". Oh gosh he was! We both shared the frustration of people going to check out lane with more than the required amount (hehe). I remember going out with Karaoke with Becky, Kat, and my auntie. He loved to sing and he loved rock and roll as well as his comics. I am so sad I missed him before he left his earthly home but I know he was greeted by loved ones. I can only imagine the reunion he had with Becky.*

You will be missed Uncle Ramon, I hope you know you are loved and will be missed by all of us. Love you from here to neverland.

*-Your favorite :) niece,
Meekayla <3*

Meekayla Montoya - May 07, 2019 at 11:29 AM

PA

“ *Ramon was my brother-in-law and my dance partner. He will be missed by family and friends. Our future cruises won't be the same without you. RIP*

Paula - May 07, 2019 at 10:25 AM



“ My hon was my life. He was one of the most loving people I have ever known. When we first met he use to sing to me all the time “you are the woman that I’ve always dreamed of I knew it from the start” he was so romantic and loving. He loved to sing and dance. He loved going to karaoke with his daughters and his son. When his first grandchild was born his life seemed to start all over. For 17 years he had 3 grandsons and then in February 2019 he was blessed with his first granddaughter the first child of his son. Ramon was set in his ways and it was like trying to move a mountain to get him to budge even a little. Hon there was none better than you we love you so much and miss you greatly but you suffer no more and I know your in a better place. RIP my one and only



Sheilah Montoya - May 07, 2019 at 10:18 AM

HB

He was indeed one of a kind Sheilah and I could not have ask for a better shipmate... some of my fondest memories are of people and places Ray and I met and saw traveling around Spain together while on liberty. He will always be in my heart as a true friend ..

Harlen Burke - May 09, 2019 at 12:58 AM