



Richard P. Barreras

July 8, 1946 - October 8, 2024

Our beloved husband and Dad, Richard P. Barreras, passed into the waiting arms of Jesus, surrounded by his loved ones on Tuesday, October 8, 2024. Please take a moment and share a kind thought or memory with Richard's family at www.andersonbethany.com.

Pursuant to Richard's wishes he was cremated. A Rosary will be held on Monday, October 28, 2024, at Anderson Bethany Funeral Home and Crematory at 11 a.m., and a Graveside Service will be held immediately following the rosary at South Park Cemetery, officiated by Deacon Ernesto Martinez.

Richard was born on July 8, 1946, in Artesia, New Mexico to Adan and Felicita Prudencio Barreras. He was 78 at the time of his passing.

Richard quit school before he started middle school to work with his Dad to help support his family. When he was a teenager, Richard traveled to California with one of his friends and worked picking fruit and vegetables in the San Fernando Valley. When he returned to Roswell, Richard joined Job Corp and traveled to Michigan and New Jersey. Through Job Corp he received several certifications, including HVAC and meat cutting.

Richard proudly served his country in the Army, during the Vietnam War, where he was wounded and received an honorable discharge. Richard worked at Three Rivers Dam, and several other jobs, until he went to work for the State of New Mexico in the Department of Corrections. He retired as a Sergeant after 25 years.

Richard spent his retirement years traveling around New Mexico to various casinos. He would say that he wanted to head West, which meant going to the Casino. Every new project he started was made with the decision, beforehand, that it could be done little by little. If there were things that needed to be done, and he didn't really want to do them, he would always say, "ah, we can do it tomorrow". He had a lot of patience and was never in a rush. He would say that he wasn't in a hurry because he was retired.

One thing he always said was, "I don't like people". When COVID-19 hit and people were

told to shelter in place, Jonathan said that his Dad had been training for that for years. Jonathan told his Dad that he could probably make a fortune on Tik Tok, showing others how to shelter in place.

His laugh, his crazy sense of humor and his advice will forever be missed. Many people may not have seen it, but he was a big teddy bear and had a huge heart. When he could, he would help those in need. He was a wonderful father and was always there for his two sons whenever they needed him. Richard loved deeply and passionately. Richard was a catholic and had a deep belief that Jesus Christ was his Lord and Savior. He thanked Him every night before he fell asleep, for his life and for his family.

Richard is survived by his wife, Dalene of Roswell; his son, Jonathan Barreras, of Albuquerque; step sons: TJ Frederich (Christina) of Albuquerque, and Christopher Lucero (Briana) of Roswell; step daughter, Deserea Morales (Eric) of Roswell; grandchildren: Grayson, Hayden and Ian Frederich, Ignacio and Ilias Villalobos, Elena and Cruz Morales; his mother-in-law, Wanda Cook; his brother, Danny Barreras; sister, Angelita Soliz (Steve); as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Richard was preceded in death by his parents: Adan and Felicita Barreras; his brother, Frank Barreras; his sister, Mary Helen Melendez; and his son, Richard A. Barreras.

If you so choose, in lieu of flowers, please make a donation to VFW.org.

The family would like to say a special thank you to the ER nurse Christopher at ENMMC, Andrea and Amanda nurses on the medical floor, patient techs Alice and Connie on the medical floor, Briana Lucero and Dr. Kumar with ENMMC Hospitalist Group and Chelsea Samario with Gentiva Hospice.

Richard's tribute was lovingly written by his family.

Previous Events

Rosary

OCT 28. 11:00 AM (MT)

Anderson-Bethany Funeral Home and Crematory
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Roswell, NM 88203
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Tribute Wall

IL

“ D - I am so sorry. I was reading the obituaries and seeing Richard on here - I am so sorry for your loss. I am praying for you and your family. My heart is broken for you.

Isabel Lemus - October 28, 2024 at 03:36 PM

NC

“ Dalene and family...there are no words...we love you all so much!!! Our fondest memory of Richard is his generosity...he was such an amazing man and so loving!!! He would give anyone the shirt off his back if they were cold! He was an amazing husband, father and father-in-law and son-in-law. We will miss his amazing laughter and knowledge. Our family now has another Angel watching over us❤️

Much Love Chris and Nancy Colby

Nancy Colby - October 11, 2024 at 11:42 PM

BT

I'm so sorry for your loss. He was actually my Nino. I wished I knew him now as an adult. I my Nino was a good man. My Mom and him were really good friends. RIP Nino 🙏❤️

Brenda Torrez - October 29, 2024 at 07:05 PM

BT

I Know my Nino was a good man

Brenda Torrez - October 29, 2024 at 07:09 PM

BG

My name is Betty Gonzales, Richard, and grew up together, we were the best of friends, he was like a big brother to me. Always watching over me, and I would do the same to him. We lived across the street from each other, we would hang around with each other, he was the coolest brother, we were real close, very respectful, very caring, his family were also close to our family, he baptized my first baby daughter (Brenda Torrez) he was a very special friend and brother, I loved him, I can say this with respect, I'm going to miss him, I have been thinking of him all this month, I guess he was letting me know that he was gone with the lord, R.I.P, my sweet friend and brother, I was very close to his sister Mary Hellen, we were a close family, I love them all, God bless the rest of family ❤️ my condolences to all the families,,I leave all the families in Christ Jesus ,AMEN ❤️🌹🌹🌹🌹🌹🌹

betty Gonzales - October 29, 2024 at 07:56 PM