



## Richard Cortez Castro

July 31, 1947 - October 6, 2018

Richard Cortez Castro, 71, entered into his Heavenly Home on Saturday, October 6, 2018. A Memorial Service will be held at Anderson Bethany Funeral Home Chapel on Friday, October 12, 2018, 1:00 PM. Michael Silva and Sam Chaves will be officiating. Interment will follow at General Douglas L. McBride Veterans Cemetery. Please take a moment and share a fond memory or kind expression of sympathy for Richard's family at [andersonbethany.com](http://andersonbethany.com).

On July 31, 1947, Richard was born in Brownfield, Texas, to Bonifacio and Cecilia Castro. He enjoyed his childhood there until his family moved to Lovington, New Mexico. Richard remained there until he graduated from high school in 1968. Uncle Sam called him into the United States Army, where he served in the Vietnam War until he came home in July of 1970. Richard received the National Defence Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Combat Infantryman's Badge, Army Commendation Medal, Air Medal, Purple Heart, and Bronze Star Metal W/V Device. When Richard came to Roswell, he met the love of his life, Stella Campos, and got married on June 24, 1972, in Dexter, New Mexico. In June of 1974, they had their son, Stephen, and in December of 1979, they had their daughter, Sandra. In addition to their son, they also raised Victor, who they loved as their own. Richard was a member and Deacon of the Spanish Baptist Church in Dexter, New Mexico. He also played a mean piano, almost making it dance. Richard was a prayer warrior who loved the Lord Jesus Christ and

preaching His word.

Those left to cherish Richard's memory are his loving wife, Stella; children: Stephen and wife Lorena, Sandra, and Victor; grandchildren: Stephen Anthony Castro, Isaiah Castro, Anissa Tarin, Marcus Tarin, Kailey Lara, and Kendall Lara; siblings: Albert Castro and wife Nora, David Castro and wife Esther, Louis Castro and wife Diana, Richard's twin sister, Lupe Rodgers, Yolanda Hunter, Robert Castro and wife Diane; and mother-in-law, Juanita Campos.

Preceding Richard in death were his parents, Bonifacio and Cecilia Castro; two brothers: Barney Castro; and Reverend Johnny Castro.

Those chosen as Honorary Pallbearers are: Stephen A. Castro, Isaiah Castro, Anissa Tarin, and Marcus Tarin.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Richard Cortez Castro*

December 29, 2022 at 05:26 PM



“ *Sandy and Family, I am deeply sorry for your loss. Sending my prayers and hugs to you all. May God bless you and comfort you during this time.*



**Gabby Venegas** - October 11, 2018 at 09:17 PM



“ *I miss you papa. All I can say at this point is thank you for teaching me to be the person I am today. I know you're playing a mean "days of Elijah" up in heaven* ❤️

**Anissa Tari** - October 11, 2018 at 07:00 PM



“ *Aurora Jimenez lit a candle in memory of Richard Cortez Castro*



**Aurora Jimenez** - October 11, 2018 at 12:02 PM

LF

“ *Linda (Campos) Barr and family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Richard Cortez Castro.*



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**Linda (Campos) Barr and family** - October 11, 2018 at 10:19 AM

YF

“ *Your Energy Transfer Family purchased the America the Beautiful for the family of Richard Cortez Castro.*



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**Your Energy Transfer Family** - October 11, 2018 at 09:19 AM

CC

“ *Stella, Stephen, Sandra you are all in our prayers Richard was a good man husband, father, grandfather and friend May God Bless each and everyone of u know he is in a good place now Steve, Cary Candelaria & family*

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**Cary Candelaria** - October 10, 2018 at 06:44 PM

SC

“ I miss you daddy but I know you’re playing the piano and praising God in Heaven!! I thank God that he gave me such a great example of how to be a dad and a man of God!

One of the many memories I have is growing up playing basketball with you and my Tio’s at grandma and grandpa’s house. Your fade-away shot was your trademark and no one could stop it! Anywhere you played ball no one could stop it! Even to this day people that played b-ball with you talk about it! I don’t know if there’s a b-ball court in heaven but if there is I know you’re bustin that net 😊!

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**Stephen Castro** - October 10, 2018 at 12:40 PM

PD

Such good memories. I’m so sorry for your loss. Praying for you my cousin. You have such a great legacy your daddy left to you to carry on to your family! It’s priceless, never lose that! Is our legacy! I Love you and my prayers will be with you all.

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**priscella dunn** - October 12, 2018 at 12:13 PM

MB

Stella, my deepest condolences. Richard was a good man who loved much. God bless you and the kids. I am keeping you in prayer. Love always, Merlinda

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**Merlinda Beaty** - December 06, 2018 at 05:09 PM

ST

“Daddy, I love you and i miss you so much already . I am comforted by the fact that you are in heaven now , no more pain, no more diabetes and you are whole again. Right before you went home, I whispered in your ear that if there is a piano in heaven ,you show them what you can do . And I know you are doing just that , I love your face daddy! Until we meet again ❤️



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**Sandy Tarin** - October 10, 2018 at 12:10 PM

PD

*Prayers! Love this picture of my Tio*

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**priscella dunn** - October 12, 2018 at 12:15 PM

ER

“I will never forget the time Mom sent you a cake pineapple upside down cake to wherever you were stationed and I also remember waiting for you Uncle Richard with his other bro Luis coming home from HS in Lovington to have lunch with us. Prayers for the Family. You will be missed!

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**Elizabeth Castro - Ramirez** - October 10, 2018 at 09:41 AM

RC

“ I love you & will miss you uncle Richard 💔 Going to visit you in the VA hospital this past month brought back so many memories. I thank you & Tia Stella for always being there for me, especially when I was a little girl. I'll always remember your smile & the way you could play that piano. Say hello to Grandma, Grandpa & my Uncle's Johnny & Barney. Until we meet again...Rest in Heaven 🙏❤️👑👑👑

Ruth Castro - October 10, 2018 at 08:31 AM

EO

I have looking for barnie for years. I was his best friend in roswell. We used to cruise in my 1954 chevy downtown. He could play a mean blueberry hill by fats domino. I am so sorry i didnt make in time. He will be missed dearly. My name is Elias Orona

Elias orona - December 23, 2018 at 01:11 AM

Valerie Rodgers

“ I'm going to miss you uncle Richard. Thank you for always loving me as one of your own. Till we meet again! I love you!



Valerie Rodgers - October 10, 2018 at 07:57 AM

PD

“ *My fondest memories growing up are of you playing the piano, smiling and joking around, bringing joy to all those around you. I have already missed you for years I will continue to miss you for many more. You're In the presence of God now, I can see that big smile once again. Our prayers are with Aunt Stella and your children, grand children. Thank you for all the memories, I love you.*



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**priscella dunn** - October 10, 2018 at 07:42 AM

TD

“ *My deepest sympathy to the entire family. May The Lord give you peace. Terry Campos Delgado and family.*

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**Terry Delgado** - October 08, 2018 at 10:43 PM

YM

“ *Yolanda Mendiola lit a candle in memory of Richard Cortez Castro*



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**Yolanda Mendiola** - October 08, 2018 at 06:42 PM