



Richard Elias Guajaca

June 4, 1954 - November 28, 2017

Richard "Buckwheat" Guajaca, 63, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, November 28, 2017, surrounded by his family. Viewing is scheduled at Anderson Bethany Funeral Home for Sunday, December 3, 2017, from 12:00 PM to 5:00 PM, follow by a Rosary at 5:00 PM. A Celebration of Life Mass will be held at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church on Monday, December 4, 2017, 10:00 AM. Interment will follow at General Douglas L. McBride Veteran's Cemetery with full military honors. Celebrate Richard's life by visiting www.anderson-bethany.com to offer a memory or expression of sympathy for his family.

On June 4, 1954, Richard was born to Elias and Patricia Guajaca in Roswell, New Mexico. He attended Roswell Schools and grew up known as Buckwheat to all his friends and acquaintances. Richard joined the United States Navy at the age of 17, and served from July 19, 1972, until March 27, 1974. Richard was an oil and environmental driller by trade, working for several large oil companies in California and New Mexico. He belonged to St. John the Baptist Catholic Church and at one time, sang in the church choir. Richard loved his San Francisco 49'ers and enjoyed attending and watching sporting events with his sons. He never met a stranger and surrounded himself with friends for life. His humor defined him. Always the life of the party, Richard even enjoyed playing Santa for the Garcia family. Our Partner Buck, Buckwheat, Bucky Boy, Buck shared a life of laughter with each one of us, and his memory will live on forever.

Those left to cherish Richard's memory are his four sons: Nicholas Guajaca (Julia Ortega) of Roswell, Richard Guajaca Jr of Reno, Nevada, Christopher Guajaca (Josh Gemik) of Las Vegas NV, Matthew Guajaca (Vero) from Clarksville, Tennessee; brothers: Freddie Guajaca of Sacramento California, Anthony Guajaca (Yvonne Garcia) of Las Cruces; sisters: Pat Kuemmerle (Tom), Miquela Rue (Manuel Luna) of Roswell, Frances Lucero (Bob) of Greely Colorado; nine grandchildren: Hazel Ortega, Jorge Ortega, Annelise Guajaca, Hannah Guajaca, David Guajaca, Joshua Guajaca, Elias Guajaca, Ian Guajaca, Eva Guajaca; two great-grandchildren: Brian Durham, Avram Garcia. Richard is also survived by the mother of his children, Jody Gutierrez; godparents: Ben and Edna Lara; several nieces; nephews; aunts; uncles; cousins; and special friends: Rita Garcia and the Garcia family.

Preceding Richard in death are his mother, Patricia H. Guajaca; father, Elias Guajaca; sister, Lydia Guajaca; granddaughter, Aariah Guajaca.

Honorary pallbearers: Izaak Guajaca, Johnny Peralta, Joshua Guajaca, David Garcia, Kiki Gutierrez, and Bobby Tegeda.

Pallbearers will be: Jeremy Ramirez, Jonathan Ramirez, Vincent Guajaca, Randy Torrez, Izaiah Guajaca, George Ortega, Gabriel Lucero, and David Guajaca.

This tribute was lovingly written in honor of Richard by his family.

When I'm Gone

When I come to the end of my journey, and I travel my last weary mile,
Just forget if you can, that I ever frowned, and remember only the smile.
Forget unkind words I have spoken; Remember some good I have done,
Forget that I ever had heartache, and remember I've had loads of fun.
Forget that I've stumbled and blundered, and sometimes fell by the way.
Remember I have fought some hard battles, and won, ere the close of the day.

Then forget to grieve for my going, I would not have you sad for a day.

Tribute Wall



“ *Richard Elias Guajaca*

December 29, 2022 at 05:26 PM



“ *Chris Guajaca lit a candle in memory of Richard Elias Guajaca*



Chris Guajaca - January 06, 2018 at 05:44 AM



“ *Melissa Vegara lit a candle in memory of Richard Elias Guajaca*



Melissa Vegara - December 20, 2017 at 02:19 PM



“ *My heartfelt condolences to Richards (Buckwheat) family. With a heavy heart having to say good bye Buck. Will hold onto the happy times spent together & cherish them until we meet again.
RIP Buckwheat 🙏
Clara Fuentes*

Clara - December 08, 2017 at 07:22 AM

BC

“ *Belia Sanchez Chaparro lit a candle in memory of Richard Elias Guajaca*



Belia Sanchez Chaparro - December 03, 2017 at 06:37 PM

BB

“ *Sorry for your lost.*

Bianca Bouslaugh - December 03, 2017 at 01:25 PM

PA

“ *Pat lit a candle in memory of Richard Elias Guajaca*



Pat - December 02, 2017 at 12:42 AM

PA

“ *Well brother... your time came before I was ready, but I know it was in your timing to let go. Fly, fly away. Your chains are gone. You've been set free. Touch me in my dreams. I'll miss you forever and for-always.*

Pat - December 02, 2017 at 12:40 AM



“ *Charity Zarazua lit a candle in memory of Richard Elias Guajaca*



Charity Zarazua - December 01, 2017 at 10:28 PM

BP

“*Love you "Bro" Always an forever*”

Betty perea - December 02, 2017 at 09:20 AM

GD

“ *Cousin Richard (Buck) I'll never forget your laughter and funny stories! May you Rest In Peace 😊. I love you, my New Mexico family, my prayers are with all you in this time of mourning. May God Bless you, always!*



Genevieve (Irene Guajaca's daughter) - December 01, 2017 at 08:31 PM

RN

“ *May you rest in peace my dear friend. Your were as crazy as they come. I will miss you dearly. Much heartfelt sympathy to Pat and Anthony as well as his entire family. May you remember his smile and hold it close to your hearts. May God Bless and watch over you all. Love Rhonda Nunez-Uranga*

Rhonda Nunez-Uranga - December 01, 2017 at 04:44 PM

PA

Thank you Rhonda.... he loved his "locas" ❤️

Pat - December 01, 2017 at 08:10 PM

 Irene Guajaca

“ *Richard (Buck) was so funny, he would call me randomly and just make my day. Such a good heart like all our Guajaca fathers, tios, sons and grandsons and nephews. May you rest in everlasting peace now Richard. God bless the entire family, may God be with you all. With love from Irene Guajaca*

Irene Guajaca - December 01, 2017 at 12:40 PM

LS

“ *Linda Sanchez lit a candle in memory of Richard Elias Guajaca*



linda sanchez - December 01, 2017 at 10:46 AM

LS

“ *My condolences go out to the Guajaca family. Richard was my very special friend and a blessing in my life. I will miss him.*

linda sanchez - December 01, 2017 at 10:44 AM

PK

God bless you Linda. I was going to call you but couldn't figure out his phone. He talked about you. He laughed at the memories. He cried at the not so good ones. But he did talk about you before he passed. I'm guessing he loved you too.

Pat Guajaca Kuemmerle - December 01, 2017 at 03:04 PM

FM

“ My condolences goes out to the Guajaca family. Brotha "Buckwheat" has left this world, but is at rest now. He was always the most respectful and funny guy to me and my family; I really enjoyed it when I was able to see and talk to him. He is one of the OG's from the hood and will definitely be missed. God Bless him and the family. Much Love. Montoyas...

Frank N. Montoya - December 01, 2017 at 09:22 AM

RP

“ Richard (Buck) was a great person he had a lot of heart May You Rest In Peace.

Rick And Rachel Peralta

Rick and Rachel Peralta - November 30, 2017 at 09:46 PM

RP

“ Rick And Rachel Peralta lit a candle in memory of Richard Elias Guajaca



Rick and Rachel Peralta - November 30, 2017 at 09:44 PM

DE

“ To the Guajaca family. We've been friends and neighbor all are life I Know what your feeling losing your brother. Buck always made me laugh such a character. My prayers will be for this family in such a sad time. Love
Delphine Tegeda Tovar

Delphina - November 30, 2017 at 10:32 AM

MA

“ Our Condolences to All the Family of Richard.. to Pat and Anthony and All the Family .. 💕💕

Since day one that I met Richard and known him Richard has been a very beautiful person, always so Nice and and that Amazing Smile he always had , he will be missed dearly !! Lots of Love ❤️ to All !! Rest in Paradise my Friend .. 🙏🙏🙏💙💙🙏🙏🙏



Mary Helen Aragon - November 29, 2017 at 10:37 PM

RR

“ Hello, this is Ramona, Emilio and Carmens oldest daughter. I'm so very sorry for your loss. May Jesus and our Mother Mary walk with you in these final days for Richard. My sadness and prayers are with all of you. We can rejoice in that he's on his journey to Jesus.

Ramona Rios - November 29, 2017 at 05:53 PM

PK

Thank you cousin

pat guajaca kuemmerle - November 30, 2017 at 11:45 PM