



## Robert Gustamantes

November 13, 1961 - September 2, 2017

Robert Gustamantes passed away at his home in Roswell, NM, on September 2, 2017, at the age of 55. A viewing will be held on Friday, September 8, 2017, from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM, at Anderson Bethany Funeral Home, followed by a rosary at 7:00 PM. Burial will be on Saturday, September 9, 2017, 10:00 AM, at South Park Cemetery. A tribute of Robert's life may be found at [www.andersonbethany.com](http://www.andersonbethany.com) where you may leave memories and expressions of sympathy for his family.

On November 13, 1961, Robert was born in Roswell, NM, to his parents Silvestre Gustamantes and Aurelia Gustamantes, who proceed him in death, along with his older brother, Sylvester (Titoti) Gustamantes. Robert graduated from Roswell High School in 1979. He went on to work at Nova Bus for twenty plus years. Robert was a foreman who worked in many different departments and was very well-known. Any time his name was brought up in a conversation, the first question asked was, "did he work at Nova Bus?" Robert dedicated his entire life to his career, but nothing was as important to him as his two daughters, Tabitha (Tabby) Armenta-Garcia and Allison (Sunny) Sanchez. He took so much pride in the raising of his girls, whom he loved more than anything in this world. Robert was a very proud, single father until he met the love of his life, Brenda Marrero, and her two children, Megan Colby and Terrance (Cleo) Mayes. The two love birds united their families on February 9, 1999. From this point on, his entire life revolved around his

beautiful wife and all four of their children. The pride Robert had in his children was unimaginable. He constantly boasted about how proud he was of each of his children and made sure everyone he spoke to knew it.

Together, his children blessed him with nine grandchildren: Roman, Cidelia and Nathan Ibarra, Rowyn and Jordyn Sanchez, Raelee Howell and sisters: Raeven and Ryan Colby, Terrance Cleo Mayes II. Robert most recently, very proudly, welcomed his first great-grandson, Francisco Hernandez. The love Robert had for his grandchildren was a love like no other. It's impossible to put the love and admiration he felt for them into words.

Robert is also survived by his sons-in-law: Roman Sanchez, Hector Garcia, Jonathon Colby; daughter-in-law, Brooke Fox; sisters: Hopie Espinoza, Emma Jean Gustamantes; brother, Levi Gustamantes and wife, Adrienne; numerous nieces and nephews; and god-daughter, Destiny Espinoza.

Honorary Pallbearers are: Michael Matta and Alfred Arias.

Pallbearers are: Roman Ibarra, Nathan Ibarra, Paul Espinoza, Gus Hutcherson, Jason Gonzales and Felipe Gustamantes.

This tribute was written in honor of Robert by his family.

Dad

A dad is a person who's loving and kind,  
and often he knows what you have on your mind.  
He's someone who listens, suggests, and defends --  
A dad can be one of your very best friends.  
He's proud of your triumphs,

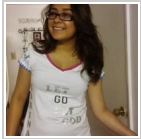
but when things go wrong,  
A dad can be patient and helpful and strong.  
In all that you do, a dad's love plays a part--  
There's always a place for him deep in your heart--  
And each year that passes you're even more glad,  
More grateful and proud just to call him your dad.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Robert Gustamantes*

December 29, 2022 at 05:26 PM



“ *Mary Trujillo lit a candle in memory of Robert Gustamantes*



Mary Trujillo - September 08, 2017 at 07:55 PM



“ *Keep thinking I'm going to wake up from a bad dream. For my birthday every year u would call me telling me happy birthday u old goat u were the only one that would get way calling me that. Dance with ur angels brother love u*

Hope Espinoza - September 07, 2017 at 01:16 AM



“ *Our deepest sympathy being sent to the family during this time. Many prayers and blessing from the Spedalieri Family - Las Cruces, NM. Bobby and Bridget Spedalieri*



Bridget Spedalieri - September 06, 2017 at 05:54 PM

SS

“ You were always there when we needed you the most. You were there when I found out I was having twins and you drove me to Albuquerque when they had to stay in the hospital cause of how early they were born. You comforted me when we were leaving and I couldn't bring my babies home with me. You were one of the only ones that understood how hard it was to say bye to your babies cause of all those times when we would go to see mom during school breaks. I never got to say bye or I love you one last time to you and i will always regret that. If only I had gotten there a little earlier. I'm sorry i wasnt there for you when you needed me dad. You will always be in my heart forever. I love you and miss you so much!

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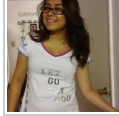
**Sunny Sanchez** - September 05, 2017 at 11:38 PM

 Sunny Sanchez

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**Sunny Sanchez** - September 05, 2017 at 11:27 PM



*What can I say about a Man that hasn't been said... He was a good and loyal Friend.. I will miss you "CROWBAR" All you're sassy coments about your COWBOYS!!May you Rest In Peace my Friend and I will not say Goodbye but see you Later ..*

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**Mary Trujillo** - September 05, 2017 at 11:42 PM



“ *My dad... a single father for oh so long! Back then a single father raising two girls on his own was pretty much unheard of, but he did it. He raised us the best he could and was soooo proud of the women we turned out to be. I know he's resting peacefully knowing that all four of his children have become successful in life and have built stable foundations for his grandbabies. You may no longer be here with us on earth, but you will forever be in our memories and in our hearts. We love you so very much.*

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**Shado Armenta** - September 05, 2017 at 11:19 PM

MC

“ *Robear, viejo, dad, and every other nickname I called you. Your Girly loves you so much and words cannot explain the heartbreak I feel. God knew what he was doing when he put you in my life to be my dad. You never missed a game, track meet or awards assembly. You were there for every downfall and even more for every success. You were the most amazing papa my girls could have had and it saddens me they have to continue without your love and dedication but I promise with all my heart I will never let you miss a thing. I'll always carry you in my heart and in my thoughts. Thank you for teaching me about life and for everything you have done. I love you viejo.*

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**Megan Colby** - September 05, 2017 at 08:11 PM

EH

“ *RIP brother. My heart aches and we will miss you! You have gotten your wings and are joining mom, dad, and Titoti and I know you all will be watching over us all until we meet again. I love you brother!!*

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**Emma Hutcherson** - September 05, 2017 at 08:07 PM

BG

“ *I'm heartbroken my love but I know you will always be watching over us. Rest in Peace. I love you.*



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**Brenda Gustamantes** - September 05, 2017 at 07:56 PM