



Rudolpho "Rudy" Jimenez

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Rudy ("Pops") Jimenez, 82, beloved husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother, Nino, uncle, and friend, passed away Saturday, January 25, 2025, at his home surrounded by his family in Roswell, New Mexico.

Please take a moment and share a kind thought or memory with Rudy's family at www.andersonbethany.com.

A funeral mass to celebrate Rudy's life will be held at Assumption BVM Catholic Church on Saturday, February 8, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. Reception will follow at the Assumption Hall. A private burial will be held at a later date in Trinidad, Colorado.

On April 16, 1942, Rudy was born to Joe and Rebecca Jimenez in Clayton, New Mexico. He was the oldest of three brothers. Rudy will be remembered as a long-time New Mexican and supporter of education. His substantial gift was as an educator. His students benefited in a multitude of ways. Rudy graduated from Holy Trinity Catholic School in Trinidad, Colorado, in 1960. He attended Trinidad State Junior College and Adams State University in Alamosa, Colorado. He graduated from New Mexico Highlands University in Las Vegas, New Mexico, with a Master's degree with honors in Education. He

taught for thirty-five years at Agua Fria Elementary School in Santa Fe, New Mexico. His teaching and creativity were inclusive to all his students. He left an indelible mark on his students.

In 1964, he met the love of his life, Edna M. Shannon, in Trinidad, Colorado. They were married on June 22, 1968, in Trinidad, Colorado. This June, they would have celebrated 57 years of marriage. In 1975, they welcomed a daughter, Dawn. Rudy and Edna's life revolved around their only daughter; they did everything possible to give her the best life. Rudy and Edna were inseparable.

Rudy loved reading about history and watching Westerns and/or any action-packed movies. He loved to binge-watch on Netflix. He loved traveling to visit family and friends. He enjoyed reminiscing about the good old days with his grandkids and sitting in his favorite recliner doing his crossword puzzles. He enjoyed going to the Casino and watching Edna try to "win big." He was a big fan of Snoopy and always incorporated Snoopy into his teaching with his students. He loved listening to music and watching sports, especially football. He was a big fan of the Denver Broncos. Before he became ill, he loved to take his morning walks, count, and keep track of how many steps he had acquired. He loved his sweets, drinking his Chelada beer, along with his Coke with ice!

Those left to eternally treasure and cherish memories of Rudy are his wife Edna, daughter Dawn Franco (Manuel); grandchildren Gaige Franco (Caroline), Rylin Franco (Elena), Kelsie Garcia (Joshua), and Jacob Franco; and great-grandchildren Braylynn Franco, baby Madeline Franco on the way and Raiden Franco; brothers: John Jimenez (Joyce), David Jimenez (Jonie), Al Jimenez; Fur babies: Shadow, Zoe, Ash, Azula, Jinx and Chani; as well as numerous cousins, nephews, nieces and friends. Rudy was loved dearly, and he will be missed by all who knew him.

Rudy's family wishes to sincerely thank numerous friends and family members who took the time to pray and visit him. Special thanks to Dr. Ramya Subgani for all her love and support throughout Rudy's illness. His hospice nurse, Debra Belyeu-Haeny, for her love and care for our entire family during the most difficult time. His three younger brothers, John, David, and Al Jimenez, for all their love and sacrifices they made to stay and help care for Rudy. Special thanks to loving neighbors: Sandy Magnon, Dr. Ramya Subgani, Chitra Subgani, Roohan Kunta, Vijay & Surya Subgani, and Anthony and Thelma Morales. Thank you to extended family members Manuel & Elia Franco, Jay and Barbara Gluck, Valerie Cornejo, and Cindy Burns, all of whom were there to provide support and love for Rudy, Edna, and Dawn. A special thank you to Assumption BVM Catholic Church for their support. We want to express our deepest gratitude to Father Jarek, Father Mike, and Father Abel for their heartfelt prayers over Rudy and compassionate support for our family.

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

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

FEB 8. 1:00 PM (MT)

Assumption Catholic Church
2808 North Kentucky Avenue
Roswell, NM 88201

Reception

FEB 8. 2:30 PM (MT)

Assumption Catholic Church
2808 N Kentucky Ave
Roswell, NM 88201-5814
(575) 622-9895

Tribute Wall

DN

“ *My sincere condolences to the family of Mr. Jimenez.*

Mr. Jimenez was my teacher at Aqua Fria Elementary '68-'74. I remember he used to quote lyrics from Beatle songs. I always assumed he was a big Beatle fan.

Mr. Jimenez, Mr. Rios and Mr. Hussey were my heroes back then. Mr. Jimenez made a difference in my life and countless other lives. I had great respect for him.

Eternal rest grant unto our brother Mr. Jimenez and perpetual light shine upon his soul.

Darel Madrid, El Guache, NM - February 10, 2025 at 10:08 AM

DF

Thank you for sharing such a fond memory of my dad❤️

Dawn Franco - February 13, 2025 at 01:22 PM

DF

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Dawn Franco - February 13, 2025 at 01:26 PM

 Debbie Blessing

“ *My condolences to Jimenez and Frank family with the loss of Rudy. May his memories comfort you in the future when remembering your loving father and husband. Sending prayers.*

Van and Debbie Blessing



Debbie Blessing - February 05, 2025 at 05:10 PM

DF

Thank you Debbie and Van

Dawn Franco - February 13, 2025 at 02:02 PM

MM

“ *Rudy was such an exceptional friend, mentor and educator. Proud to have known and taught Rudy at Agua Fria Elementary School. Our sincere condolences to Edna and Dawn. Mike Mier*

Mike Mier - February 03, 2025 at 07:44 PM

DF

Thank you Mr. Mier

Dawn Franco - February 13, 2025 at 02:03 PM

DF

Thank you for your kind words and condolences.

Dawn Franco - February 20, 2025 at 12:06 PM

JR

“ *James and Rhonda purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Rudopho "Rudy" Jimenez.*



James and Rhonda - February 03, 2025 at 06:14 PM

CR

“ *My most sincere condolences to Mr. Jimenez's family. He was my 6th grade teacher at Agua Fria Elementary in 1986. It's safe to say he was by far my favorite. He was the epitome of "making learning fun". He was the popular teacher and I remember every kid wanted to be in his class. I hope he knew that. May he rest in peace.*



*Respectfully,
Cynthia Berry DelRio*

Cynthia Del Rio - February 03, 2025 at 01:12 PM

DF

Thank you for your kind words and fond memory

Dawn Franco - February 13, 2025 at 02:03 PM

DM

“ *Dear Edna and Dawn,
I am so sorry to hear of your tremendous loss. Your Santa Fe friends are lifting you in love and prayer. My condolences to your entire extended family.
Dolores Martinez*

Dolores Martinez - February 01, 2025 at 11:02 AM

DF

Thank you for your support, love and prayers

Dawn Franco - February 13, 2025 at 02:04 PM

JJ

“ *My sincere condolences to the Family. Rudy was a dear friend. We enjoyed many, many good times together through out our school years. Thank you Rudy for being a good friend. Jerry Jordan*

Jerry Jordan - January 31, 2025 at 11:48 AM

DF

Thank you ❤️

Dawn Franco - February 13, 2025 at 01:21 PM

DF

Thank you ❤️

Dawn Franco - February 13, 2025 at 01:25 PM

RO

“ *MEMORIES...ah yes the great memories! Rudy and the gang attended a wedding of a classmate's sister. Beer was flowing, Rudy got slobbering drunk! We all got drunk! Gene Giordano wanted to fight some other drunk man! Rudy passed out afterwards. We were in High School!*

Roger - January 31, 2025 at 11:09 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Rudopho "Rudy" Jimenez.*



January 30, 2025 at 01:33 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Rudopho "Rudy" Jimenez.

January 30, 2025 at 01:08 PM



“ My condolences to the Jimenez & Franco Family. Dawn my thoughts and prayers are with you during these hard times!



Vanessa Talamantes - January 30, 2025 at 12:14 PM



Thank you my dear friend ❤️

Dawn Franco - February 13, 2025 at 01:20 PM