



Jose Trinidad Chavez

June 12, 1954 — September 4, 2021

Jose Trinidad Chavez, 67, of Eloy, passed away surrounded by loved ones on Sept. 4, 2021.

Mr. Chavez was born June 12, 1954 in Michoacán, Mexico, the third of eight children born to Maria Elvira Ibarra-Varela and Elijio Chavez.

Mr. Chavez arrived in California in 1976 in search of a better life, and that's exactly what he found. He began work in the States as a migrant farmworker, which brought him to the fields of Eloy later that year and to the great love of his life, Maria J. Ortega. They met at a dance at Lucero's and married in November that same year. Their family grew in 1977 with the arrival of the first of four children, Genaro Chavez, followed by Elvira Chavez, Jose T. Chavez Jr. and Rogelio Chavez.

After working as a farmworker for many years, Mr. Chavez opened Chavez Auto in Eloy. He was one of the best mechanics in town, greeting customers with the most genuine smile and jokes. Lots and lots of jokes. During his free time, he enjoyed boxing and teaching his children his boxing skills.

He retired in 2004 to spend more time with his family and the other loves of his life – his grandchildren. Mr. Chavez' family meant more to him than anything else in the world, something he often mentioned to everyone. He loved being with his animals, going out to eat and spoiling his grandchildren. His smile, caring heart and contagious laugh will be missed by so many.

He was preceded by his father, Elijio Chavez, and his brother, Genaro Chavez. He is survived by his mother, Maria Elvira Ibarra-Varela; his wife of 44 years, Maria J. Chavez; three sons, Genaro, Jose Jr. (Uarsh-la) and Rogelio (Yvonne); daughter Maria Elvira Salazar (Jesse); three brothers, Elijio Chavez, Santiago Chavez and Juan Chavez; three sisters, Guadalupe Chavez, Maria Elena Chavez and Jovita Chavez; 15 grandchildren, Nesta Salazar, Jazmine Salazar, Gabriella Salazar, Jesse Salazar Jr., Alissa Chavez, Mikela Shanley-Chavez, Genaro Chavez Jr., Isaac Chavez, Romeo Chavez, Jiovanni Chavez, Rogelio Chavez Jr., Aliyah Hernandez, Jennifer Urquides-Chavez, Jose (Chepe) Chavez Jr., and Renee Arteaga-Chavez; great granddaughter Aliea Castle; and many nieces and nephews.

There will be a public viewing Friday, Sept. 10, 2021 from 5-7 p.m. at Heritage Funeral Home in Casa Grande. A Funeral Mass will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 11, 2021 at St. Helen of the Cross Roman Catholic Church in Eloy.