

Jerry Leo Ortega

6.7.61 - 1.10.26



Jerry Leo Ortega June 7, 1961 Jan. 10, 2026 With great sadness, We announce the passing of Jerry Ortega 64. He was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, son, brother, uncle and friend. He was born in Santa Fe, NM to Leo and Esther. A resident of Albuquerque, NM. with the Love of Chimayo forever in his heart. He was raised in Las Vegas, Nevada most of his youth and early teen years and Chimayo his teenage to adulthood. He married his loving wife, La Verne Garcia Ortega and made their home in Albuquerque. Blessed, with 42 years together.

Jerry served in the US Army, worked at LANL, Motorola, Intel, Fed Ex and Kirtland Air force base, with a degree in ITT and Eclipse Aviation. He enjoyed traveling with his wife, spending time with his grandchildren, enjoying dining out, motorcycle rally events, gathering with family and friends, always willing to help others and always ready to have his photo taken. Jerry leaves everlasting memories with all those that crossed his path.

He is survived by his wife La Verne Garcia Ortega, his daughters Annette, Shayna, Clarissa Ortega. Grandchildren whom he raised as his own -Aaliyah, Joshua, Austin, Jynelle, Jasmyn, and Aspyr Montoya. Marcus Jones, Unnileigh Brown, Estrella Ortega, (John)Vigil, a supportive Uncle, Tom (Helen) Ortega, Flaymon Sandoval, Aunts Grace (Eddie) Trujillo, Linda Ortega, Dora Nelson, Godsons Anthony Romero, Eligio Velasquez Jr and special cousins Mark Vigil, Mayo (Trapper) Martinez and many other relatives and friends, too many to mention.

Services were held in Albuquerque on January 28, 2026.

We lost Jerry a few weeks ago, and today we want to express our heartfelt gratitude to everyone for all the expressions of love & respect through visits, calls, food, prayers, and most of all, your attendance in honor of our beloved Jerry. Jerry is now at peace, free from suffering. Rest in peace, Jerry. We love you.