

Phillip Joseph Chavez (1953-2010)



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We gave our wonderful son Phillip Joseph Chavez, 57, of Barstow back to God on Aug. 15, 2010. He was born on June 25, 1953 to proud parents Fermin and Emma Chavez.

We handed him up into the peace and grace of the Lord and Savior's arms. Phillip was a loving husband, father, grandfather and son. He passed at home with many of his loving family at his side. Phillip graduated from Kennedy High School in 1971. He then worked at Santa Fe Railroad for 22 years and at MCLB for three years as a brakeman/switchman.

Playing baseball was his favorite pastime, and he was an awesome 1st baseman. He and his brother were called bookends because his brother played 3rd base. One of his biggest joys was coaching a little league team with his brother-in-law, and he was a wonderful DJ. For the past several years he enjoyed restoring his 1955 Ford T-Bird, and won many trophies at the many car shows he participated in. He had also started to restore a 1940 Chevy not too long ago. He spent all the time he could with his grandchildren.

Phillip is preceded in death by his grandparents, Herman and Nonie Gallegos; Auntie Kathy Trujillo; and father-in-law, Fidel Zamora.

Surviving Phillip is his wife of 35 years, Shirley; daughter, Kimberly (Nonie) Chavez of Barstow; and son, Phillip (Joe) Chavez of Los Angeles; beautiful grandchildren, Justice, Alyssa, and Alex; loving parents, Fermin and Emma Chavez of Barstow; and brother, David Chavez and his wife Peggy, of Barstow.

Services for Phillip will be on Thursday, Aug. 19, 2010 at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 505 E. Mt. View. The Rosary will be at 9 a.m. with the Funeral Mass at 10 a.m.

Arrangements by Mead Mortuary, 760-256-5671. www.meadmortuary.com

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