

Richard Thomas Chavez (1954 - 2008)



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Yet another chapter in "The Book of Life" has finished. On May 14, 2008, Richard Thomas Chavez, with family friends, singing, praising and praying, went to be with our Lord and Savior.

Richard, born June 17, 1954, to Pat and Jenny Chavez, was a life-long resident of Barstow. He attended local schools, graduating in 1973 from Barstow High School, where he excelled in sports such as wrestling - a varsity wrestler all four years. He also attended Barstow Community College and graduated in the top five from Golden State Tech University.

Richard worked for Loral Aerospace/Lockheed before retiring at 45 years old due to health reasons. He enjoyed running, weightlifting, camping, and whitewater rafting with his daughters. He enjoyed rock-collecting and exploring the desert he so loved with his best friend Bob Collins.

Richard was quite the "people person" touching many lives with stories of his life, experiences and sharing his love of God.

He is survived by his wife of 33 years, Elizabeth; daughters, Rhiannon Tamera Chavez of Mesa, Ariz., and Amber Nicole Chavez of Barstow; mother, Jenny Chavez of Barstow; brothers, Patrick Chavez and his wife, Linda and Daniel Chavez and his wife, Lisa of Barstow, Mike Chavez and his wife Christine of Riverside, and Robert Chavez and his wife, Kathy of

Colton; sisters, Susan and her husband, Dan of Riverside and Patricia and her husband, Robert of Rancho Cucamonga; and many uncles, aunts, nieces, nephews, cousins, beloved friends and church family.

Your long painful journey is now over my beloved. Rest in peace in the arms of God.

Memorial services will be held Wednesday, May 21, 2008 at 11 a.m. at Bethel Temple, 457 First St. Reception to follow at same location.

In lieu of flowers, please remember Visiting Nurses Association of the Inland Counties and "Plan for the Future", c/o Bethel Temple, 457, First St., Barstow, Calif. 92311.

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