



Belfor Alfredo Gallardo

October 21, 1931 - March 31, 2021

Belfor Alfredo Gallardo, 89, of Charlotte, died March 31, 2021. Through the blessing of hospice, he was able to be at home surrounded by his family.

Belfor, affectionately known as “Ampa”, was born in Iquique, Chile, on October 21, 1931, the son of Luis and Lorenza Gallardo Contreras. He grew up there and graduated from school there. In 1959, he came to the United States and lived in New Jersey. Blessed to use his hands, he was a jack of all trades. One day he walked into a publishing company and met the lovely Xiomara Arbucias. While he did not know it yet, she knew he was the man she was going to marry, and a year later they were married on May 13, 1961. He went on to work for Federal Paper in Hackensack before finding his calling in life, a cleaning company. Together, Belfor and Xiomara became small business owners, operating their cleaning company for over 30 years. After selling the business, they joined their family in Charlotte and moved to North Carolina.

When not working, Belfor enjoyed camping, boating, crabbing, enjoying a good glass of wine, gardening and working in his yard. He had the best green thumb and could make just about anything grow any time of the year. When he could not be outside, he loved to cook. Most of all, he loved the time spent with family and friends, especially time spent with his grandchildren.

Belfor is survived by wife of almost 60 years, Xiomara; his children: Martha L.

“Martie” (fiancé Paul Costa) Alvarez of Bergenfield, NJ, Carolyn “Charo” (husband Joseph) Siciliano of Matthews; grandchildren: Chelsea-Rae (husband Mark Eggert) Alvarez, Dylan Alvarez, and Katelynn Taylor; and a great granddaughter: Dakota-Rae “Kody” Eggert. He is further survived by numerous other family and friends, including many friends of his children who considered Belfor and Xiomara as “parents”. Belfor was preceded in death by his parents and his siblings.

Formal services are not being planned at this time, and in honor of his care for others, the family would appreciate any donations in Belfor’s name be made to St. Jude.

Belfor’s family has given the family of Lowe-Neddo Funeral Home the privilege of caring for him and for them. Please take a moment to visit his Tribute Wall and share a favorite memory, condolence or photo.

Tribute Wall



“ *Belfor Alfredo Gallardo*

October 05, 2023 at 07:26 AM



“ *Belfor Alfredo Gallardo*

October 24, 2022 at 08:52 PM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Joseph Siciliano. (son in law) - April 09, 2021 at 07:09 AM

JL

“ *Belfor was a great father in law, you couldn't ask to be related to such a giving man.
There was a time he and I were home alone together and we (he) decided that he wanted a wall taken down separating the kitchen and dining room and when mara(his wife) came home was in complete shock! She didn't even think for a moment that we would redo her home
And belfor and I laughed when she saw what we had done
He truly will be missed by all
Exceptionally by myself
He would give you the shirt off his back if you needed it
R.I.P Belfor
Love always Joe Siciliano*

Joseph Siciliano. (son in law) - April 09, 2021 at 07:07 AM

PR

“ *Patti And Michael Rojek lit a candle in memory of Belfor Alfredo Gallardo*



patti and michael rojek - April 08, 2021 at 08:53 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Belfor Alfredo Gallardo.*



April 08, 2021 at 08:45 PM

PR

“ I met Belfor in 1960 when he started dating my vivacious fun loving cousin Xiomara. It did not take long for the flirtation turned to romance and then marriage. I spent early years in their apartment in Bergenfield watching Bonanza while Belfor was cooking up a storm ! As the years went on Belfor and Xiomara would visit us and my mom and dad and nothing would please Belfor more than to have a National Geographic to read and look through. I had the opportunity to visit them in Charlotte and Belfor loved to putter in the garden and spend hours in his yard.

After dinner he would slice and span the kitchen and bring Xiomara and me a “fireball” to end our night ❤️ He was my favorite Chilean Xiomara was the love of his life and they cherished each other for almost 60 years. I promise you Belfor to look after your love ...
RIP dearest Belfor 🙏



patti and michael rojek - April 08, 2021 at 08:28 PM



“ Charo.... you are t nearest and dearest friend and I know how close you are to your parents! I am so sorry for your loss! God blessed him with 89 years and thanks to Him, 98% of them (or more) were GREAT! He is in a better place and will be with you all in spirit! I know mom told him she loves him but will not rush to see him!!! We’re going to hold her to that!

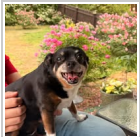


Dad was always smiling! A true, happy and beautiful soul! It emanated from him! which is probably why mom knew he was the one she was going to marry! For me, his big right eyes, his big beautiful smile, his shuffling feet in his slippers (the sound) and his very delicious and tasty breaded steak.....(yummy).....is what I will always remember!

I’m blessed to have known him and may he Rest In Peace!

*I love you all! Especially mom, you Charo and Martha!
Xoxo Dora*

Dora Ferrante - April 08, 2021 at 07:57 PM



“ The day I saw you by Mrs Volonino’s desk at DC Heath at 475 Dean St Englewood NJ, dressed with a light gray suit, white shirt and a lavender tie, I knew then I was going to be your partner for the rest of our lives. I will love you forever

Xiomara Lalie Arbucias-Gallardo - April 08, 2021 at 06:25 PM