

Jose Santiago Barela

July 25, 1943 - July 24, 2016

Jose Santiago Barela, 72, of Mint Hill, died Sunday July 24, 2016, at the Waltonwood Providence Assisted Living Center in Charlotte where he had been for a few months.

Jose was born in San Luis, Colorado, on July 25, 1943, the son of Ernesto and Julia Padilla Barela. He grew up in the area and after school, served his country honorably in the United States Air Force. He was discharged with the rank of Sergeant. With an aptitude for computers and systems programming, he became a systems analyst with National Gypsum. When they moved their company headquarters to Charlotte in 1978, he and his family moved as well. He retired from there after 35 years of service.

Jose enjoyed classic cars, bowling and golf. And while his children live in North Carolina, he also cherished the trips back to Colorado to visit the family members who remained there. An avid sports fan, he followed the Independence HS Patriots, the Tar Heels, the Panthers and the original Charlotte Hornets. On January 25, 1969, he married Ms. Beverly Storm, who preceded him in death on September 27, 2013. Most of all, he loved time spent with family and friends and he will be missed by all who knew him.

Jose is survived by three daughters: Cheryl B. Fekete (husband Michael Fekete) of Holly Springs, NC; Julia R. Barela of Huntersville, NC; and Andrea

B. Smith (husband Stuart Smith) of Mint Hill, NC; grandsons Matthew and Mason Fekete, and Harrison Smith; and numerous other family and friends. He was preceded in death by his wife of 44 years, Beverly R. Barela and both parents Ernesto and Julia P. Barela of San Luis, Colorado.

No formal services will be held at this time. Per his wishes and at a date to be determined, his ashes will be scattered where his wife's ashes were spread in 2015, at the base of Mount Blanca in Colorado where he proposed to her.

In honor and appreciation of the love and care shown to their father, the family would like to acknowledge the staff of Hospice of Union County through Carolinas Healthcare System. Please make any donations in Jose's name directly to them. You may find them at <http://www.carolinashealthcare.org/medical-services/specialty-care/other-specialty-care-services/hospice-palliative-care/union-county>

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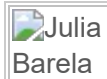
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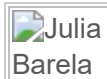
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“ *Kathy Aldridge lit a candle in memory of Jose Santiago Barela*



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He was always laughing, creating memories and will be missed by so many. Rest in peace James!

Kathy Aldridge - July 27, 2016 at 10:04 PM

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“ *My name is Zolanda Medina, I was Jose Sister, one of many sibling our mother had 14 children , God bless her💜 My memories of of brother was that he was kind , loving, loved his stories of the past, and sense of humor, he loved and was so proud of his daughters, and his grandsons, he enjoyed life, I especially will miss his coming to Colorado around his birthday , we all got together and celebrated his life ,, we went fishing, went many places in Colorado ,,🥰❤️💜*

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“ *Mr. Barela is the father of one of the sweetest persons to ever enter my life, Cheryl Barela. Never ever knew in 1988 fall that I'd be meeting one of my best friends for life! My life has been forever blessed and changed by your daughter, Mr. Barela. She is one of the best friends I've ever had. I know you had a part in making who she is today. I enjoyed visiting with you back in late May. I can't wait to see you again. I love you and your whole family, Jill S. Moore*

Jill Moore - July 27, 2016 at 08:36 PM

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“ Jose was love but so many people, especially by his family , he was always here in Colorado at this time in July, we always celebrated his Birthday , he was so proud of all his daughter and grandsons and loved them very much. He was full of stories and had a great sence of humor , We will miss him ,, desperately , I know he is telling stories and making every one laugh in heaven ,, we will see each other one day again . 🥺🥺

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