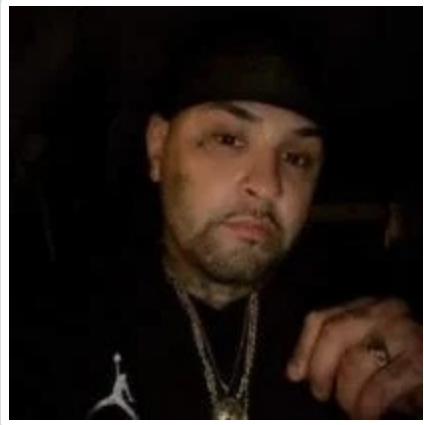




## Juan Ortega

January 31, 1986 - July 9, 2026

On January 31st 1986, Cruz Ortega was born to Juan Ortega and Annie Ortega in Roswell New Mexico. Cruz married Geraldine in Albuquerque New Mexico on June 8th 2016. Cruz was a member of St. John's Catholic Church. He used to work in the oil fields with his brother Albert and he also did screen printing.

A viewing for Cruz will be held at Anderson Bethany Funeral Home & Crematory on Thursday, July 23, 2026, from 1:00 PM to 6:00 PM with a rosary to begin at 6:00 PM. A funeral mass will be held at St. John's Catholic Church on Friday, July 24, 2026, at 10:00 AM. Interment to follow at South Park Cemetery.

Cruz was many things like funny, outspoken, smart, protective, loyal, proud, determined, caring, handsome, but most importantly he was a family oriented man and the best dad ever. Cruz's favorite past time was spending Thanksgiving with his family in 2020, at his grandpa Barreras' house where he made his first turkey. Despite life's challenges, he always managed to find joy and make the best of his circumstances. Cruz was the type of person who-no matter his situation or stage in life-was resilient. He was stubborn, but strong and always stood ten toes down. He was a fighter who never gave up. He loved music, singing and dancing, but he enjoyed most was watching his TV shows with his family and watching sports. His favorite teams are the NHL San Jose Sharks and NFL Las Vegas Raiders. One thing to know about Cruz is that he unapologetically loved what he loved. He is a very authentic person

who stayed true to his roots, his culture and his self. Cruz never needed outside approval because he was confident in who he is. Cruz will be deeply missed by his family and friends. His ability to light up a room and bring a smile to people's faces, is something we will always remember.

Those left to eternally treasure and cherish Cruz's memory are his wife, Geraldine Orona-Ortega; children: Nadiah Ortega, Aceya Ortega, Diamond Ortega, Reyna Ortega; step-children: Steven, Stephanie and Jazzlynn; mother, Annie Ortega; brother, Albert and wife Sonia Ortega; sister, Ashley Ortega and fiancé Miguel Gabaldon; numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins; nieces and nephews: Ariana and husband Christian Sanchez, Anabel Ortega, Alijah Ortega, Michael Ortega, Aeliana Ortega; brothers and sisters from the East Side, CTR and Nuevo Mexico, real ones, you know who you are!

Cruz is preceded in death by his father, Juan Ortega; paternal grandparents: Guadalupe and Dora Ortega; maternal grandparents: Jerry and Josephine Barreras; paternal great-grandparents: Carmen and Jesusita Ortega; maternal great-grandparents: Mariano and Mable Flores; uncle: Ernesto Barreras.

Those blessed to be chosen as honorary pallbearers Ashley Ortega, Suzie and Tania Coronado, Joseph Silva, Diamond Ortega, Armando "Mundy" Barragon, Jacob Gonzales, Creep Thyberg, Celest Gabaldon.

Those honored to be chosen as pallbearers Albert Ortega, Aceya Ortega, Steven Orona, Joe Silva, Richard Thyberg, Monster, Lil Magoo, Miguel Gabaldon, and John Isaacs.

Cruz's tribute was lovingly written by his family.

# Previous Events

## Viewing

JUL **23**. 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM (MT)

Anderson-Bethany Funeral Home and Crematory  
2609 South Main  
Roswell, NM 88203  
(575) 622-5888  
abfh@andersonbethany.com

## Rosary

JUL **23**. 6:00 PM (MT)

Anderson-Bethany Funeral Home and Crematory  
2609 South Main  
Roswell, NM 88203  
(575) 622-5888  
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## Funeral Mass

JUL **24**. 10:00 AM (MT)

St. John's Catholic Church  
506 S Lincoln Ave, Roswell, NM 88203  
Roswell, NM

*Interment to follow at South Park Cemetery.*

# Tribute Wall

JT

“ *My friends and I encountered Jaun after he created a situation for himself.*

*We were able to help where we could, and interfered we did not.*

*We hoist beverages when we are together, and remember what was, and what won't be.*

*Condolences.*



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**Jon THIGSWORTHY** - August 01 at 06:24 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Memorial Video*



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**Anderson - Bethany Funeral Home and Crematory** - July 23 at 04:16 PM

ST

“ *I'm sorry we won't see you go but it's never goodbye. I'll keep your memory alive for our daughter and make sure she remembers you. Rest in Love & Peace 'til we meet again.*



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**Steph&Serenity** - July 23 at 11:04 AM

SY

“ I have so many memories with and about you may you rip and I send all my love and prayers to you and your family.

Sylvia - July 22 at 10:30 AM



“ My Life Will Never Be The Same Without You Brother, Hug And Kiss My Daddy For Me... Until I See YOU Again. XOXOXO



Ashley Ortega - July 21 at 05:45 PM

ST

“ We'll love and miss you always!  
- Serenity Ortega



Steph&Serenity - July 21 at 12:32 PM

BP

“ Brittania Provencio lit a candle in memory of  
Juan Ortega



Brittania Provencio - July 20 at 11:34 AM

KR

“ I am so incredibly sorry you were gone to soon my friend my condolences go out to your family till we meet again gonna be missn you 💙🙏🏻..

Kristy - July 20 at 01:43 AM

CS

“ My homie, my friend, 1of Da Realest Gs i knew!! I nvr expected this to happen to u!! Not u my niggy😭!! Its jus so hard to believe an hard for me to except it!! Just kno no matter what I'll forever hold u in my heart with the rest!!! I LOVE U CRAZO!! FLY HIGH AN GIVE MY SON , MY SIS, AN BIG SLEEPY A HUG FOR ME!! ILL SEE U WHEN I GET THERE MY FRIEND💔



Cyleste Smiley - July 19 at 06:50 PM

SA

“ Primo I hope you rest in peace and to the familia, my deepest condolences Lorraine, Ashley, Albert, Sonia and the rest of the family.

Stephanie Ortega Del Angel - July 18 at 10:53 PM

ST



Steph&Serenity - July 18 at 02:21 AM

LG

“ Sincere condolences 🙏 my prayers are with you all



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**Loretta galvan** - July 15 at 05:18 PM

MC

“ ❤️❤️❤️



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**Mari Coronado** - July 15 at 02:04 AM



“ *I Wish I Knew Why, I Wish I Could Give Mine Up For Yours. Lord Knows How Much We All Still Needed You..*  
*My Big Brother, My Best Friend, Thank You For Always Caring, For Always Being There, For Everything You Ever Taught Me, All The Times You Made Me Laugh, Made Me Cry, Thank You For Simply Being You... I Will Never Stop Missing You, And I Will Forever Keep Your Name Alive... Please Let Me Know Your Near As Often As Possible, Because This Shit Will never Sit Right With Me Bubba Evvveerrr!!*  
*REST IN PARADISE*  
*DA REALEST 2 EVER DO IT.*

*Screaming Miss You Until I'm With You...*  
*Xoxoxo*



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**Ashley Ortega** - July 15 at 01:03 AM