



Sammy "Sam" Delgado

May 10, 1953 - October 27, 2017

Sammy "Sam" Delgado was born the seventh child of ten children to Ernest and Petra Delgado on May 10, 1953. As a child, he was fond of going to work with his mother and being pulled around on her cotton bag. As he grew older, he played sports at the Yucca and The Boys and Girls Club, and so began his career path. Sam graduated from Roswell High School in 1971. As an adult, he was well known in the sports community of Southeastern New Mexico and West Texas. Sam was Umpire in Chief for USSSA and ASA Girls Fast Pitch Softball. Anyone that knew Sam understood that he preferred sports over almost anything, except hunting with his family. He was an avid deer hunting. Sam was a man of very few words despite his passion for his family and life. One of those things he enjoyed was listening to Mexican music; he also loved to dance. Sadly, Sam passed away on Friday, October 27, 2017, at 64 years of age.

Sam was preceded in death by his mother, Petra Paz Delgado of Artesia, NM; father, Ernest Delgado of Balmorhea, TX; sister, Sandra Delgado of Roswell, NM; and sister, Gloria White of Austin, TX.

He is survived by his wife, Julie Delgado of Roswell, NM; daughter, Anna Smith and husband, Stewart and their three children of Greenville, SC; daughter, Erin Delgado of Greenville, SC; daughter, Jessica Harkness and husband, Richard, their four children and grandchild of Roswell, NM; son, Anthony Gonzales and wife, Destany and their four children of Roswell, NM; brother, Anastacio "Del" Delgado and wife, Linda, their seven children and

many grandchildren of Ruidoso, NM; brother, Andres "Andy" Delgado, two children and grandchildren; sister, Virginia Torrez and husband, Fernando, their three children and four grandchildren; brother, Jose "Joe" Delgado, three children, nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild; brother, Raul "Rudy" Delgado and wife, Teresa, their four children and their seven grandchildren; brother, Michael "Mike" Delgado and daughter; and brother, Ernest Delgado Jr.

Arrangements are being managed by Anderson Bethany Funeral Home and Crematory. Services will be held on Saturday, November 4, 2017, at 2:00 PM. Celebrate Sammy's life by visiting www.andersonbethany.com to offer a memory or expression of sympathy for his family.

This tribute was lovingly written in honor of Sammy by his family.

Tribute Wall

ED

“ I remember going on my first hunt with dad, Grandpa, my brother and Uncle Sam. And I just remember Uncle Sam always seemed so tall. On the last day of the hunt, I had the video camera and told Uncle Sam, “Say hi to the camera Uncle Sam.” And in Uncle Sam fashion he stopped packing his bag and said, “Hi to the camera Uncle Sam.” Ooookayyyy, Uncle Sam. Haha and I remember lots of cooking and red flannels. Memories of New Mexico, hunting, and Uncle Sam will forever be intertwined for me. My love and condolences to Aunt Julie and the family.

Emily Delgado - November 02, 2017 at 10:12 PM

DD

“ Sam was and always will be my uncle. When i was young he lived in california for awhile and helped coach my baseball teams. Thats when he had his big fro hairdo. I remember following him around the mountains deer hunting, he was like a mountain goat. Sam was a man of few words until he got around his brothers, then they could all talk @#\$. I think he might have been my grandma's favorite, she would always make sew him some fancy deer hunting shirts and jackets. Then when we went hunting he would show them off to us. He was a great uncle. Our thoughts and prayers are with julie and the family. We love you.

Lil' Dale and family

Dale Delgado - November 02, 2017 at 03:34 PM

HE

“ We are blessed to have known Sam. He always could make us smile... softball was a passion we shared with him.. prayers for all him family... He will be missed.

Butch and JoAnn and all the Hefner group.

Hefners - November 01, 2017 at 11:55 PM

RG

“ I grew up on Poplar Street in Roswell NM and remember Sammy very well.

I remember we would play basketball in the alley behind his parents home. Sammy had managed to secure a piece of plywood and cut a backboard out of it. I remember when Sammy pulled out an A frame ladder, climbed up and nailed it to the trunk of a tree before me and several of our friends realized we had forgotten to add the old rusty basketball hoop.

He climbed back up and nailed the hoop to the plywood guessing how far up 10 feet might be. The nails went straight into the plywood but also into the tree. He didn't care he just wanted to play basketball.

He was equally excited when we'd pick teams and play football in front of Sanchez Grocery and as I remember was quite the quarterback.

To Sammy's brothers, sisters, children grandchildren and friends I have only the fondest memories of Sammy and our growing years on Garden, Poplar, Mulberry and East Chisum Streets in the sixties and early seventies.

I live in Austin, TX but wish I could join friends and family as they honor this amazing man. He will be sorely missed I'm sure.

God bless you Sammy.

Robert (Bobby) Gonzales

Robert (Bobby) Gonzales - November 01, 2017 at 07:26 PM

JD

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with Julie and your family*



Jodi deeter - October 30, 2017 at 06:58 PM