



## Dominick James Casillas

August 21, 1990 - April 11, 2024

Dominick James Casillas gained his angel wings on April 11, 2024. Dominick was born August 21st, 1990, to Jose Guadalupe Casillas and Lisa Dionne Romero in Denver CO. Dominick moved to his beloved San Luis Valley when he was nine years old. He grew up in Romeo and attended North Conejos Schools and graduated in 2009.

Dominick met his beautiful wife Ashley Nicole Garcia, and they spent twelve wonderful years together. They loved each other deeply and spent their time together enjoying their family while hiking, fishing, hunting and camping. Dominick loved the outdoors and loved sharing his passion with his wife, children and his nieces and nephews. Dominick was blessed with two beautiful daughters Micaela Eulalia Casillas and Eunice Olivia Casillas, followed by two sons Rayden Robert Casillas and Ezekiel James Casillas.

Dominick loved his family deeply and never missed an opportunity to be with his brothers Jose Luis Casillas and Gabriel Noel Casillas.

Dominick was an avid hunter and spent his life hunting with his best hunting

buddy his grandpa Bernie James Romero. He loved hunting with his dad and his brothers and was always eager to be in the mountains with his entire family.

Dominick was a kind and generous soul and always made a priority of taking care of his loved ones. He regularly visited his grandparents and made sure they had plenty of split wood to keep them warm as well as anything else they could need. He would regularly stop in and check in on his uncle Ronnie Lee and would spend time with him whenever he had an opportunity. Dominick's love for family was truly evident in how he lived his life caring for others. He was always willing and available, as one of his closest cousins Teotenantzin and Robert Lockwood would say there was never a time that Dominick didn't answer a call or offer a helping hand.

Most recently Dominick was learning the time-honored tradition of ranching from his wife Ashley and his brother-in-law Andrew Garcia. He was looking forward to helping carry on the legacy of the Garcia Ranch.

Dominick was taken from this life too soon and for those of us left behind he leaves a void that will never be filled.

Dominick is preceded in death by his father -in- law Andrew "Critter" Garcia and his mother-in-law Leeann Barela Garcia. Grandfather in law Robert

Barela. As well as great grandparents Faustin and Bydela Romero and Medward and Celina Romero,

Dominick leaves behind his wife Ashley Garcia his two daughters Micaela and Eunice, two sons Rayden and Ezekiel Casillas of the family home in Antonito. His father Jose Casillas of Romeo, his mother and stepfather Lisa and Rod David of Antonito. His stepbrother Harley David, his brother Jose Luis and nephews Malachi, Luis, and Jose Bernard and his niece Baelyn. His brother Gabriel and his nephews Ellianez and Gabriel Jr.

His maternal grandparents Bernie and Norma Romero. His paternal grandmother Eulalia Casillas. His uncles Jesus, Lino and Indio Casillas of Denver.

His uncle Ronnie Lee Romero, his aunt Denise, his two cousins Veronica (Encarnicion) Chacon, their children DeShawn, Novaleen, EJ Chacon and Xavier Melgares. Angelena Romero (David Velarde) and their daughter Raeleeana.

His brother-in-law Andrew Garcia Jr and his children Elijah and Issabella Garcia.

Recitation of the rosary mass will be held at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church in Conejos Co on Wednesday April 17th at 7:00 P.M.

Funeral services will be held at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church in Conejos Co

on Thursday April 18th at 10:00 A.M. To leave online condolences please visit; [romerofuneralhomes.com](http://romerofuneralhomes.com). The care of arrangements has been entrusted to Romero Valley Funeral Home of Alamosa.

Cremation was chosen inurnment will be at a later date.

# Tribute Wall

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“*Dominick, our Duck I could go on for days with our crazy fun memories, or about how much you meant to me and how you were my cousin by blood but my brother at heart. I wasn't done creating those memories with you we had so much more to do, but God called you home. I will never understand why and will always have a hard time accepting that you're gone. My heart hurts and it will probably hurt until I see you again. Not a day will go by where I won't think of you especially when some of our favorite songs come on. I will cherish our memories until you meet me at the gates of heaven. I will be there for our family and your kids just like you would've wanted. Rest in peace Cuz our lives are forever changed but thanking God he blessed us with you if even for a short while. I love you Duck ❤️*



Angelena Romero - April 19, 2024 at 04:32 PM

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*Hi Duck. It's Mother's Day today. Our first Mother's Day without you. You would always think of me and always wished me a special greeting. I cherish the teapot you gave me and the tablet as well. But those are material things. The greatest moments were that you gave me your heart ❤️, and now your soul. I miss you. But, I do know that you're with God in Heaven wishing us well. With love, Gramsy Norma*

Norma Romero - May 11, 2025 at 07:20 PM

SM

“ You were so good to me and you were like a little brother to me thanks for being there when nobody was you will be missed. I send my condolences to the family his wife and kids and his brothers who I know well. I love you Dom so much for high RIP you're a guardian Angel for you're entire family. I'm so Sorry to everyone who lost this Good Man.

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**Shiela Gurule Mtz** - April 17, 2024 at 06:52 PM

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*To our Dominick who will forever be in our hearts. We miss you so much. Today we face the reality that you will no longer be coming by, but your spirit is here now and will be forever. We love you beloved Grandson. Norma and Bernie*

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**Norma Romero** - April 19, 2024 at 01:17 PM

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“ My duck.... what would i ever be able to say to capture your light or to express my love? I will always remember you as my little duckling, you filled my life with laughter when you were little and lots of stife! To say you were a handful doesn't even come close. You were so adventurous and curious and loved exploring your surroundings. You always wanted to figure out how things worked and how to make them work better. You loved to make people laugh and your smile and laugh were infectious. If you got in trouble i couldn't stay mad at you because you would cry and laugh at the same time and it would always make me laugh with you in end. My hito my heart hurts because i didn't see you much anymore but you always, always made sure to come to me when you did see me and give me one of those big ol bear hugs and tell me you loved me. I will treasure that and so many more memories and you will live on because i will never forget your precious twinkling eyes, your infectious laugh, your comical nature and most of all your loving heart. Be waiting for me hito because I'll be expecting that big ol' bear hug from you when i get there! Love you always my hito, aunt Denise



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**Denise Manzanares** - April 15, 2024 at 11:54 PM

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“ Shari Romero Cheney & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dominick James Casillas.

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**Shari Romero Cheney & Family** - April 15, 2024 at 09:44 PM



“ Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White was purchased for the family of Dominick James Casillas.



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“ Lupe Rocha & Camen Mendoza planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dominick James Casillas.

**Lupe Rocha & Camen Mendoza** - April 15, 2024 at 09:42 PM



“ Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Dominick James Casillas.



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