



Elias "Leo" Manzanares

October 27, 1934 - October 22, 2023

Elias (Leo) Robert Manzanares

Passed away peacefully on October 22, 2023 in his home. He was born on October 27, 1934 to Francisco Ignacio and Rosanna Maria Manzanares. Leo was a devoted brother, husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, uncle, godfather, and a friend to all.

Leo was born and raised in Monte Vista. He enlisted in the Army in 1957. He married Loretta (Trujillo) in 1961. They welcomed Peggy, Cindy and Michael. Leo enjoyed playing BINGO, hunting, fishing, watching football, listening to Spanish music, and being surrounded by family. He was a member of the Elks for many years as well as the Knights of Columbus.

Leo is survived by his children Peggy Manzanares of Monte Vista, Cindy Martinez (Jesse) of Monte Vista, and Michael Manzanares (Rhonda) of Pueblo West; seven grandchildren Tesa Maxwell (Dennis), Zachariah Manzanares, Heather Gonzalez (Manuel), Savannah Marshall (Justin), Bethanie Manzanares (Shelby), Dante Madril (Alicia), and Chloe Manzanares; twelve great-grandchildren, one sister, Elizabeth Windham, numerous nieces, nephews, godchildren, and extended family members.

Leo was preceded in death by his wife Loretta, his parents Francisco Ignacio and Rosanna Maria, one brother and five sisters.

The rosary will be held on Thursday, October 26 at 7 P.M. in Alamosa, at the Romero Funeral Chapel. A Funeral Mass will be held on Friday, October 27 at 2 P.M. in Monte Vista, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church. Inurnment will be held

at the Monte Vista Cemetery with full military honors. To leave online condolences please visit romerofuneralhomes.com. The care of arrangements has been entrusted to Romero Funeral Home of Alamosa.

Cemetery Details

Monte Vista Cemetery

Tribute Wall

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“ My name is Sammy Pacheco I grew up in seven-mile plaza. I know the Manzanares brothers & sisters, etc. The last time I saw him was for Andrew Gonzalez's funeral, Leo was a very nice person! My condolences & prayers to all the family. There was nine of us that hung around, so with him passing on that leaves 3 left: Art Sanchez, Alex Valdez and me. I am 87 years old, I left the valley after I got out the army 1960. Anyway, Sending comfort to all!

sammy pacheco - October 26, 2023 at 08:11 PM

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“ Sandi, Gregg, And Family lit a candle in memory of Elias "Leo" Manzanares



Sandi, Gregg, and family - October 25, 2023 at 07:30 PM

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Rest in peace.

Sandi, Gregg, and family - October 25, 2023 at 07:31 PM



“ Healing Tears - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Elias "Leo" Manzanares.



October 25, 2023 at 11:40 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Elias "Leo" Manzanares.

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“ Myrna Ellinger Sherry & Tyrone Mcmillan purchased the Healing Tears - Lavender and White for the family of Elias "Leo" Manzanares.



Myrna Ellinger Sherry & Tyrone Mcmillan - October 24, 2023 at 08:13 PM