



Gilbert Duran

January 24, 1954 - August 11, 2023

Gilbert Duran, 69, of Antonito, Colorado, passed on August 11, 2023, surrounded by his loved ones after a battle with mesothelioma, which was caused by exposure to asbestos. On his dying bed he asked that we do what we can to make sure this tragedy doesn't happen to other families.

Gilbert was born on January 24, 1954, to Jose Pedro Valois Duran and Maria Adela Barela Duran in San Antonio, Colorado. He was the second youngest of seven children. Gilbert was hard working as a young child and at an early age he started traveling across the country earning a living.

At age 18, he entered the U.S. Marine Corps. He thoroughly believed "Once a Marine, always a Marine" and was very proud of it.

In January 1976, Gilbert married his childhood sweetheart Alice "Chickie" Duran in Conejos, Colorado. Gilbert and Chickie went on to have three children, Dominic, Rachel, and Alicia, and one granddaughter, Anjahli. He was a wonderful, devoted husband, father, and grandpa and enjoyed spending time with his loved ones. He adored his granddaughter, Anjahli, and she loved playing statue with her grampy, her best family friend.

Gilbert spent 39 years working for Garney Construction providing drinking water to communities throughout the country. He took pride in tackling the difficult jobs and working for an employee-owned company. He viewed the company as a second family and taking care of his crew was his top priority until his retirement. He was a father figure to countless individuals and had a positive influence everywhere he went and is being remembered by his genuine smile. He is viewed as a legacy by many. If anyone asked for any assistance or advice, he was there for them. He touched many lives by mentoring others, being thoughtful, helpful and kind.

Gilbert retired from Garney and went from traveling around the United States to traveling around the world spending time with his wife and daughters. He also started a ranch and built a new home. He enjoyed managing the ranch and tending to the animals. Throughout the years, Gilbert enjoyed spending time on his mountain property. He also enjoyed fishing, hunting, gardening, gambling, and creating memories with his family and friends. Gilbert was preceded in death by his mom, Maria Adela Barela Duran, his dad, Jose

Pedro Valois Duran, and his son, Dominic Duran.

He is survived by his wife, Alice "Chickie" Duran, and his daughters Rachel Duran and Alicia DuPree (Antoine DuPree) and granddaughter Anjahli DuPree; brothers Jerry Duran (Darlene Duran), Alfred Duran (Marbella Duran), Jose Duran; and sisters, Susan Vigil (Lawrence Vigil), Celia Vigil (Nestor Vigil), Gloria Romero (Mark Romero).

The rosary will be held at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, on August 17, 2023 at 7:00 pm.

The funeral will be held at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, on August 18, 2023, at 11:00 am. In lieu of flowers, Please consider donating to the Asbestos Awareness Foundation in Gilbert's name <https://give.asbestosdiseaseawareness.org/fundraiser/4860561>

4860561 .The care of arrangements has been entrusted to Romero Funeral Home of Alamosa.

Tribute Wall

SF

“ I did my summer internship with Gil on the front range of Colorado in 2000. I learned so much from Gil via his patient and fatherly nature. He and Alice hosted me at their home and mountain property one weekend and made me feel right at home with his family. It's with a heavy heart I hear this news. What a blessing it was to have him in my life. He will be sorely missed.
With Love,
Sam



Sam Flowers - August 25, 2023 at 09:53 AM

JP

“ Alice and family ; Sorry to hear about the passing of your husband Gilbert. May God Bless you and your family.
With my condolences, John Pacheco (AKA " My Time")

John A Pacheco - August 19, 2023 at 04:59 PM



“ Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Gilbert Duran.



August 17, 2023 at 09:49 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Gilbert Duran.

August 17, 2023 at 09:49 AM



“ Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Gilbert Duran.



August 16, 2023 at 09:37 PM



“ Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Gilbert Duran.



August 16, 2023 at 09:10 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Gilbert Duran.

August 16, 2023 at 09:10 PM

RD

“ In lieu of gifts please consider contributing to the Asebestos Disease Awareness Organization at <https://give.asbestosdiseaseawareness.org/fundraiser/4860561/dashboard/updates>

Rachel Duran - August 16, 2023 at 08:47 PM



“ Blue & White Sympathy Basket was purchased for the family of Gilbert Duran.



August 16, 2023 at 08:26 PM

RS

“ Ruben and Olga Armendarez..Lita's sister purchased the Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers for the family of Gilbert Duran.



Ruben and Olga Armendarez..Lita's sister - August 16, 2023 at 07:53 PM

RS

“ Ruben and Olga Armendarez..Lita's sister planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gilbert Duran.

Ruben and Olga Armendarez..Lita's sister - August 16, 2023 at 07:53 PM

TJ

“ Thomas J. planted a grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gilbert Duran.

Thomas J. - August 16, 2023 at 06:02 PM



“ Classic Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Gilbert Duran.



August 16, 2023 at 02:01 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Gilbert Duran.

August 16, 2023 at 02:01 PM



“ Blue & White Sympathy Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Gilbert Duran.



August 16, 2023 at 11:29 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Gilbert Duran.

August 16, 2023 at 11:29 AM



“ Lavender & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Gilbert Duran.



August 16, 2023 at 02:00 AM



“ *Lavender & White Sympathy Basket was purchased for the family of Gilbert Duran.* ”



August 15, 2023 at 11:17 PM