



Gilbert Abelardo Salazar

January 21, 1922 - August 19, 2018

Gilbert Abelardo Salazar, 96, entered into eternal life on August 19, 2018. He was born on January 21, 1922 in Antonito, Colorado.

Gilbert was a loving husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather, great-great grandfather, brother, uncle and friend.

He had a very cheerful attitude and a great sense of humor. He was a generous and giving man always willing to help in any way he could.

He loved life and lived it to the fullest. He exercised every morning and rode his bike daily. He loved to dance even winning dance contests with his loving wife Ruth. He was always tinkering around the house, fixing this or that and loved to work in the yard.

He grew up during the depression therefore he hardly ever threw anything away.

Gilbert loved God and his Catholic Faith. He attended mass every Sunday and on holidays of Obligation. He also made it a point to pray the rosary daily.

He enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps in 1943. He served in Germany during WWII as part of the ground troops in the 979th Military Police Aviation Unit. Upon his return home he finished his education.

He married Ruth Trujillo in 1947 and they had 59 wonderful years together.

In his younger years he owned a gas station, was an auto mechanic, painted cars and sold pots and pans door to door. He was also a school bus driver in

the 1960's. For part time work he drove the bus for the Cumbres and Toltec Scenic Railroad. He worked for Grefco in No Agua, New Mexico and retired after 25 years.

He was a retired volunteer fireman in Antonito, and was also a member of the American Legion where he served as Post Commander for a period of time.

He is preceded in death by his wife Ruth A. (Trujillo); parents Pedro Salazar, Sr. and Deluvina Epifanis (Valdez) Salazar; brothers and sisters Pedro(Pete) Salzer, Victoria Salazar, Louisa Chavez, Leontina Anderson, Dora Beasley, Rudolph Salazar, Enedina (Nina) Salazar, Ernie Salazar.; grandchild Keven James Garcia; great grandchild Taunie Rae Snyder; great great grandchild Josiah Leo Vigil.

Those who cherish and continue his memory are his beloved family; son Ronnie (Candace) Salazar, Everette, WA; daughter Janet (Roman Valdez) DuPont, Antonito, CO; son Donald Salazar, Alamosa, CO.; Martin (Maryellen) Salazar, Long Beach, CA.; Trudy (Artie Martinez)Salazar, Manassa, CO.; Leslie (Judy) Salazar, Antonito, CO.; Karma (George) Garcia, Naselle, WA.; Lisa (John) Turnbull, Aliso Viejo, CA. Also survived by 23 grandchildren, 39 great grandchildren, 13 great great grandchildren, brother Orlando Salazar and sister Freida Salazar and numerous extended family.

Viewing and visitation will be held on Wednesday, August 29, 2018 at Romero Funeral Chapel in Antonito from 1-5. A Vigil Service with Recitation of the Rosary will be held on Thursday, August 30, 2018 at 7:00 pm at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in Conejos. A mass of the Resurrection will be held on Friday, August 31, 2018 at 11:00 am also at our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in Conejos Church. Interment will follow at the Los Cerritos Cemetery in Manassa, CO. Arrangements have been entrusted to Romero Valley Funeral Home of Antonito.

Cemetery Details

Los Cerritos

Manassa, CO

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 29. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (MT)

Romero Valley Funeral Home, Inc. - Antonito
100 West 11th Street
Antonito, CO 81120

Rosary

AUG 30. 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM (MT)

Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish
305 W 8th Ave
Antonito, CO 81120
(719) 376-5985

Funeral Mass

AUG 31. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (MT)

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305 W 8th Ave
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Tribute Wall



“ *Gilbert Abelardo Salazar*

January 29, 2023 at 07:44 AM



“ *Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers was purchased for the family of Gilbert Abelardo Salazar.*



August 31, 2018 at 12:19 AM



“ *Our heartfelt sympathy to The Salazar Family from the Phil Montoya Family. We will always have fond memories growing up together. Your dad was like a second dad to us. He kept us all in line as well as supported us. We will always have a special place in our heart ❤️ for your dad. He was a kind, happy, joyful, and giving person. May he Rest In Peace and dance with all the angel DOLLS. Love and hugs to all our brothers and sisters - Ronnie, Janet, Donald, Martin, Trudy, Leslie, Karma, & Lisa.*



Kim Montoya - August 29, 2018 at 11:16 AM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Gilbert Abelardo Salazar.*



August 28, 2018 at 02:51 PM



“ *Juan B Tafoya and the Tafoya family purchased the Healing Tears - Blue and White for the family of Gilbert Abelardo Salazar.*



Juan B Tafoya and the Tafoya family - August 28, 2018 at 10:50 AM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Gilbert Abelardo Salazar.*



August 28, 2018 at 10:34 AM



“ *Fields of Europe for Spring was purchased for the family of Gilbert Abelardo Salazar.*



August 27, 2018 at 10:27 PM



“ *Salazar Family. My deepest condolences on
The loss of Gilbert. You will be missed
By the Antonito Seniors. Had the privileged
to Work at Senior Center and later just
A Member. You always had a smile and always said HI DOLL.
Carla Romero, Philip Romero ,Nester Joe
Romero,Tomas and Mary Romero and
Betty Trujillo and Rest of Antonito Seniors. ❤️*

Carla Romero - August 23, 2018 at 03:54 PM

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“ *Our condolences to the family. Our prayers are with you at this time.
May you find comfort knowing that Gilbert is "Home" resting in
Eternal Happiness with his beloved Ruth and his awaited family.
Rest peacefully Gilbert. You will be missed here on earth.*

The (Irene) Fairweather Family.

Irene - August 23, 2018 at 03:19 PM

CS

“ One of our Patriarchs has departed from us and although there now exists a hole of emptiness in our earthly hearts, we know that our Gilbert lived his life in positivity and good nature. He made each person he knew feel significant as he shared smiles, giggles and a listening ear. One day I was tending to my flower bed when I heard a horn honk from my vehicle, howeve there was no one there. After this happening a couple more times, Gilbert stood up and had a laugh on me. We had so much fun being neighbors. He is the person who taught me how to cook beans in a pressure cooker and make tortillas long time ago. He is certainly a special man to all and I miss him genuinely. I love all of his children as brothers and sisters and pray for their comfort through this transition. The Phil and Sophie Salazar family loves dearly the Gilbert and Ruth Salazar family. Please call on us and Blessings upon you all. Peace...



Catherine Salazar - August 23, 2018 at 08:05 AM

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Deidra Felso - August 22, 2018 at 10:02 PM

DJ

“ *Salazar Family*
My condolences for the loss of your loved one. May God bring you all peace, comfort and strength during your most difficult days. My thoughts and prayers to you all. Rest in eternal peace Tio.
Dorothy and Ed Eastwood (Jaramillo)



Dorothy Jaramillo - August 22, 2018 at 09:32 PM

BM

MY deepest condolences for the loss of your loved one. RIP. Thank You for your service to the community and our country.

Bertha N, Montoya - August 23, 2018 at 06:34 PM

CR

Our deepest sympathy for your loss. Gilbert was such a ray of light whenever he was around. Our family shared many years of fun and laughter with your Mom and Dad. Gilbert was a very special person to the Ricci family and he will be dearly missed. We are consoled knowing that he is Dancing in heaven with Ruth!
Ken, Carla, Connie, Kendra Ricci & Duane Garcia

Constance Ricci - August 31, 2018 at 11:02 AM