



Ignacio Nicolas Ortega

February 6, 1939 - November 8, 2023

Ignacio (Nick) “Junior” Ortega passed away peacefully on November 08, 2023, at the age of 84 in Wheat Ridge, CO. He was born February 6, 1939, in Capulin, CO to Ignacio Ortega and Porfiria (Archuleta) Ortega.

Ignacio was a proud veteran of the US Navy where he served as a sonarman on the submarine USS Tench from 1961 to 1965. During his time in the Navy, Ignacio traveled through Europe and other countries. This fueled his love for travel and once discharged from the Navy, traveling became one of his hobbies. Ignacio also enjoyed hunting, fly fishing, walking, swimming and being outdoors. In addition to his hobbies, Ignacio loved watching football and was a dedicated Denver Broncos Fan. Later in life, Ignacio loved spending time with his beloved granddaughter, Lilliana.

Ignacio worked for Union Pacific Railroad as a switchman from the time he was discharged from the Navy until he retired in 1997.

Ignacio was united in marriage to Rose Torres on July 25th, 2003 in Denver, Colorado.

Uncle Junior, as he was known by all his nephews and nieces, was more than just an uncle. To some he was a second father, to others he was more like an older brother. To all he was a great and kind man who had a profound impact. Ignacio is preceded in death by his parents, Ignacio and Porifia Ortega.

Ignacio is survived by his wife of 20 years, Rose Ortega, his stepchildren, Mary Ellen Torres and Gilbert (Mari) Torres, granddaughter, Lilliana Torres. Siblings - Jelena (William-deceased) Anderson, Arthur (Oralia-deceased)

Ortega, Cecelia (Martin-deceased) Roberts, Victor (Darlene) Ortega, Helen (Johnny) Oakes, Lawrence Ortega, Jerry (Isabell) Ortega and Edwin Ortega. In addition, Ignacio leaves behind several nieces, nephews, cousins, God children and dear friends.

Recitation of the Rosary to be held November 20, 2023 at 9:30 am at St. Joseph Church in Capulin, CO. A Mass of the Resurrection will be held immediately after at 10 a.m. with interment following at Capulin Cemetery.

The care of arrangements has been entrusted to Romero Funeral Home in Lakewood and Alamosa.

Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Rose, family and friends of Ignacio,
On behalf of the United States Submarine Veterans, we offer our sincere condolences at Ignacio’s passing. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. We are always saddened whenever a fellow "Bubblehead" departs on Eternal Patrol. He served with honor on the USS Tench SS-417.
To our "Brother-of-the-Phin" we say, "Sailor, rest your oar. We have the watch. Fair Winds and Following Seas." Thank you for your service to our country.
Rose and family... "may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in every way. The Lord be with you." 2 Thessalonians 3:16 (ESV).
Jim Sandman, FTC(SS) Ret,
National Chaplain, USSVI.
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Jim Sandman - November 21, 2023 at 06:56 PM

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“ My memories of Ignacio, My Dad #2, remind me what a loving person he was. When he and my Mom married he took us in as if we were his own children. He loved us unconditionally and will be forever missed, One day he will be there to greet me with open arms and a smile. Love you always Nacio, ... Mary

Mary Torres - November 14, 2023 at 06:24 PM

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What great memories I have of my first cousin, Junior growing up. I spent many summers visiting and spending time with the whole family. I offer my condolences to the whole Ortega family. He was an amazing person. I wish I lived closer so I could be there with everyone . May he rest in peace. Sending lots of hugs and love to all. Lovada

Lovada Romero - November 17, 2023 at 02:57 PM