



## Kenneth L Gonzales

June 3, 1954 - November 28, 2024

Kenneth L. Gonzales (70) passed away at home on November 28, 2024 after a diagnosis of pancreatic cancer in February. Due to God's grace, he was miraculously pain free up to the last five days. The first of eight children, he was born in Alamosa, Colorado on June 3, 1954 to Tom and Frances Gonzales of Fort Garland, Colorado. On September 16, 1983, he committed his life to the Lord by putting Jesus Christ on in baptism. He then unwaveringly focused on doing whatever he could do to glorify God. On May 26, 1989, he married the love of his life Lisa Cowan. They spent the next 35 years working and serving the Lord together. He learned carpentry working with his uncle Levi Gonzales, and then at Forbes Trinchera Ranch; he and his brother Dave opened Tekton Cabinet Shop and built Lindal Cedar Homes; then he spent the last 18 years as a restaurateur, operating All-Gon Restaurant in Fort Garland, CO. He was able to feed a multitude of people physically and spiritually in that time. He would often say, 'let's start something, and see what God does!' Being blessed with no offspring of their own, they did however have a hand in raising many through the restaurant. He was generous, kind, and dedicated in his love for work and cooking to honor God. He was a wonderful, innovative cook, and he loved a good pork chop!

Ken was preceded in death by his parents, his brother Chris and nephew Zachary; sister-in-law Edi and niece Lacey, and brothers-in-law Patrick Allaart

and Patrick Maes. He is survived by his wife, brothers Errol, Alvin (Laura), and Dave (Coleasha), and his sisters Pam Allaart, Toni Maes, and Patty (Ronnie) Montoya, and an abundance of nieces, nephews, and cousins. Cremation was chosen and a Celebration of Life will be held Friday, December 6, 11:00 a.m. at the Blanca-Ft. Garland Community Center.

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.

# Tribute Wall

KH

“ I am saddened to hear about Ken. He was a giving person. Always found a way to know where we were. I used to call him Speedy Gonzales because he was always zipping around. I'll never forget about the "Green" elk that roamed the mountain up to the Forbes house. Even though we were far away you will always be close to my heart. Love you. Kathy Hartshorn

Kathy Hartshorn - December 10, 2024 at 05:37 PM

HT

“ Our hearts are saddened to hear of the passing of Ken. He was always a caring, kind, gentle and sincere person, modeling a love for God and Others. May our Lord meet all your needs during this time of grief. Jeff and Holly Trujillo

Holly Trujillo - December 06, 2024 at 08:50 PM

NH

“ So sorry to hear of the loss of Ken. May he rest in peace. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all  
Nick and Linda Hoagland

Nick & Linda Hoaglanf - December 05, 2024 at 12:08 AM

IB

When I was told that Ken passed away, I said, "Ken's spirit went directly to Heaven, to the throne of GOD. Anyone who knew Ken, was aware Ken and his wife loved our Heavenly Father and how they both shared Christ's love to many others. Ken is an example, who walked his walk and didn't talk it. In other words, his love for God was known by the kindness and help to others that he and Lisa shared. Ken was a very humble man who truly was an example of his love he was blessed with. His spirit is with GOD, surrounded by a multitude of angels.

Ida Baca - December 05, 2024 at 01:34 AM

RW

“ Ken you were a man of many talents and tasty treats. I thank you for driving me and our conversations, all over the Forbes Ranches to do my work, but ya did scare the "he\_\_" out of me a few times... Like telling me there were ghosts at the Lacy place and sure enough, as soon as, you drove off to do work some where else, something started banging upstairs, I couldn't run out of the house, because you also told me about the bear that greeted you as you were leaving the house the day before, too!! Thankfully, after I armed myself with my yard stick and scissors, I found it was only a loose shutter. I appreciate yours and Lisa's and the rest of your families friendship. I so enjoyed that your mom found her birth family and that your dad was so excited for her, showing me all their pictures. Then I cut the sleeves of his anniversary shirt to short when I was altering it, thankfully he just laughed, even thou he couldn't find another one with long sleeves. I saw how you ALL helped so many in the community, including us when my mom and motherinlaw passed, you will be missed by many. Rest in Peace, the Williams.

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**Roberta Williams** - December 04, 2024 at 12:44 PM

IG

“ My Dear Primo-Hermano Ken,  
I was always so proud when people would tell me something that my "brother Ken" had done to make their life easier, whether it was building something or cooking something, it made me happy! Thank you for being such a blessing to so many people! You truly let the light of God shine through your life. May you rest in peace and may your memory be a blessing.

Love,  
Your Prima-Hermana,  
ILA

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**Ila Gomez** - December 04, 2024 at 12:28 PM

LM

*What a servant. A constant presence and worker bee in our lives and community and for God's kingdom; always on the go and at lightening speeds, especially when he drove. I thought life sped up miraculously like a cartoon when he roared by in a puff of dust. 😊 Thanks for it all, Ken. Lori (Maldonado) Austin*

**Lori Maldonado** - December 05, 2024 at 12:40 PM

RD

“*Thank you for being part of our lives in the small community of Fort Garland. So thankful for your holiday meals to the community especially while we were building our home. You blessed so many - Glad you are with the Father Ken. Peace and Comfort to Lisa and the family. Robert and Valerie Dale.*”

**Rob and Val Dale** - December 04, 2024 at 10:26 AM

DC

“*Ken what can I say but thank you for everything from when I was a kid to when I had my first real job with you and Dave thank you for the guidance and just being a part of the family you will truly be missed and never forgotten rest in peace my friend.*”

**Damian Cordova** - December 03, 2024 at 07:32 PM

CM

“ *Errol, Pam, Dave, Alvin, Toni, Patty and Gonzales Family.*



*My sincere condolence for the loss of you brother Ken. My thought and prayers are with you through this difficult time. Ken was a was a loved and respected man in the community. Ken knew no stranger and was well-known through the valley. He was so good to my parents and I appreciate all he did for them. Ken will be missed by all those who had the privilege know him. Memories of him racing around to get things done, that is how I will remember him. Rest in Heavenly Peace Ken.*

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**Cheryl Ann Montoya** - December 03, 2024 at 05:46 PM

BM

*Or dear Ken, What an incredible man of God you were. Always willing to help anyone in need.*

*Your ministry, Fish and Loaves, provided food for others for countless years. With Lisa always at his side, he was able to accomplish much. With his sweet shy smile and gentle words, he had a way of making you feel special.*

*Ken was a good, dear faithful servant of God. He loved the Lord. Now his reward is here.*

*We love you Lisa, and ask God to strength you as you travel this difficult journey.*

*Jerry & Bella Maldonado*

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**Bella Maldonado** - December 03, 2024 at 07:05 PM

VV

*To the Gonzales family, I am so sorry for your loss he was very kind and really did God's work. May God welcome him home and save a seat for us when it's time love you very much you all have been so kind to me and my family. From*

*The Vasquez family*

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**Valerie Vasquez** - December 05, 2024 at 07:31 PM

CM

“ Lisa, I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you through this difficult time. Ken was a pillar in the community who was well known for his building and cabinetry trade. The AIGon restaurant you both successfully brought into our community was another accomplishment. Ken was great man who was loved and respected by everyone who had the privilege to know him. Ken will be missed. Rest in Peace Ken.

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**Cheryl Ann Montoya** - December 03, 2024 at 05:28 PM

MS

“ Lisa and Gonzales family  
I am sorry to about Ken's passing  
My brothers and I have fond memories of playing with Ken and his siblings in Fort Garland  
Ken was kind and dedicated to his faith  
May your memories of him get you through this difficult time  
Cousin Monica

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**MoniCa Shaney** - December 03, 2024 at 01:10 PM