



Johnnie R. Whiting

February 15, 1934 - September 6, 2018

Johnnie R. Whiting passed from this life on Thursday, September 6, 2018. He was born on February 15, 1934 to Margarita and David Whiting in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Johnnie met his wife, Antonia, in 1955.

They began their loving and chaotic relationship by moving to Wyoming later that year, first residing in northern Wyoming and settling in Cheyenne in the late 1960's. Johnnie retired from the City of Cheyenne Sanitation Department and then worked for the Cheyenne Botanical Gardens until the age of 81.

Johnnie was preceded in death by his wife, Antonia, son, Thomas V. Tapia and his brothers Benny, Joe, Leo, Eloy, Vincent, Eddie, Thomas, David, Frank, Toby and Joseph. He is survived by his children, George C. Chavez, Michael Candelaria (Brittany), of Cheyenne and daughters, Mary Alice Chavez (Luis) of Albuquerque, NM and Dorothy Vialpando Zuckernick (Joseph) of Tucson, AZ, sisters Viola Campbell of Albuquerque, NM, Mary Padilla (Paul) and Alice Whiting of Las Vegas, NM, eight grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren.

Johnnie takes with him his great lopsided grin, his ability to make the world's best tortillas and the location of his secret stash of whiskey.

In keeping with his wishes, a short graveside ceremony will be held on Thursday, September 13, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. at Olivet Cemetery with a reception following at 302 E. Fox Farm Road.

Cemetery

Olivet Cemetery

2501 Seymour Avenue
Cheyenne, WY, 82001

Events

SEP **Graveside Service** 02:00PM

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Comments



“ I loved watching his Rockies baseball games with him He would make fun of my Cubs every time I'm gonna miss his lopsided grin and the way he made fun of me when I would do jigsaw puzzles the way he laughed at bear when I brought him home Well you got the best seat in the house now I will miss you. Annie

Annie Cavazos - September 15, 2018 at 09:54 PM



“ Hey Uncle Johnnie I'm sorry that I couldn't make it to your funeral I burly found out last night what happened I alredy miss u so much I was thinking of u recently wonderin how u an tha boys were doin I hope George Michael and Stephen are doing alrite I know how much they love you and I kno how much U loved them I really love and miss all of you some of my favorite memories is when you let me move in with you I cherish the time that I got to spend with you and Aunt Toni and the chance to get to know my cousins I rember when me an Tia would be watching Tv crackin up at the Geiko commercials while you would be frying up chichronies telling the dogs "I don't know why the two of you are always argueing y'all don't even speak the same language! You speak spanish(chichuaha) and you speak French! (poodle) I talk to my dogs the same way you used to talk to yours whenever I get done eating a hearty meal I can still hear you say "happy stomach, happy heart" I rember the time that jus me an you sat out on the porch one nite we drank your box of wine and we shared my bottle of brandy we were out there laughing telling funny story's just having a good time you told me about growing up in alburque and you and your brothers and how times were so much diffrent back then you were telling me how much u missed Dorothy and Alice I'm so honered to have been there when they came to visit after you guys not seeing each other in so long I always rember you being happy everytime I seen you but I never seen you as happy as u were when they came to visit I love that I was able to be there and visit with all of you I love and miss you too Primas! That nite me an you hung out on the porch holds such a special place in my heart that night you made me feel like not just your nephew but u made me feel like u were my friend you always made me feel welcome in your home I told you that my dad used to box and my cousin taught me how you took me to the Cheyenne Boxing Club and told me I shuld join even let me set up a gym in your basement so I could workout I appreciate everything you ever did for me I wish I had the chance to say goodbye I guess that's why I'm writing you this letter it may be a lil late but I kno your looking down and I'm glad that you finally get the chance to be back with Auntie tell her hi and that I love her and can't wate to see her again. I love you uncle rest easy there in paradise

Danny Lira - September 15, 2018 at 03:38 PM



“ I had the distinct pleasure of working with Johnnie at the Botanic Gardens for many years. He always had a beautiful smile for everyone and will surely be missed. Rest in peace, my friend.

larry - September 12, 2018 at 08:39 AM



“ To all family and friends of Johnnie..my sincere condolences..I am so sorry for your loss..I New Johnnie a short while but in that time I got to meet the nicest and sweetest man ever...fly with the angels my friend you will be dearly missed

Rosemary Korte - September 10, 2018 at 05:47 PM