

## **Andrew E. Trujillo**

Andrew E. Trujillo was born November 7, 1941 in Dawson New Mexico to Alfonso and Carolina Trujillo. He passed away on March 30, 2011. He was the fifth of nine children. His childhood was not easy. Jobs were scarce...his father Alfonso often left Carolina and the kids to find work. There were few people that helped so the older Trujillo kids had to go out and get food however necessary. In the early fifties, Alfonso packed up the kids and brought them to City Terrace, California. Again, the kids had to make do with what they had but they prevailed. Andrew finished high school and joined the apprenticeship program at L A Trade Tech and became a painter. He married Suzanne Seledon and had three children, Geraldine, Andy, and Carol. Andrew and his family first lived in East Los Angeles then moved to Pico Rivera in 1974. Andrew continued painting till he retired due to an injury in the early nineties. He never really retired because he was always doing something. He was great with his hands and mind. There wasn't anything he couldn't build or fix. He had a great work ethic and he loved helping people. He picked up a camera one day and he was a natural. Many of his friends were met through taking pictures. He was everywhere taking pictures mostly at school sporting events but he also did special occasions. He not only took pictures he even developed his own black and whites. Today, many of you have those pictures and memories because of Andrew or "Mr. T" which was what everyone called him.

Andrew loved his family, his friends, his music and loved sports. He ran track and played basketball in high school. Later he played softball in an adult league. He coached every one of his kids and grandson in softball, baseball, and basketball. He loved to play golf until his injury. But most of all he loved "playing the horses." Now, most people play a track or two and maybe a few races but not Andrew. He would play every track, every race, and would be able to tell you how much he won before the officials did. Andrew loved Las Vegas, Laughlin, and going to New Mexico for the Dawson Picnic. Andrew E Trujillo died at home March 30, 2011 from cancer. He passed away quietly and comfortably with his family nearby as were his wishes. . He made his peace with God, himself, his family and his friends. He even had his last day at the track. He has now passed the finish line and is now in the "Winners Circle" smiling alongside his daughter and other family members who have moved on before him.

He is survived by his wife Suzanne, daughter Geraldine, son Andy, grandson Isaac and fiancée Dalila and "the Apple of his Eye" his great granddaughter Leah.

We the family would like to thank everyone for all the love and support during this difficult time. Remember you all were as much a part of his life as he was of yours.

Forever Thanks The Trujillos/Chaviras