



Ruben "Chief" Pelkey

December 12, 2019

Ruben Pelkey Sr., age 74, of Avondale, Arizona died on December 12th, 2019 in Goodyear, Arizona. He was born on March 4th, 1945 to his loving mother, Amilia Baldreas.

Ruben grew up in Banning, California with his mom, siblings and his uncle who helped raise him. Ruben went to Banning High School and was best friends with Dino Villarreal. Dino accidentally introduced Ruben to his big sister Consuelo, who would eventually become his wife. It was anything but love at first sight when the two were growing up. Consuelo had no interest in Ruben at first because at the time she was taller than him. Ruben was able to eventually win Consuelo over with his kind heart and the two became high school sweethearts. Ruben and Consuelo would ultimately marry on July 17th, 1965 and shared 57 beautiful years together.

Over the course of their marriage, Ruben and Consuelo would have six beautiful children. Ruben was the "chief" of his tribe and his children loved and respected him, unconditionally. He was an excellent father who believed that you showed love to your family all of the time and would do anything to "make it right" when one of his kids was upset.

Ruben loved to play baseball and was a member of "The Vagos," with his best friend Dino as the team manager. He also loved to dance and would often

take Consuelo out on dates, just so he could show off his dance moves. Ruben was an excellent fisherman and cook. His BBQ's were famous throughout his group of friends. His Tri-tip and carne asada would have friends and family running to his house.

One of Ruben's greatest accomplishments was when he quit smoking. Ruben used to smoke two packs of cigarettes a day but after reflecting on his family and how much they meant to him, he began the difficult journey of quitting smoking. His choice to go through this difficult journey just showed how much he loved his family.

Ruben is survived by "his pretty pretty," loving wife Consuelo Pelkey, three daughters; Lucinda Powers (Bill), Caroline Ferreira (Mark) and Amy Knopp. Two sons; Ruben Pelkey Jr. (Marzlina), and Daniel Pelkey (Cynthia). Sisters; Liz Arrerla, Lorraine Mendoza, and Elisa Garcia, brother Jesse Mendez, uncle Nieves Baldres, thirteen grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren. He is preceded in death by Doreen Rodriguez, Gabriella Ferreria, Joe Baldreas, Pauline Aveliva, and Amilia Baldreas.

Tribute Wall

RS

“ *RUBEN my tocayo always a pleasure to see at family events great Primo n we will miss him dearly.PRIMA our condolences from all the Sesma family to you n the rest of his tribe. RIP TOCAYO.*

Runen Sesma - January 07, 2020 at 10:24 PM

LM

“ *Rest in peace and peace to your family. A very good man.*

Laura Munoz - January 07, 2020 at 09:42 PM

JC

“ *My Nino and also daddy for a week when I was born!!!! I always felt the love you had for me and I will never forget....rest in eternal peace*

Jeanne Conde - January 07, 2020 at 04:15 PM

SR

“ *My VZ brother in law Ruben was a wonderful man always had a smile for you. He love to BBQ all the time it was always a great time when everyone got together. He will be missed. RIP*

Sonia Rivera - January 05, 2020 at 12:46 AM

JT

“ I’m so saddened and sorry for the loss of my cousin Ruben. He was such a special cousin to our family of many and will forever be loved and missed. He was and will always be The Chief of our Balderas Tribe!! Our family will never be the same without his presence. Prayers and comfort of God’s love sent to Connie and the Pelkey family. May Ruben rest in God’s loving arms , amen.Love , Jeannie Trejo & family xox

Jeannie Trejo - January 03, 2020 at 06:00 PM

KH

“ May peace and comfort find you during this difficult time. It is an honor to serve your family.

Karle Henderson - December 23, 2019 at 12:00 PM