Jesse Cardona

December 2, 1921 - March 29, 2013

Funeral Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated for JESSE ELIAS CARDONA, 91, at 10am on Tuesday, April 2, 2013 at St. Theresa Catholic Church in Mitchell, Nebraska with Father Thomas Gudipalli officiating. Burial will follow in the Mitchell Valley Cemetery. Jesse died peacefully at his daughter's home in Mitchell on March 29, 2013. A Rosary/Wake will be recited at 7pm Monday at the church. A memorial has been established to the Eye Surgery Foundation in care of Dr. Judd Martin. Visitation will be at the funeral home on Monday from noon till 5pm. Arrangements are under the direction of the Colyer Funeral Home and friends may send condolences to the family at www.colyerfuneralhome.com.

Jesse was born December 2, 1921 in Savinal, Texas the son of Cecilio and Andrea (Dominguez) Cardona. He moved to Whitney, Nebraska with his family in 1945. He married Mary Martin in Olathe, Kansas and they lived in Whitney until 1955 when they moved to Crawford, Nebraska where he worked for the Burlington Northern Railroad. They moved to Alliance, Nebraska in 1964 where he farmed for himself before moving to Mitchell, Nebraska in 1967 where he again farmed for himself for two years. He then moved to Henry, Nebraska where he worked for Norm and Ed Middlesworth for forty-two years. Mary died in 2004. In December of 2010 he moved to Mitchell to live with his daughter Cathy Arellano.

Jesse was a member of St. Theresa Catholic Church. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, gardening, and spending time with his family.

Jesse is survived by four sons Joseph Fernandis and his wife Phyllis of Red Bluffs, California, Patrick Cardona and his wife Patty of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Eli Cardona and his wife Delores of Laramie, Wyoming, and Robert Cardona and his wife Frances of Torrington, Wyoming; three daughters Chris Lovato and her husband Rumaldo of Scottsbluff, Nebraska, Linda Serda and her husband Ed of Bayard, Nebraska, and Cathy Arellano and her husband Andrew of Mitchell, Nebraska; a sister Sara Montano and her husband Pete of Pueblo, Colorado; thirty grandchildren; fifty-six great grandchildren; and five great-great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife Mary; a son David Cardona; three brothers Gregory, Joe, and Sebastian; and three sisters Paula Chapa, Maria Cardona, and Ramona Moreno.

Previous Events

Service

APR **2**. 10:00 AM (MT)

St. Theresa Catholic Church
Mitchell, NE

Tribute Wall

AL

Alice Chavez and Louis Chavez, neighbors at the end of the road from the Middleswarth ranch.
Long time arriving at your Father's obituary.
We knew Mary and Jesse in the late 60s until 1981. Mary was quite the neighbor, always stopping by to check on us and gave us a helping hand.
Chris I believe you were teaching Headstart in Morrill. I remember volunteering and my daughter Frances was in the class.
Pat worked for my Husband while he was attending college in Chadron.
Regards to all of you🤗🌞
P.S. I live in Gallatin, TN with my youngest daughter and family, winter.

Spending summers in Pagos Springs, CO, my home since leaving Henry.

Alice - April 29 at 11:53 AM

MM

Uncle Chooey, once Eli left your guitar at our house, about 1968. It was there that I tried playing the darn thing. Unknown, till now, nobody knew....I learned to play. Every time I pick up the guitar, you come to mind Uncle Chooey. And, I want to say thanks to Eli, for letting me try it out. Gonna miss you Uncle Chooey! Sincerely, Matt Martin.

Matt Martin - April 01, 2013 at 09:53 PM

GM

April 1, 2013, Loveland, Co
Dear Patrick,Eli,Robert,Christina,Linda,Kathy and family;

Gennie (Genevieve) C.Montoya, your cousin, oldest of Gregorio's children, sending our condolences on uncle Jesse's death; fortunately he did not linger in illness or suffer long-term, we will miss him very much; he was the last of the Cardona Patriarchs. He was lucky to have all of you and your families around to love & care for him, he loved you dearly. "Mi tio Jesus Elias" my dad Gregory's younger brother is now with his loved ones who went before him. We will see you tomorrow at the funeral. Wishing you peace love and may your hearts heal.
Your prima, Gennie and 3 kids, Frances, Miguel, and Doug Decker

Gennie Montoya - April 01, 2013 at 02:20 PM