



In Loving Memory of

Ruben Chavera (February 6, 1956 - April 8, 2008)



A man should not leave this earth with unfinished business. He should live each day as if it was a pre-flight check. He should ask each morning, am I prepared to lift-off? Diane Frolov and Andrew Schneider

This memorial website was created to remember our dearest Ruben Chavera who was born in United States on February 6, 1956 and passed away on April 8, 2008. You will live forever in our memories and hearts.







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our words, your light...





09/20/2009 09/14/2009 08/27/2009 08/27/2009 **Aurora Chavera-Palacios Angie Chavez** Amber Amber Ruben, I am still missing you Hey daddy i miss you All the Pressure n Pain Is *Now that ur gone, Its hard 2* and thinking of you. Thank alot..I've been thinking alot burin w/flames who is 2 move on, Prayin 2 my lord you for being my brother. blame cause without u help my fam. be strong, n plz about you lately I love you Dad. Please help us in these DADDY its not uet the same help us all 2 get along.<3 u hard times love u. wish'n u were home 1 again Daddy always prayin 08/19/2009 08/11/2009 08/11/2009 08/10/2009 **Shirley Chavera Angie Chavez Angie Chavez Ann Marie** Ruben Lighting this candle Please watch over us but Dad i'm sending you this Dad im sendin u this candle in your memory. May God manily take care of mom she candle to let you know i am jus 2 say thanks i kno your bless you and keep your thinking about you always I lookin dwn on me i love u & i misses you alot..and still crys mostly all the time i love miss you alot things aren't miss u! continue lookin dwn family safe. May their memories always bring a you dad..... going to well on all of us smile. 08/09/2009 08/04/2009 08/02/2009 08/01/2009 **Aurora Chavera-Palacios** Wife **Ann Marie** Ann marie Hey dad, i miss you like Ruben, I had a dream and Ruben going through hard I can only ask u 2luk over da krazy wish you were here so you where there smiling and time's wish i had you here family dad its jus not the bad..it hurts me still that ur happy. I know you are bless same with out u & mom is with me love 4 ever your's tryin her best but we still gone but ur in a better and you still keep an eye on place.. all of us. Thank you need you!miss u










10/24/2008 10/15/2008 10/15/2008 10/14/2008 Daddys Lil Gurl* Alv.C. Ann Marie <3 **NCG-Japan Aurora-Chavera Palacios** Hey daddy i just wanted 2 *Hey dad just droppin by 2* Praying for my dear family Ruben, guide Benny Chavera say i love u n miss u soo say i love u miss u i pray 2 b so much especially right Pete son, he past away much!watchover bennu n with u n hevan 1 dau!im now. Wish thinas were Sunday. Be with him and gettin ready 4 skool thinkin Pete Ruben. Pete needs you everyone else!n watch over different for all. Peace be mom n panson!take care of bout u missinu q2q={ with you...from P-town so much right now he is lost. 110 10/09/2008 10/08/2008 10/10/2008 10/08/2008 **Aurora Chavera-Palacios Aurora Chavera-Palacios** Daddys Lil Gurl* Aly.C. Wife Ruben, I am so excited Pete Ruben, I heard this song and Hey daddy 2 day is six Ruben it's six month's today is coming over to my house. it reminded me of you; it is months! i love u sooo much n that you pass away but to Keep him safe on this trip, let true I still miss you. I know miss u alot! ur alwayz n r me it feel like i just lost you your kids and all our family him be able to come & go hearts n minds! love u still miss you very lonly love safely. Miss U miss you to. alwayz n forever promise! you 10/02/2008 10/01/2008 09/29/2008 09/29/2008 Wife **Aurora Chavera-Palacios** Daddys Lil Gurl* Aly.C. Daddys Lil Gurl* Aly.C. Ruben you going to be a Ruben I am still missing you. Much! n i love u! my heart n Daddy i need u more than granddad again but this I am not ready for the soul go out 2 u!i would ever! im so confused n i got grandbaby is our's son aladly give my heart so that holidays because you are not alot goin on...i wish u can here. Its going to be sad and ruben just regreting you are urs can pump again! show just guide me on the right path! i miss u so.. not here with us lonely. love you. *me the way!luv u alwayz*

09/26/2008 09/20/2008 09/20/2008 09/20/2008 **Shirley Chavera Smallest Daughter! Smallest Daughter! Smallest Daughter!** Sending prayers and love 'she' has enough 2 deal with 'but' idk how2 od dat with 'find oot' where 2go 4rm your way.Letting you know as it is well daddy a2a dats out u i still got mom!in well here i wanna mak u proud n you are all in my thoughts. all 4now i love u! n miss u! shes sad alot so i tru not 2 go 2 college n do sumthin wit my life as u always wanted tell her wuts goin on wit me! 4me n aly!but she 09/20/2008 09/16/2008 09/11/2008 09/06/2008 **Smallest Daughter!** Wife **Aurora Chavera-Palacios Aurora Chavera-Palacios** Hey dad im still missin u Still missing you in my heart *My savior loves, my savior* Thank you, Ruben for well we all r!we r so use2u is so empty there alot of lives my savior's always looking out for Pete. I know tellin us wut 2do n wut not thing's that need to get done there for me my god he was, you hear my prayers. I know here but i need you so much my god he is my god is you are next to God now, I 2do n right 4rm wrng but now we gaoota find out always gonna be. love you. can see you. Miss you 09/06/2008 09/04/2008 09/01/2008 08/31/2008 Wife **Aurora Chavera-Palacios Ann Marie** wife God proves is love for us in Ruben it's seen like i just *Hey daddy just droppin by 2* Ineed you so much with me i that while we still were can't go on without you tell u dat i miss u n love u.. just can't let go please help sinners Christ died for us. please watch over our kid's everythin seems 2 b movin me thou this pain forever ican't do it alone love you 4 e Romans 5:8 really fast witout u here... your

08/28/2008 08/28/2008 08/28/2008 08/28/2008 **Elaine** Chavera NCG - Japan Pete Chavera **Aurora Chavera-Palacios** Its been a few months since Call on me in prayer-I will Ruben, Pete requested me to Ruben, I finally found the you've been gone..pee answer you.I will show you light a candle for him. He is perfect song for you. It is wee.still seems to be having great & mysterious things missing you badly. Please called(I can only imagine) a hard time letting u which you still do not know look out for him help him When I visit you I can listen go.pleaz watch over him. about. Jer 33:3 with his pain. to it. Missing you 08/27/2008 08/23/2008 08/14/2008 08/12/2008 **Shirley Chavera Aurora Chavera-Palacios Aurora Chavera-Palacios** Aly.C. You gave so much love to He is good and loving: You We are God's workmanship, Daddy i miss u so much. i try your family its so obvious gave me life and showed me created in Christ Jesus to do 2 make u proud everyday! n kindness, and in your good works, which God i will continue 2 do so. n that you deserve a spot in heaven God bless you and providence watched over my prepared in advance for us hopeing i will never your family.see u someday. spririt. Job 10:12 to do. Ephesians 2:10 dissapointe u! i love u! 08/12/2008 08/11/2008 08/11/2008 08/10/2008 Wife Wife **Aurora Chavera-Palacios NCG - Japan** This is the way I remember On with our life's we use to Still here trying to get by Keeping you in my prayers. I you, My God bless you and every where togeter ruben without you i realing don;t can do all things through keep your wife and kids safe know how i'am so afraid to Christ who strengthens me. why did you us i was not and happy.Say Hi to ready to be without you Philippians 4:13 (Carmen *qo* Mom, Dad& Johnny. Love u. *Chavera's daughter)*









04/26/2008 NCG

Wish I could of been there but know that you are in my heart always. You are with God and your family now.

04/26/2008

Danette shorter

Ruben I pray for your family,may god hold you in his arms at this sad time. god bless you always

04/25/2008

Aurora Chavera-Palacios

Ruben my heart aches,I hurt so much.Help me with this pain. I miss you,I pray for you night and day,I guess I should pray 4 myself

04/25/2008

Aurora Chavera-Palacios

Ruben I love you and miss you. Help me fill this empty spot in my heart. I know you are with God,Mom,Dad and Johnny, we miss you.



from the deepest of our hearts...

TO THE CHAVERA FAMILY, MY HEART ACHES FOR THE LOSS THAT YOU HAVE HAD FOR I KNOW THE PAIN ALL TO WELL. I HOPE YOU ALL CAN FIND SOME COMFORT IN THE LOVE OF ONE ANOTHER BECAUSE FAMILY MAKES ALL THE DIFFERENCE IN THE WORLD, NEVER BE AFRAID TO TALK ABOUT RUBEN BECAUSE YOU ARE AFRAID OF MAKING SOMEONE CRY OR PERHAPS CRY YOURSELF FOR THE MEMORIES OF YOUR LOVED ONE WILL CARRY YOU THROUGH THESE HARD TIMES.I CRY EVERYTIME I TALK ABOUT BUDDY WETHER IT BE GOOD MEMORIES OR BAD .BECAUSE I KNOW THAT AS LONG AS I CAN STILL CRY FOR HIM HE WILL NEVER BE FORGOTTEN.YOU WERE WONDERFUL FAMILY WHEN YOU WERE MY FAMILY AND I LOVE YOU ALL.AND I AM SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS.MAY GOD BLESS YOU ALL AND HOLD YOU SAFE IN HIS LOVING ARMS.

NCG - Japan

God is With You

April 27, 2008

Even though I'm miles and miles away nothing ever stops me of thinking of my beautiful family. My dad taught us that family was everything in life. We are all different but special in so many ways. I wish I could of been there for you all. Some probably don't even know who I am for I've been away so long but I always make it a priority to know who my family is. My family is special no matter if you're close or far. Losing someone is not easy but God gives us strength to go on knowing that one day we will be together. God Bless each and everyone of you.

Norelia Chavera Gonzales (Carmen Chavera's daughter)

Danette shorter

God be with you

April 26, 2008

to the chavera family, I was a kid when I knew ruben, I lived with shirley and pete for awhile in michigan, and i realised one thing familys stick togeather and love eachother unconditrionally. Im so glad pete found

tina and peggy they really need him in their lives, they got the oppritunity to meet their uncle ruben, they were so glad to be able to get togeather in texas with their family. I send my condolences to all of you, I know what it feels like to lose someone you love very much. god bless you all.and may he wrap his arms around you and console you at this very sad time in your lives. god bless.



Aurora-Chavera Palacios



Gone

Day by day I think of you,

How can all of this be true? I can't believe you're really gone, I still can't accept it, Even after so long. Just the thought of you makes me cry, I never even got the chance to say goodbye. Every picture, every letter, I don't know if it will ever get better. I always smell your familiar scent, It makes me think of all of the times we've spent. I know we didn't always get along, And every time we talked, it would always go wrong. So many things I never got to say,

I never imagined you'd ever be so far away. You were my brother, And I loved you like no other. In my heart you'll always be, You'll be my guide and help me see. I'll never forget your soothing voice, I would take your place if I had a choice. But now I have to let you rest, Although without you my world's a mess. I miss you with all of my heart, I wish we never had to part. I know you're always by my side, So now I guess this is my goodbye...

Rest in Peace Ruben Chavera

Aurora-Chavera Palacios

Gone Away

© Diana Blokzyl An Angel whispered take my hand and



sing a heavenly song.

I am not alone all who went before are here they awaited my return.

I know you'll grieve and wish I was still here I am here in the memories you hold dear.

Remember how much I love you and know I took your love with me.

I did not wish for you to cry, nor feel sad. My pain is gone and I am Free!

Soon you'll come to me

come with me you're work here is done.

I went away to a place where there's no tears, nor sorrow only laughter and smiles, there will always be a Tomorrow.

As I move amongst the clouds. I'll look down and smile upon you, while the angels until then God will be with you Just as He's with me.

Aurora-Chavera Palacios



That's when he found Ruben, it was his time to rest, It was hard for those who loved him, to just let him go, But God had a spot in his garden, that needed a gentle soul, So when you start missing Ruben, remember if you just wait, When God has a spot in his garden, he'll meet you at the gate...

Meet You At The Gate

A beautiful garden now stands alone, missing the one who nurtured it But now he is gone, His flowers still bloom, and the sun it still shines, But the rain is like tear drops ,for the ones left behind, The weeds lay waiting to take the gardens beauty away, But the beautiful memories of its keeper are in our hearts to stay, he loved every flower even some that were weeds, So much love he would plant with each little seed, But just like his flowers he was part of Gods plan, So when it was his time he reached down his hand, He look through the Garden searching for the best,

Aurora-Chavera Palacios

Lord, Protect Me and All I Care About:

Lord, I pray for your hand of protection to be upon me. I trust in Your Word, which assures me that You are my rock, my fortress, my deliverer, my shield, my stronghold, and my strength in whom I trust. I want to dwell in your secret place and abide in Your shadow (Psalm 91:1). Keep me under the umbrella of Your protection. Help me never to stray from the center of Your will or off the path You have for me. Enable me to always hear Your voice guiding me. Send Your angels to keep charge over me and keep me in all my ways. May they bear me up, so that I will not even stumble (Psalm 91:12).



Daddys LIl Gurl (Aly.C.)



Hey Daddy...I Miss U So Much! I Have Alot Of Memorie Wit U Some Good Some Bad! But That Still Dnt Change How Much I Love U! I Just want U 2 Know That N That im Soo Srry 4 Everything! I Hope Ur Listening 2 Me Kno while I Pour My Heart Out 2 U! I Will Alwayz B Ur Lil Gurl..Like U Would Alwayz Say 2 Me. U were So Strong N I Thought U Were Gonna Live Tell U Got Old...Its

Just So Hard 2 Believe Ur Really Gone! I Need U! We Need U! Just Help us Get Threw Everything. It Seems Since U Left We Have Problems After Problems! Nothing Gets Better N Everythings All wrong! I Kno U Been watchin Over Us.. Like The day Me N AnnMarie Got Into A Crash..We Saw U! We Thought we Were All Gonna B Closer... some Of Us Still R while Others Rint! But One Thing Will Never Change..We All Have One Thing In Common We All LOVE U..N ALWAYZ WILL!

Wish U Were Here! I Love U N Miss U!!

Love Ur Lil Gurl, Aly.C.

Aurora-Chavera Palacios

Dear Ruben,

I heard this song the other day and I just kept playing it over and over, every time I heard it, I kept seeing your face. So I looked it up and found the lyrics to it so I wrote them down for you. I will try to find the song so I can upload it to your site. Still missing you.



My Savior My God By Aaron Shust:

I am not skilled to understand What God has willed What God has planned I only know at His right hand Stands One who is my Savior.

I take Him at His Word and deed Christ died to save me

This I read And in my heart I find a need Of Him to be my Savior

That He would leave His place on High And come for sinful man to die You count it strange So once did I Before I knew my Savior

My Savior Loves, My Savior Lives My Savior's always there for me My God He was, My God He is My God is always gonna be.

My Savior Loves, My Savior Lives My Savior's always there for me My God He was, My God He is My God is always gonna be.

Yes Living dying let me breath My strength my solace From this spring That He who lives to be my King Once died to be my Savior

That He would leave His place on High And come for sinful man to die You count it strange So once did I Before I knew my Savior.

My Savior Loves, My Savior Lives My Savior's always there for me My God He was, My God He is My God is always gonna be.

Shirley Chavera



Dear family of Rubens I know we don't know each other but I knew Ruben, and he sure was loved by his brother Pete as well as all of you. I know the hardships you all are facing and we can only hope and pray that the day will come when we are united with all our loved ones. Its been three years since Buddy died and I still can't seem to get on with my life. I miss him with all my being, and I would just give anything to just see him again and see him smile and hear his voice and hug him one more time and say I love you.so I know how you all feel. so Ruben if you see my son tell him he is so loved and I hope that you are together as well as his grandparents Benito and Maria. God Bless you all and someday we will all meet.

Love and Hugs to you all .

Aurora-Chavera Palacios

Discipleship:

You were created to become like Christ;

God knew what he was doing from the very beginning. He decided from the outset to shape the lives of those who love him along the same lines as the life of his Son. The Son stands first in the line of humanity restored. We see the original and intended shape of our lives in him. Romans 8:29

Ann Marie,





Hey Dad I Kno Dis Is Suppose 2 B Lik A Memory Or A Story But Im Just Findin Da Time 2 Say Dat I Love U N Miss U So Much I Kno I Dnt Come N Write As much As i Want Its Just Cuz I Really Dnt Kno Wut 2 Say!! I Still Cant Believe Dat ur Gone! N Dat U Aint Cumin Bak.....It Hurts Me Dat U Had 2 Go Witout Even A Goodbye But I Kno Deep Dwn Inside U Loved Me N ALways Will But I Really

Miss Hearin U Say thos Words!...

.Every1 Doesnt Really Show How Much Their Hurtin But I Kno they R As Much As I Am!

Dad I Love N I Miss U! Nuthin Can Replace Da Pain Dats In My Heart Cuz Ur Gone....It Just Aint Da Same Anymore....Well I Hav 2 Go Ill Write Soon I LOVE U DADDY Bye!

Ann Marie,

Aurora Chavera-Palacios

Dear Ruben,

Well, here I go it is going to be hard and sad at the same time. I will be going to see your resting place. I will be glad to see the rest of the family. Pete said he is going to host a party for us. So it will be fun. I asked him what he needed and said nothing just yourself. I will say a special prayer for him and all the family. I don't know if your stone is there yet but I have told Odliea that if she needed help in paying for it to let me know you know me I am always willing to assist



my family. Guess what I am going to post you and my mom on your website I did not know but my Husband has a scanner. I wish I can obtain one of Johnny's photos. When he passed away I gave them to his wife and some of them to my family. I have my Dad's I will try to post them in your website. I can not believe how loved you were. I always try to remember the good times and how you always joked on me. I hope you are laughing now because I am and I am very blessed that God made you my brother and all. Without you being so strict my life would have not turned out the way it has I thank you every day that you looked out for me has a big brother. I remember the last time I saw you at Pete I saw something in you I could not describe it. I guess it was time for you to say goodbye. I am glad I told you I love you. I make a point to tell Pete the same thing we have become so

closed and not one day goes by I tell him I love you Pete see you soon. Because I do not want to go thru life thinking did I say I loved them or I should have no I want them to know when I see them or talk to them because if I my go with God today or them I want to have peace in my heart and have no regrets. Love you always

Aurora-Chavera Palacios

If anyone wants to upload some photos please feel free to do so.

Shirley Chavera

RUBEN,

I WISH THAT I HAD OF GOTTEN TO KNOW ALL YOUR KIDS AS WELL AS YOUR WIFE I AM SO GLAD THE GIRLS MET YOU .I WISH THINGS COULD HAVE BEEN DIFFERENT AND ALL OF OUR KIDS WOULD HAVE KNOWN EACH OTHER. AND FROM THE SOUNDS OF IT YOU HAD A GOOD LIFE WITH YOUR KIDS AND YOUR WIFE THE GIRLS REALLY LIKED HER ALOT.I KNOW THAT ITS SO HARD ON THEM BUT IF ITS AT ALL POSSIBLE I KNOW YOU WILL SHINE DOWN ON THEM AND TRY TO HELP THEM THROUGH IT ALL. MAY GOD BLESS THEM ALL AND SOMEDAY THERE WILL BE A GREAT REUNION IN HEAVEN AND I SO LOOK FORWARD TO THAT DAY AS I KNOW YOU DO TOO. SO MANY MEMORIES IT SEEMS LIKE A

LIFE TIME AGO.SOMEDAY WE WILL MEET AGAIN AND WE WILL ALL GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER. BLESS YOU THE CHAVERA FAMILY

Wife*



PARA LOS QUE AME Y PARA LOS QUE ME AMARON

CUANDO ME VAYA DEJENME IR.. TENGO MUCHOS CASAS QUE HACER Y VER, NO SE ATEN A MI CON SUS LAGRIMAS, POR LOS HERMOSOS ANOS DEMOS GRACIAS.

YO LES DI ME AMOR. UNSTEDES PENSARAN EN LA ALEGRIA QUE ME MANIFESTARON.

LES DOY LAS GRACIAS A CADA UNO DE USTEDES POR EL AMOR QUE ME BRINDAROM.PERO AHORA TNGO QUE

VIAJAR SOLA.

SI QUIEREN EXPRESAR SU DOLOR, LLOREN UN MOMENTO DEJEN QUE LA EN DIOS CONFORTE SU PENA. SOLO NOS SEPARAREMOS POR UN TIEMPO.

MANTENGAN LOS RECUERDAS EN SUS CORAZONES.

LA VIDA SIGUE ADELANTE, NO ESTARE LEJOS: SI ME NECEITAN PINSEN EN MI

Y ESLARE ENTRE USLEDES.

AUNQUE NO ME MIREN NI ME PUEDAN TOCAR, YO ESTARE CERCA.

SENTIRAN EL CALOR DE MI AMOR EN SUS CORAZONES.

YCUANDO USTEDES TENGAN QUE VIAJAR POR ESTE CAMINO, YO LOS RECIBIRE CON UNA SONRISA Y LES DARE LA

!BIENVENIDA!

GRACIAS POR ACOMPANAR A MI FAMILIA EN EL LER ANIVERSARIO DE MI PARTIDA.

Ann Marie Chavera



LOOK INTO MY EYES IF U WANNA SEE WHAT I HIDE. DEEP INSIDE I WANNA CRY YOU ASK WHY AND I LIE 2COVER THE TRUTH BECAUSE IM STILL MISSING YOU. THIS PAIN WONT GO AWAY IT CAME WHEN GOD TOOK YOU AWAY WE PRAYED 4 YOU 2 STAY BUT IT WAS YOUR TURN 2GO AND LILTTLE DID WE KNO THAT WE LOVED YOU SO.....

Aurora-Chavera Palacios

Ruben I was reading a book and came across this. This is how I feel.

I wrote your name on a piece of paper, but by accident I threw it away. I wrote your name on my hand, but it washed away. I wrote your name in the sand, but the waves whispered it away. I wrote your name in my heart, and forever it will stay because you are one of my best friends."

Missing you always.

Daddys LIl Gurl (Aly.C.)

Hey Daddy,

I Kno I Havent Wrote A Thing....But It Is Really Hard.... So I Just want U 2 Kno That the whole family is trying 2 pull 2gether 4 u. Mom misses u so much she tries 2 act like shes not hurtin but we all kno her heart is BREAKING. But not a day goes by that we dont think about u or dream about u. I Rember that u were really worried about Johnny not Passing His TAKS test.....Well U Dnt have 2 worry anymore...he passed and hes goin 2 walk with his class. I Really wish u were here 2 talk 2 me and be here 2 tell us about GOD telling us not 2 give up in faith. Cause everyone feels as if they cant move on without u.....cause u meant everything 2 us. When they told us u were gone i just couldnt believe it i felt like i was being cheated out of my childhood not to have my father be there and see me accomplish my dreams. To do all the things we were suppose 2 do 2gether...like u still owe me my father daughter dance. And when u would make fun of me sayin i still act like a little girl when i go cryin 2 u tellin u i had a bad dream. I Wish Everday And Pray That I Can Just see U Again...I Would Give My Heart Just 2 see Ur Heart Pump Again! I wish u were here, but everything changes just cause ur gone. But In My Heart There U Will ALWAYS Be!

Aurora Chavera-Palacios

Ruben, here I am still one more day with such pain. I just talk to Pete he called me last night, Ruben help Pete with the pain he still miss you. I just make myself available for him when he is crying. Its hard with such emptiness every single day. I was so happy for you when you were with that new truck you had just bought that was your pride and joy. I found this site where I can come and talk to you, I asked Odelia and she said it was just fine with her. I am glad that other family members are coming to light a candle for you. Well that's all for now before I write a book LOL. Love always. Aurora Chavera-Palacios.

Shirley Ann Chavera

Ruben, I know we haven't seen each other for a long time but I do Have lots of memories of you, I so know how your family is feeling when I lost Buddy my world seemed like it ended and I just knew I couldn't go on. but my other kids kept me going and I know that as hard as it is right now the pain will ease a little.I know that you are safe in the arms of Jesus and that someday we will see each other again. I loved your family and still do. I didn't know but 2 of your children but I can bet they all miss you with a sadness that will always be there. You were well loved. Hug all your loved ones there.



February 6, 1956

Born in on February 6, 1956.

January 1, 2008

April 8, 2008

Passed away on April 8, 2008.



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