



## Michael Fuentes Chavez

July 11, 1973 - November 21, 2022

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Obituary compassionately written and provided by family.

Services to celebrate the life of Dr. Michael F. Chavez will be held at 11 a.m. (Central Time) on Dec. 10 at American Heritage Funeral Home located at 4100 N. FM 1788 Midland, Texas. Michael F. Chavez went to be with the Lord on Nov. 21, 2022. He passed at home in Midland Texas, surrounded by his loving family. He was born on July 11, 1973 to Pilar and Celia (Sally) Chavez in Ogallala, Nebraska. Michael lived in Pecos Texas, where he graduated high school, before moving to Hobbs New Mexico. Michael married the love of his life, Heather (Cummings) Chavez on Feb. 28 1994. They met while working at Hobbs Healthcare Center, where Michael worked as a nurse's aid while going to college and Heather as an activities assistant. Not long after their marriage, their first child Michael Justin Chavez was born. A few years later their daughter Ramie Michelle Chavez was born. Family was important to Michael, and he believed in leading by example. He wanted his children to value education and so he went on to acquire an associates degree in Arts from New Mexico Junior College, a bachelors in psychology from University of the

Southwest, a Masters-degree in counseling at the College of the Southwest, a doctorate-degree in educational administration at New Mexico State University and a MBA in business analytics from Syracuse University. Through the years Michael worked with many students in many areas of the United States. In Hobbs he made an impact on young lives working for the Upward Bound Program. He loved to work in areas that allowed him to help underprivileged students. Michael held positions in higher education administration that involved student success and enrollment management. Michael was a member of Stonegate Fellowship in Midland, where he also accepted Jesus as his Lord and Savior and was baptized. "For God so loved the world, He gave his only begotten son, that whoever believe in Him, shall not perish but have ever lasting life," John 3:16. "The Lord remains faithful forever," Psalms 146:6. Michael also valued serving in his community. He served in the following boards and commissions: West Texas Consortium, The Texas Gulf Coast Hispanic Chamber, Montgomery County Diversity Council, United Way Self Sufficient Board Member, Hispanic Culture Center, San Antonio Educational Partnership, Education Foundation Board, Stuff-A-Bus, Toys for Tots and New Mexico Toss No Mas. Michael also gave multiple presentations around the United States and was also multi-published in peer reviewed journals. He was recognized for his work on The Future of Edtech Marketing Looks Like the Netflix Algorithm Education, Data Science Playbook and Conquer digital marketing with data. Michael loved his family and he greatly enjoyed days at the beach in Galveston surrounded by them. He loved to root for the Dallas Cowboys, even in the losing seasons. He will be greatly missed by all those who loved him, and his loved ones take solace knowing he is with the Lord and no longer suffering. Michael was preceded in death by his grand-parents Melchor and Margarita Chavez, Ursolo and Josefa Fuentes, his father, Pilar Chavez Sr. and his brother Pilar Chavez Jr. He is survived by his wife of the home, Heather Chavez, his son Michael Justin Chavez, his daughter Ramie Michelle Chavez, his mother Sally Chavez, sisters and spouses Michelle Tavarez, Melinda Morillo and husband Roel Morillo ,

Roxanne Chavez-Garcia and husband Joe Garcia and Elizabeth Chavez. He is also survived by a host of cousins, nieces and nephews, tias and tios who all adored him. In lieu of flowers please make donations to the "Dr. Michael Chavez Scholarship" that has been set up through Lone Star College. Go to [❖❖<https://www.lonestar.edu/giving/donate-general-donation.htm>](https://www.lonestar.edu/giving/donate-general-donation.htm) Please note "Dr. Michael Chavez Scholarship" in the comment box. Or please donate to a scholarship of your choice.

Livestream will appear as a post about an hour in advance of the service.

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# Tribute Wall

LD

“ I used to enjoy giving Dr. Chavez a hard time about his Cowboys. He did so much for LSC-Montgomery and will not be forgotten. My deepest condolences to his family at this incredibly difficult time.

Lynnette Dempsey - December 07, 2022 at 04:45 PM

TH

“ I am deeply saddened to hear about the loss of Dr. Chavez! He was such a great loving and caring individual, and very intelligent. We worked together at LSC Montgomery! He left a huge impact there. Sending love and condolences to the family, especially his loving wife and kids. May God's Holy Spirit comfort you all through this difficult time.

Tarcia

Tarcia Hubert - December 05, 2022 at 05:23 PM



“ Heavenly Grace Spray was purchased for the family of Michael Fuentes Chavez.



December 05, 2022 at 04:52 PM

DP

“ You were a great friend, colleague, and golfing buddy. Some of the best times we had were on the course representing LSC. John 14:27 says it best. "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid." I am saddened by your loss but I know you have hope as well in the resurrection. God's peace and love to your family. You left us way too soon.

David Pyle - December 05, 2022 at 10:53 AM

SB

“ In our thoughts and prayers.



Solia Benavidez-Loya - December 04, 2022 at 10:09 AM

SB

“ I am sadden to read about Mike.. he was a great person. I had the opportunity to work with him twice. When he first moved to Hobbs at Winn's (Crafts Etc) and with the Hobbs Municipal Schools. It was my pleasure in knowing him and his family.

Solia Benavidez-Loya - December 04, 2022 at 10:02 AM

KF

Heather I am so sorry to hear about Michael. My prayers are with you and your family.  
Karen Foster

karen Foster - December 11, 2022 at 10:23 AM

VC

“ *Virginia Cunningham lit a candle in memory of Michael Fuentes Chavez*



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**Virginia Cunningham** - December 03, 2022 at 01:23 AM

AC

“ *Anne Marie Convis lit a candle in memory of Michael Fuentes Chavez*



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**Anne Marie Convis** - December 03, 2022 at 01:22 AM

AC

“ *We we will miss and love you always! Angela and Ramiro Canales*



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**Angela and Ramiro Canales** - December 02, 2022 at 06:41 PM

RG

“ *Roxanne Chavez Garcia lit a candle in memory of Michael Fuentes Chavez*



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**Roxanne Chavez Garcia** - December 02, 2022 at 04:06 PM

RG

“ I have so many memories brother, one for sure is when I was younger and hurt my hand we thought it was broken you made sure to go with me to the Emergency room and were holding me and then got mad because they were taking forever to get me checked out, you told the nurses “just be she she not screaming and crying like everybody else doesn’t mean she is in pain” I love you so much and miss you deeply, grateful that you are home in heaven in the presence of Jesus our Lord and Savior ❤️



Roxanne Chavez Garcia - December 02, 2022 at 04:05 PM

LA

“ Latricia lit a candle in memory of Michael Fuentes Chavez



Latricia - December 01, 2022 at 01:20 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Michael Fuentes Chavez.* ”



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November 30, 2022 at 11:29 AM