

Max D. Chavez

May 1, 1944 ~ September 23, 2020

Graveside funeral services for Max D. Chavez, 76, Salt Lake City, UT, will be held at 1:00 PM, Thursday, October 1, 2020 at the Utah Veterans Cemetery & Memorial Park located at 17111 South Camp Williams Road in Bluffdale, UT 84065.

Max "Mad Dog" Chavez passed away on Wednesday, September 23, 2020 at the University of Utah Hospital.

Max was born to Jesus Melgar Chavez and Juana Lemus Chavez on May 1, 1944 in El Salvador. He immigrated to the United States at the age of 17. Soon after arriving, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served 6 years. He went on to work for Western, now Delta, for 39 years as an aircraft mechanic. He enlisted in the Army National Guard Reserve in which he served for over 20 year. He retired as part of the 1st 211th B Company

He had a passion for guns and photography. He also enjoyed many activities such as playing the piano, biking, running, spending time in the gym, and Kenpo Karate where he earned a multi black belt.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a sister, Claudina Chavez, a brother, Jose Alex Chavez, and his step-daughter Maria Elisa Chavez.

He is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, Maxwell and Nayibi Chavez and their children, Criss and Sophia Chavez, Grantsville. His daughter, Susanna Burger and her children, Abraham and Lysandra Burger, Midvale. His step-daughter, Eugenia Mullins and her son, Gianni Cialini, Hemet, CA. His late step-daughter's son, Ray Barrera, Sylmar, CA. His niece and her husband, Jessica and Jose Guillermo Arevalo and their children, Jose Guillermo, Juan Carlos, and Daniel Arevalo, West Valley City. His niece, Susana Chavez and her daughter, Andrea Chavez, Salt Lake City. His niece and her husband, Dr. Gabriela Vargas and Jorge Rojas, Seattle, WA. His nephew, Mario Jose Chavez, El Salvador. His nephew and his wife, Nelson and Farrah Vargas and their son, Nicolas Vargas, West Jordan. And his nephew, Juan Gabriel Chavez, Salt Lake City.

Max was the patriarch of his family and his legacy will live on for generations to come.