



## Cruz Contreras Jr.

February 4, 1947 - February 14, 2026

Cruz Contreras Jr., 79, of Arizona, was born on February 4, 1947, in Phoenix, Arizona, and passed peacefully at home on February 14, 2026, accompanied by his wife.

Cruz was married for 47 wonderful years to the love of his life, Debbie. Together they built a strong and loving family. He is survived by his beloved sister, Augustina Cervantes; his devoted wife Debbie Contreras; his daughters, Maria Contreras Calderon, Elva "Vita" Espinoza (Daniel), Alicia Aguilar (Louie), and Cristy "Rabbit" Lopez (Eddie); his grandsons Louie, Henry Jr., Levi, Joe, Woody, and Ricky; and his granddaughters Minnie, Monica, Letty, Francine, Theresa, Nanen, Kelly, Victoria, and Roslyn.

He was preceded in death by his cherished grandson, Daniel Cruz Contreras, who welcomed him home.

Cruz dedicated part of his career as a prison counselor, where he earned genuine respect from both staff and inmates for his fairness, integrity, and compassion.

For most of his working years, Cruz was a long haul truck driver. The open road suited him; steady, dependable, and resilient. Later, he brought joy to many as a karaoke host, sharing his love and vast knowledge of classic

country music.

Though naturally a quiet man, those who truly knew him understood his sharp wit and deadly sense of humor. He didn't say much, but when he did, it was unforgettable.

Above all else, Cruz was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, brother, and friend. His family was his greatest pride and purpose. His love was steady, protective, and unwavering.

Cruz leaves behind a legacy of strength, respect, laughter, music, and deep love. He will be profoundly missed and forever cherished.

A celebration of life will be held on March 28, 2026 between 2-6pm at The American Legion located in Tombstone.

225 E Allen St.

Tombstone, Az 85638

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

MAR **28**. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (MT)

American Legion  
222 E. Allen Street  
Tombstone, AZ 85638

# Tribute Wall

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“ Cruz, to me called him Cruzzzie , was a kind, gentle man with few words. A devoted husband, father & dear friend, gone too soon, Cruz is loved & will be missed.  
May he rest in peace.  
With Love Al & Bea Vasquez & family



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**Beatriz Vasquez** - March 12 at 03:23 AM