



## Elsie Benavidez

August 3, 1944 - December 17, 2021

1944-2021

Elsie Marie Benavidez, age 77, a resident of Belen, NM, passed away Friday December 17, 2021. She was a member of Calvary Chapel Rio Grande Valley, Belen, NM. She is preceded in death by her husband, Johnnie T. Benavidez; son, Michael G. Benavidez; and daughter, Valerie D. Benavidez. Elsie and her husband are joined together. She is survived by her daughter, Lory A. Lueras; grandchildren, Jennifer Johnson, Desirae Benavidez, Abel J. Lueras III, Bella Luces, and Steven Benavidez; and 9 great-grandchildren. A public viewing will be held at 10:00 a.m., on Wednesday, December 29, 2021 at Romero Funeral Home Chapel. Interment will follow at Our Lady of Belen Memorial Gardens. Pallbearers will be Abel J. Lueras III, Steven Benavidez, Kyle Johnson, Johnny Luces, Richard Garcia, and Holden Dean. The family would like to thank Bee Hive Homes of Bosque Farms, Romero Funeral Home, Davis Floral, and Our Lady of Belen Catholic Church Cemetery. Please sign Elsie's online tribute at [www.romerofuneralhome.com](http://www.romerofuneralhome.com) Romero Funeral Home, 609 N. Main St., Belen, NM.

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

JAN 6. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (MT)

Romero Funeral Home Chapel  
609 N. Main St.  
Belen, NM 87002  
romerofuneralhome@comcast.net  
<https://www.romerofuneralhomenm.com>

## Interment

JAN 6. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (MT)

Our Lady of Belen Memorial Gardens  
101 N. 10th Street  
Belen, NM 87002

# Tribute Wall

JS

“ *Joe Anthony Silva lit a candle in memory of Elsie Benavidez*



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**Joe Anthony Silva** - January 19 at 07:42 PM

DA

“ *There is not a day that goes by that I do not miss my loved ones in NM, and Auntie Elsie was one of them. There are many things about her that I remember clearly: her intoxicating laugh, her welcoming voice, and a fiery sense of humor. In her life she had experienced many hardships, but she remained strong – as strong as a house built upon the rock, and her rock was the Lord Jesus. We will all surely miss Auntie until the day we are all reunited.*

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**Dalton** - January 07 at 11:10 PM

MS

“ *My beloved sister I'll miss you dearly, we were always there for each other through good times & hard times. I could talk to you about anything, & everything. You would always tell me, that's I was your baby sister & to listen to you. You were there for me growing up, when mom wasn't around. You were always good to my girls. I wish you were still here, now your with the angels in heaven & our loved ones. I'll see you again one day, I love you & miss you.*  
*Your Sister*



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**Mary Scoggins** - January 07 at 04:49 PM

ME

“ To my family in New Mexico - I'm so sorry for this loss - so sorry I can't be there with you now. Aunt Elsie was a wonderful aunt to me - someone I respected and someone I looked to as an example in my life. In my heart, she was more than an aunt, she was my second mom and the grandmother I never had. She helped raise me. I love her so very much and I will truly miss her for the rest of my life... I know that I'll see her some day soon again, but I'm still broken hearted that I will not see her here!

God always provides, and he provided me with her for many reasons. She was an example for me of what a loving, dedicated, strong, enduring woman was. She was also very smart and kind always. She loved people and never wanted to see anyone hurting. She was never too busy to listen and to talk to me when I needed her, I will especially never forget that. I respected my Aunt Elsie so much, she was the glue for our family. Without her, it'll never be the same. I know that she's with God now and doesn't have to ever go through anything hurtful and bad again, and that, is what I'm thankful for!

Special "Thank You" to Desirae for loving and taking care of your grandmother every day these last few years. None of us really know how hard this is - especially on you. You and Chris were the light in her eyes! And to my mom (Mary Jean) for always staying close to your sister - for loving & being there for her always...

*With all my Love... Melinda*

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**Melinda** - January 06 at 04:41 PM

DB

*That was beautiful Melinda,,made me cry, wow you don't even live in this state and you still knew about me caring for my grandma on her last days, thank you for giving me praise I would do it all over again just to have her back ,,love you Mel and Dalton I miss you*

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**Desirae benavidez** - January 08 at 07:15 AM

ME

“ 5 files added to the tribute wall



melinda - January 06 at 04:16 PM

RS

“ *"Lit a candle In Memory Of Elsie Benavidez."*

*Sincerely,  
Ruby Salas*



Ruby Salas - December 28, 2021 at 11:24 AM

ES

“ *Desiree I'm sorry for your loss.  
I am Abel Lueras the 3rds Mother in law. (Current) Angel is my daughter. My  
condolences from my grandkids. Bubba, Omar, Giovanni and Aurianna.*

Ernestine Silva - December 26, 2021 at 09:06 PM

FE

“ *Felicita lit a candle in memory of Elsie Benavidez*



Felicita - December 25, 2021 at 11:48 AM

BC

“ *Lori and family I am so sorry to hear about your mom. She was a beautiful friend.  
We lost touch with each other but I have fond memories of her.  
Take care, love Betty Carpenter*

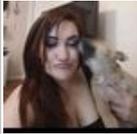
Betty Carpenter - December 23, 2021 at 12:21 PM

FR

“ So sorry for your loss



frederica - December 22, 2021 at 11:16 AM



“ Desirae Benavidez lit a candle in memory of Elsie Benavidez

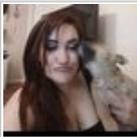


Desirae Benavidez - December 21, 2021 at 06:23 PM

RR

Desirae! My condolences and prayers for you! God bless!

Roxanne Romero - December 22, 2021 at 02:41 PM



“ Moms you are my angel I miss you and love you so much,,your finally with my mom uncle and grandpa in peace rip now I miss you beyond words will ever explain,I love you with all my ❤️

Desirae Benavidez - December 21, 2021 at 06:20 PM

JM

“ Jennie Mascarena lit a candle in memory of Elsie Benavidez



Jennie Mascarena - December 21, 2021 at 11:49 AM

BM

Rest in peace Tino & Betty Mascarena

Betty Mascarena - December 22, 2021 at 08:51 AM

RL

*RIP Auntie Elsie. i will always treasure the crazy and fun times we had together. My sincere condolences to Chris and Desirae, you guys were always there for your mums. Ruben, Ben, Virginia, and MaryJane, I am so sorry for the loss of your sister.*

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**Roberta Lovato** - January 04 at 08:19 PM

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**Melinda** - January 06 at 03:28 PM