



Abenicio "Benny" Ortiz

November 10, 2011

Abenicio "Benny" Ortiz, age 94, a resident of Belen, NM passed away on Wednesday, November 9, 2011 surrounded by his loving family. He was a member of Our Lady of Belen Catholic Church. Benny retired from AT&SF Railroad with 34 years of hard working, dedicated service and was a World War II Veteran. After his retirement he enjoyed going fishing with his family and friends, playing the harmonica, cooking, making his families favorite "galletas", enjoying his wife Clarita's delicious home cooking, and eating his "dulces" especially chocolate. He also enjoyed going for long walks around town visiting with friends and neighbors, watching westerns on TV and spending time with his family. Dad, God Bless you on your journey to heaven to be with your beloved wife Clarita, whom you missed so much after her passing four years ago, you will be greatly missed by your family, your friends, your neighbors, and all who knew and loved you." Nosotros a usted, y usted a Nosotros", "Dios Te Veindiga". We love you Dad! He was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 63 years, Clarita Pena Ortiz; his parents, Miguel and Filomena Campos Ortiz; his sisters, Barbarita Ortiz and Carlota Chavez and his brothers, Adolfo Lucero and Emilio Ortiz. Benny is survived by his loving children, Agnes Messineo (Tony), Tony Ortiz (Ida), Priscilla Montoya, Diana Ortiz-Eads (Douglas), Michael Ortiz, Albert Ortiz (Grace), Patrick Ortiz (Rebecca) and Perfie Ortiz (Liz); 23 grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren with two on the way and one great-great grandchild. All services will be held at Our Lady of Belen Catholic Church, beginning with a viewing on Sunday,

November 13, at 3:00 p.m. with a rosary to be recited at 4:00 p.m. A final visitation will be held on Monday, November 14, at 9:30 a.m. with a Funeral Mass to be celebrated at 10:00 a.m. Interment will follow at Our Lady of Belen Memorial Gardens. The family would like to thank Our Lady of Belen Catholic Church, Father Stephen Schultz, Father Francis Bijoy, Deacon Manuel Trujillo, Romero Funeral Home, Presbyterian Hospice and nurse Katy, for giving our dad the care and respect he deserved. We want to especially thank all the family, friends and neighbors who took the time to come visit dad while he was home, May God Bless You.