



Abenicio Esquibel Sisneros

March 6, 1936 - April 11, 2026

1936- 2026

Abenicio E. Sisneros, age 90, a resident of Belen, NM, passed away on April 11, 2026, surrounded by all his children and his many grand, great-grand, and great-great-grandchildren. Services will be held at Our Lady of Belen Catholic Church on Saturday, April 18, 2026, beginning with a Visitation at 9:00 a.m., Rosary at 10:00 a.m., and a Funeral Mass to be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. Interment will follow at Abo Catholic Cemetery. He was a man who taught generations the art of helping people through business. Abenicio graduated with a doctorate from the School of Hard Knocks. He was no stranger to doing hard things and refused any shortcuts in life. By the time Abenicio was gone, four generations of family had learned the practice of business by his side. Abenicio was born in 1936 at Rancho de la Tijeras and raised in Abo Viejo, where his family dry-farmed and cared for each other. They were a large family, and a poor one, and by all accounts a happy one. He attended high school in Mountainair before finishing school in Barstow, CA. In 1956, Abenicio entered the United States Army. He was stationed in Germany and developed an "appreciation of the winters." Abenicio built up his perseverance in the fox holes cut into the forest floor. He was in the 8th Infantry Division and served loyally in the US Army. When Abenicio returned to the States, he worked at Camp Irwin where he trained in the sheet metal trade. He learned that government work wasn't for him and often stated that "he didn't like

working for the man." Abenicio soon moved back to New Mexico to start a business called AMB with his brothers. ABM grew into the largest full-service mechanical contractor in New Mexico. This fairytale business faced unique struggles, and in 1975, he "left the rat race" and moved his family back to the ranch in Abo, which had no running water or electricity. This was a difficult move for his family. By the early 1980's, Abenicio watched his older sons grow up and struggle to make a living. He had promised he wouldn't go back to the "dog-eat-dog world" of business, but decided to do so because it was in the best interest of his sons. Abenicio did what he did best and showed them how to grow a business without any resources. They started Sisneros Bros. Manufacturing out of a station wagon and quickly grew it into the largest sheet metal company in New Mexico. The company still operates today, enabling third and fourth-generation family members to carry on his legacy. Retirement for Benny was a loose concept. He operated a rock quarry at the ranch, helped found the Bank of Belen, and was involved in real estate development well into his later years. Abenicio kept several gardens throughout his life with the same patient attention he brought to everything. Abenicio had a green thumb in both business and gardens. Both required reading the land, knowing what it needed, and being willing to wait. He joined the school board and helped establish the Valencia County Hispano Chamber of Commerce. Abenicio helped people gain citizenship, start their first businesses, and buy their first homes, often all three at the same time. He believed, as a matter of deep personal conviction, that people and businesses were strongest when they came together and lifted one another. He practiced that belief until the end. For 61 years, Rosie was Abenicio's partner in every chapter of life. She was beside him through the beginning and end of ABM, through the return to the ranch and the building of a second business from a station wagon. She may have questioned his instincts at times, but she never withdrew her belief in him, and he never forgot it. Together, they raised their five children - Martin, Alex, Philip, Adela & Joaquin. They were devout Catholics whose faith was never shaken. It held the whole shape of their lives together. They were

generous supporters of Our Lady of Belen Catholic Church and several other parishes in need. Abenicio was very much a jokester with his family and friends. All his kin had unique nicknames and jokes. Abenicio knew what they were interested in and would go out of his way to mention their hobbies and careers in conversations. Some of his best lines included, "your muscles are like diamonds, hard to find," and "Who eats bananas?" Abenicio is preceded in death by his beloved wife, Rosie Maria Sisneros; parents, Esquipula and Inez Esquibel Sisneros; stepmother, Francisquita B. Sisneros; and 13 brothers and one sister. He is survived by his children, Martin (Sandra), Alex (Debbie), Philip (Antoinette), Adela (Pablo), and Joaquin (Rachel); 18 grandchildren and 11 grandchildren-in-law; 35 great-grandchildren; 2 great-great-grandchildren; brother, Sylvestre Sisneros, who is 101 years old; sister-in-law's, Ernestina, Josie, Teresa; and brother-in-law Gene (Helen).

Please sign Abenicio's online tribute at www.romerofuneralhomenm.com
Romero Funeral Home, 609 N. Main St., Belen, NM.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 18. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (MT)

Our Lady of Belen Catholic Church
101-A N 10th St
Belen, NM 87002

Rosary

APR 18. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (MT)

Our Lady of Belen Catholic Church
101-A N 10th St
Belen, NM 87002

Funeral Mass

APR 18. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (MT)

Our Lady of Belen Catholic Church
101-A N 10th St
Belen, NM 87002

Graveside Service

APR 18. 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM.

Abo Catholic Cemetery

Tribute Wall

PG

“ To the Sisneros family, someone came in the store and told me about Abenecio, but I couldn't find out anything about the service, and now it's come and gone. I am so sorry, he was a dear, dear friend, as all of you are. So sorry I missed it. You will all be in my prayers. Patsy Gustin

Patsy Gustin - April 20 at 02:13 PM

RS

“ Our condolences to the Sisneros family on this difficult loss. What a tremendous legacy Mr. Sisneros created and enjoyed. His lasting impact will endure not only in Valencia County but all across the US.

Robert SCHEEHL - April 20 at 11:35 AM

KF

“ Our sincerest condolences to the family of Señor Abenecio Sisneros. Mr. Sisneros personified what will certainly come down as an absolute Mentor and Legend, not only to the extended Sisneros' family, but to us all. He took on what all of us strive for in our lives, to care not only for his family, but also his community. And he was blessed with his wife Rosie, to be able to accomplish this feat. He was also blessed with 90 years of life on this Earth. He had the great joy of sharing his life with his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Who were also blessed to have this exordinary man in their lives to gain wisdom, insight in the business world. But most of all the joy and unconditional love of his family, and his family for him and Rosie. As a U.S. Army Vietnam Era Veteran I salute a fellow Army Soldier (Korea), for his dedication and service to his Country and State !!!



Ken, Shirley and the Garcia Family - April 17 at 09:37 PM

ML

“ *My TÍO, the forever gardener, arriving at my house for a family breakfast on November, 30, 2025, with a ristra! We will miss him. I, also, had a nickname, Tía Augustina.*



Marge Lewis - April 17 at 08:41 PM

JK

“ *May God bless all of you in this time of sadness. Abenicio will be missed, but not his memories and the times you spent with him. He is now with the Lord.*
Corine & jim Knecht

Jim & Corine Knecht - April 17 at 07:02 PM

CG

“ *Sending condolences to the Sisneros family. May the memories you have of him bring smiles and peace in your heart. Wilmer and Consie Gabaldon*



Consie Gabaldon - April 17 at 09:15 AM

DG

“ *Our condolences to the entire family, especially Phillip & Antoinette! I loved Benny & Rosie! He carved a rock for our dog! They were a great couple and he was a wonderful man! Diola & Carlos Garcia, Tempe, Arizona*

Diola Garcia - April 17 at 12:05 AM

BJ

“ Brandon & Annette Jaramillo lit a candle in memory of Abenicio Esquibel Sisneros



Brandon & Annette Jaramillo - April 16 at 09:30 PM

CC

“ Country And Dolores Contreras sent a virtual gift in memory of Abenicio Esquibel Sisneros



Country and Dolores Contreras - April 16 at 05:17 PM

WG

“ I bid farewell to my Godfather. Rest in peace. Granger family

warren Granger - April 16 at 04:44 PM

CB

“ He accepted me as family from the first time we met. Through the years Benicio was always smiling and always accomplishing something. He was often thinking while talking to you and was an amazing person. I will miss him.



Cathy Bustamante - April 16 at 02:45 PM

MC

“ *Max Y Rosemarie Cordova lit a candle in memory of Abenicio Esquibel Sisneros*



Max y Rosemarie Cordova - April 16 at 11:22 AM

AG

“ *Our sincere condolences to the Sisneros primos.
Our hearts are with you during this difficult time.
May Abenicio Rest In Peace 🙏*



Family of Polly Sisneros de la Serna (Canuto/Reyes S. Sisneros)

Ava Sisneros Gutierrez - April 16 at 09:01 AM

ET

My sincere condolences to all the Sisnero's family..RIP primo Abenicio 🙏

Eloisa Tabet - April 26 at 09:17 PM

LC

“ *1 file added to the album Benny*



Lucas Critchfield - April 16 at 01:46 AM

RO

“ It’s really a big loss to our community to lose another great leader. Abenicio was one of those whose accomplishments were many and important to the growth of Valencia County. I would personally like to thank the Sisneros family for sharing their father with us for such a long time. Sincerest Condolences



Ron&Debbie Ortega - April 16 at 12:20 AM

SG

“ Sylvia Garcia lit a candle in memory of Abenicio Esquibel Sisneros



Sylvia Garcia - April 15 at 03:53 PM

RG

“ Martin and Sandra & the Sisneros families. My condolences to you and the entire families.r. Sisneros was truly well-loved by all. May his soul and the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.



Rose Agnes Garcia - April 15 at 11:41 AM

AL

“ My condolences to the Sisneros family.

Anthony Antonio Lovato - April 15 at 10:53 AM

AS

“ *My sincere condolences to all the family. May his soul through the mercy of God, rest in peace Prayers for all the family and may God bring you all comfort. Amen 🙏*

Adela Sanchez - April 15 at 09:54 AM

GJ

“ *Greg and I send our sincere condolences to Joaquin and Rachel and the Sisneros Family. May God grant him eternal rest and perpetual light. Rest in peace Abenicio*



Greg Joyner - April 15 at 12:56 AM

LB

“ *Leroy Baca lit a candle in memory of Abenicio Esquibel Sisneros*



Leroy Baca - April 14 at 09:08 PM

MB

“ *We were sorry to hear about Abenicio. Our thoughts and prayers are with him and all his family. Eternal rest grant unto him and may perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Martin and Antoinette (Tafoya) Baca*



Martin and the Antoinette Baca - April 14 at 08:39 PM

RV

“ *Richard And Dolores Vigil lit a candle in memory of Abenicio Esquibel Sisneros*



Richard and Dolores Vigil - April 14 at 07:50 PM

RG

“ *Roberta Gallegos lit a candle in memory of Abenicio Esquibel Sisneros*



Roberta Gallegos - April 14 at 07:16 PM

GG

“ *Glen & Mary Gabaldon lit a candle in memory of Abenicio Esquibel Sisneros*



Glen & Mary Gabaldon - April 14 at 06:39 PM

TG

“ *Tony And Oralia Garcia lit a candle in memory of Abenicio Esquibel Sisneros*



Tony and Oralia Garcia - April 14 at 05:36 PM

KS

“ *My deepest condolences to all the Sisneros family. You are all in our prayers, may he rest in peace.*
Dennis and Kathy Giron Silva



Kathy Giron Silva - April 14 at 04:46 PM

KC

“ *Teresa and I were deeply saddened to hear of Benny's passing. He was truly a great man, and we will always cherish the friendship and unwavering support he showed us over the years. Our deepest condolences and prayers go out to the entire family. He will be greatly missed. Ken and Teresa Carson*

Kenneth Carson - April 14 at 04:36 PM

LJ

“ *Sending heartfelt prayers for all the beautiful family of an extraordinary man. Much sorry means much love, may God grant you peace and comfort for the day ahead. Leslie*



Leslie Riley Jaramillo - April 14 at 03:43 PM

FC

“ *Condolences to the Sisneros family May God comfort you during this difficult time. Praying for you all.*

Frederica Chavez - April 14 at 03:28 PM

DS

“ *Condolences to the entire family. Mr. Sisneros was a man I was lucky to know. May his memory be a blessing to all.*

Danny and Loretta Sachs - April 14 at 03:24 PM

TS

“ *May Mr. Sisneros Rest in Eternal Peace.*



Theresa Sanchez - April 14 at 03:23 PM

ST

Primo, May you rest in peace. I will always remember your beautiful smile and the great! person you were. Your Prima, Sophia

Sophia Tafoya Trujillo - April 15 at 11:23 AM

BE

Awww - I missed all the notices. Durkin first took me to Abo to meet them & we spent hours talking about their collection of arrow heads and other finds. Abenicio will be miss for many things, but me it was his knowledge of where he lived & raised his family. I will always remember him & Rosie. RIP uncle Benny.

Belinda - April 21 at 05:35 PM