

Abenicio S. Tafoya

October 19, 1907 - May 31, 2014

1907-2014

Abenicio S. Tafoya, age 106, a life-long resident of Contreras, NM, peacefully joined his Lord and Savior while at his home on May 31, 2014. He was a member of Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church in La Joya, NM. Abenicio and his wife served as the Mayordomos (caretakers) of the San Jose Catholic Church in Contreras for many years. Abenicio served his country during World War II as a telephone and telegraph lineman with a signal construction battalion and was honored with the European African Middle Eastern Service Medal, World War II Victory Medal, American Theater Service Medal and Good Conduct Medal. Abenicio shared his love of the land as a horseman, a rancher and farmer. He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Tafoya in 2006; his daughter, Emilia Tafoya in 1952; and his parents, Antonio and Sofia Salas Tafoya. Abenicio is survived by his daughters, Antoinette Baca and her husband, Martin of Rio Rancho, and Anna Gallegos of Contreras; grandchildren, Antonio Baca of Rio Rancho, Valerie and Roland Sanchez II of Bosque, Marie Baca and Mark Guerrero of Rio Rancho, Amelia Gallegos of Contreras, Dean Gallegos and Stephanie Padilla of Las Cruces, and Zach Gallegos of Socorro; and great-grandchildren, Lucia Sanchez of Bosque, and Joselyn and Lincoln Guerrero of Rio Rancho. A viewing will be held at Romero Funeral Home Chapel, on Thursday, June 5th at 6:00 p.m. with a Rosary to be recited at 7:00 p.m. A Final Viewing will be held at the San Jose Catholic Church in Contreras, on Friday, June 6th at 9:30 a.m. with a Funeral

Mass to be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. Interment will take place at Contreras Catholic Cemetery. Pallbearers will be his grandchildren, Dean Gallegos, Zach Gallegos, Antonio Baca, Roland Sanchez II, and Mark Guerrero, cousin, Robert Tafoya, friend and neighbor, Marcel Abeyta, and God daughter, Kim Schnepfer. Sign Abenicio's online tribute at www.romerofuneralhomenm.com
Romero Funeral Home, 609 N. Main Street, Belen, NM

Cemetery Details

San Jose Catholic Cemetery

Contreras, NM

Previous Events

Viewing

JUN 5. 6:00 PM (MT)

Romero Funeral Home Chapel
609 N. Main St.
Belen, NM 87002
(505) 864-8501
romerofuneralhome@comcast.net
<https://www.romerofuneralhomenm.com>

Rosary

JUN 5. 7:00 PM (MT)

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Final Viewing

JUN 6. 9:30 AM (MT)

San Jose Catholic Church
Contreras, NM

Funeral Mass

JUN 6. 10:30 AM (MT)

San Jose Catholic Church
Contreras, NM

Tribute Wall

MF

“ *Martin & Karen Martinez & Family lit a candle in memory of Abenicio S. Tafoya*



Martin & Karen Martinez & Family - June 05, 2014 at 11:00 AM

AB

Thank you . Antoinette and Anna

Antoinette Baca - June 18, 2014 at 12:35 PM

EB

“ *I have very fond and good memories of Abenicio from my school days at Bareales and LaJoya schools. Abenicio was a fantastic person in life and has lived a very full and great life.*

*Esmerlindo (Emmer) Barela
Son of Abelicio B. Barela*

Esmerlindo (Emmer) Barela - June 05, 2014 at 07:38 AM

AB

Thank you. May God bless you. The from the family of Abenicio Tafoya . Antoinette

Antoinette Baca - June 18, 2014 at 12:28 PM

FJ

“ *I remember Abenicio very well when I was a child. I was sorry to hear of his passing. Remember the true meaning of Easter.
Franlou Jaramillo*

Franlou Jaramillo - June 04, 2014 at 05:14 PM

AB

*Thank you. May God bless you.
From the family of Abenicio Tafoya . Antoinette & Anna*

Antoinette Baca - June 18, 2014 at 12:30 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of
Abenicio S. Tafoya.*



June 04, 2014 at 03:00 PM

CT

“ *My sincere sympathy for the Tafoya Family.
Even though it has been many years since I
last saw him he didn't change. Thank you for
sharing your pictures. What a true blessing
you all have had to have had him for so long.
My thoughts and prayers are with you all.
Carmella Chavez Tharnish*



Carmella Tharnish - June 04, 2014 at 01:07 PM

AS

“*Lit a candle in memory of Abinicio S. Tafoya.*”

*Roland II, Valerie & Daughter, & The Family
of Abinicio S. Tafoya,*

*We'd like to extend our most sincere
condolences on your loss of Abinicio. He will be greatly missed by
the community of Contreras, and by all who knew him. Abinicio has
left a beautiful legacy to his family. What nice pictures were posted
of him. May God Bless all of the Family at this most difficult time.*

*Sincerely,
Adam & Ruby Salas & Family
Bosque, N.M.*



Adam & Ruby Salas - June 04, 2014 at 12:53 PM

EL

“*I was so sad to hear Mr. Tafoya passed away.*

*I have fond memories of him at La Joya
School. He would tell me to run, and he would
yell "Ay venada". Many years later I saw him
and he still called me "La Venada" I now drive
the school bus to La Joya and he always waved when I would go
by. Miss seeing him and it wasn't too long ago I saw him hanging
jerky to dry on the front porch. Please accept my sincere
condolences and prayers for the family.*



Elaine - June 03, 2014 at 01:50 PM

VS

“ 11 files added to the album pictures of grandpa



Valerie Sanchez - June 03, 2014 at 01:00 PM

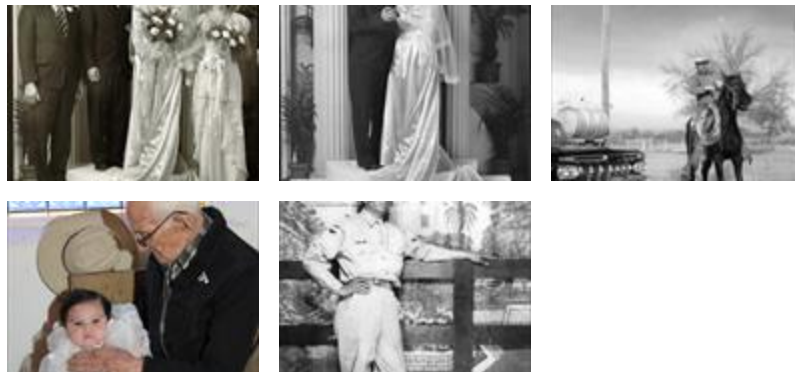
EM

“ Please accept my condolences on the loss of your dear loved one. Take comfort in knowing that our heavenly Creator well soon remove all pain, sorrow, and death forever! May this promise as recorded in Revelation 21 : 3,4 help you gain the strength and inner peace to cope with the days ahead. Philippians 4 : 13.

Emanuel - June 03, 2014 at 11:52 AM

VS

“ 21 files added to the tribute wall



Valerie Sanchez - June 03, 2014 at 11:46 AM

VS

“ 1 file added to the album pictures of grandpa



Valerie Sanchez - June 03, 2014 at 11:31 AM

TA

RIP Abencio! My Dad and I are going to miss you!

Tim Abeyta - July 14, 2014 at 11:46 PM

TA

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Tim Abeyta - July 14, 2014 at 11:46 PM

GF

“ Garcia Family lit a candle in memory of Abencio S. Tafoya



Garcia Family - June 03, 2014 at 09:13 AM

GF

Our prayers are with you all. Joe, Georgia, and Family

Garcia Family - June 03, 2014 at 09:16 AM

VS

Thank you guys for thinking of us and for your prayers-- Valerie

Valerie Sanchez - June 03, 2014 at 11:33 AM

AB

Thank you for all your prayers. May God bless your family. Antoinette

Antoinette Baca - June 03, 2014 at 12:49 PM

LS

“ We are sorry to hear of your loss of Papa. He really will be missed. Our Prayers and thoughts and prayers go out to Marty, Antoinette, Anna, Antonio, Valerie, Marie, Dean, Zachery, and Amelia as well as to his other family members, great grandchildren, and friends and neighbors. May God Bless, Comfort and Strengthen You all during these tough times and always. You will always be in our hearts Papa and we hope to see you again one day. May you rest in peace. We Love you.



Love Scott, Kim, Evelynn,& Ted Schnepfer - June 02, 2014 at 11:52 PM

VS

Thank you guys- Valerie

Valerie Sanchez - June 03, 2014 at 11:34 AM

AB

Thank you. God bless you and your family. Antoinette

Antoinette B Baca - June 03, 2014 at 07:11 PM

PR

“ Priscilla lit a candle in memory of Abenicio S. Tafoya



Priscilla - June 02, 2014 at 03:39 PM

AG

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Anna Gallegos - June 02, 2014 at 11:09 AM

PR

“ 4 files added to the album New Album Name



Priscilla - June 02, 2014 at 10:22 AM

VS

Nice pictures of my grandpa :)

Valerie Sanchez - June 03, 2014 at 11:34 AM

AB

“ 1 file added to the album New Album Name



Antoinette B Baca - June 02, 2014 at 12:07 AM

AB

“ 1 file added to the album *New Album Name*



Antoinette B Baca - June 01, 2014 at 11:54 PM

AB

“ 2 files added to the album *New Album Name*



Antoinette B Baca - June 01, 2014 at 11:51 PM