



## Alfred McDaniel

January 16, 1922 - August 30, 2016

1922-2016

Alfred Zera McDaniel (Mac), a resident of Peralta, NM, peacefully passed away on Tuesday, August 30, 2016. He was born and raised in Clovis, NM. Alfred was a United States Navy WWII veteran. He retired from The Bureau of Reclamation Department of Interior after 37 years. Alfred also worked as an engineer on various projects in New Mexico including El Vado and Cochiti Dams. Mac was a Jack-of-all trades who was always there to provide a helping hand to friends and neighbors (if you had a problem Mac could fix it). He was a lifelong farmer in Curry and Valencia County. Alfred is preceded in death by his parents, Dee Z. McDaniel and Effie Sparks-McDaniel; brothers, Barney and Glenn; sister, Byrna Ruth Bridges; and daughter, Corliss McDaniel-Grubert. He is survived by his loving wife of 75 years, Ruth Cleveland-McDaniel; daughters, Jo Ann Bowman and husband, Wally, Jo Marie Balok and husband, Alan, Cora Hernandez and husband, Ed; and son-in-law, James C. Grubert. Alfred is also survived by 9 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren. All services will be held at Romero Funeral Home, on Tuesday, September 6, 2016. A Final Visitation will begin at 9:30 a.m., with a Celebration of Life to be celebrated at 10:00 a.m. Interment will follow at Santa Fe National Cemetery at 1:30 p.m. Pallbearers will be Ed Hernandez, Alan Balok, Ryan Hernandez, Edward Hernandez Jr., Landon Balok, David Young, and Eliseo Romero. Honorary pallbearers are Wally Bouman, and James C. Grubert. The family would like

to thank all the family and friends for their warm thoughts and prayers, and a special thank you to visiting angels and other caregivers. Please sign Alfred's online tribute at [romerofuneralhomenm.com](http://romerofuneralhomenm.com) Romero Funeral Home, 609 N. Main St. Belen, NM.

# Cemetery Details

## Santa Fe National Cemetery

501 N. Guadalupe Street  
Santa Fe, NM 87501

# Previous Events

## Final Visitation

SEP 6. 9:30 AM (MT)

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

## Funeral Service

SEP 6. 10:00 AM (MT)

Romero Funeral Home Chapel  
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# Tribute Wall

DG

“ *Diane Maez Gustafson sent a virtual gift in memory of Alfred McDaniel*



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**Diane Maez gustafson** - September 05, 2016 at 03:51 PM

DG

“ *My heartfelt condolences to the McDaniel family. Some of my warmest memories as a young girl growing up in Valencia were of your Father Fred. He was always so kind to me. Cora, I am so sorry for the loss of you're Beloved Father. May our Lord comfort you and all you're family with loving memories.*

*Sincerely, Diane Maez Gustafson*

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**Diane Maez Gustafson** - September 05, 2016 at 03:41 PM

GA

“ Alfred was a good friend to my dad, Pete Adams. I always enjoyed going and visiting him and Ruth and the girls when I was small. Alfred was a good man and a hard worker. I remember him building your home while working full time and also farming. I remember that summer when I went to "help". Gary Dee McDaniel and I would cut, rake, bale, pickup and stack the bales of hay. I never worked so hard in my life. I remember one evening Gary Dee and I wanted to play a trick on the twins. We got some gunny sacks and flashlights and took the twins snipe hunting. Well we got them placed and told Jo Ann and Jo Marie that we would go out and scare the snipes toward them. Instead, Gary Dee and I went back to the house. By the time we got there the twins were already there waiting and laughing. Guess the joke was on us!

*My thoughts and prayers are with the family*

*Gary Adams*

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**Gary Adams** - September 04, 2016 at 10:35 AM

LI

“ My dad, Pete Adams, thought the world of Alfred McDaniel. I have fond memories of visiting your home as a child. Alfred was always so patient and kind, he was a sweet and gentle man. I am thankful to have visited with him, and with Ruth a few years ago. May the Lord hold you close to one another and close to His heart during this time.

*My love to all, Linda Adams Marsh*

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**Linda** - September 04, 2016 at 09:29 AM

SH

“ Our prayers and thoughts are with y'all today and in the days to come... Uncle Alfred was a good man... Tell Aunt Ruth "Hello and we love her" from the Hagens in Louisiana! Bryan, Suzy, Bryan Jr and Lindsey Hagan

Suzy Hagan - September 03, 2016 at 09:19 AM

Heidi  
Clark

“ My condolences to the family.  
I have many fond memories of you growing up. You always like to here my accomplishments with my showing of cows and horses. I would always stop at your house on my ride and grab a drink of water and you would always offer me something. Else or fruit off the tree.  
I can remember when you always came to dairy and you my dad would talk. I will never forget all the things you did for me when I was growing up. Even when I was adult and you watched my kids grow up.  
You are now a guardian angel looking down on us.  
Thanks for being part of my childhood.



Heidi krassnitzer Clark and family  
San tan valley Arizona

Heidi Clark - September 03, 2016 at 06:51 AM

TM

“ McDaniel Family, we were saddened to hear of the passing of your husband, father, grandfather and our life long neighbor to our Martinez Family. May you all have peace and comfort knowing that he is now resting in the kingdom of heaven.

The Family of the late Nemesio Martinez - September 03, 2016 at 12:26 AM

CH

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**cora hernandex** - September 02, 2016 at 09:45 PM

GA

“ Many years ago I was a lost kid....our family had moved to Utah and I was missing my grandparents and family in New Mexico....so my Mom put me on a Greyhound bus at the age of 13 and I traveled for 2 days to Clovis. Alfred was working in Albuquerque at the time and he met me for a lunch break before I continued on to Clovis. After 2 week Alfred and I believe Pete Adams came to Clovis to bring me back to Los Lunas, where I stayed with Alfred & Ruth...they took me into their home for the whole summer. I remember Corliss gave up her room for me to have my own room (they had a house full of girls)....during that summer I learned a lot of responsibilities regarding the operating the equipment (tractor, mower, hay rack and bailer.....the man knew everything about hay and he passed it on to me to help around the farm....

*I never had so much fun in one summer with Gary Max Adams and all the girls.....I was the one that taught Cora Lee to spit out green peas (she was just a baby then) as they were horrible I thought, but Aunt Ruth didn't appreciate the green specks all over her glasses....but we all lived thru it....*

*I will never forget tall the baseball games that Alfred took me to when we lived in Albuquerque.....he was a good teacher to.....*

*I always enjoyed being with my other family and I have memories of many more stories, but I will save those.....*

*You will be missed by all Mac....RIP*

*Your Nephew.....Gary Dee.....*

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**gary** - September 02, 2016 at 11:12 AM

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*Great memory Gary! Sorry for spitting the peas in your face. I still don't like green peas to this day!*

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**cora hernandex** - September 02, 2016 at 09:28 PM

DR

“ *Dicky And Suzanne Romero sent a virtual gift  
in memory of Alfred McDaniel* ”



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**Dicky and Suzanne Romero** - August 31, 2016 at 09:06 PM