



## Aniceto E. "Ernie" Griego

September 13, 1933 - April 3, 2020

1933-2020

Aniceto E. "Ernie" Griego, age 86, passed away peacefully on April 3, 2020. He was a proud Army veteran who served his country with honor. Ernie is preceded in death by his wife, Tita Griego; parents, Benjamin and Cipriana Griego; son, Louie Griego and his oldest brother, Nasario Griego; He is survived by his 6 children, Dinah Griego, Dennis Griego, Tom (Sandra) Griego, Grace Cagle, Jeanette Gannon and Rick (Devron) Griego; brother, Rumaldo J. (Helen) Griego; and sister-in-law, Orallia Griego. Services will take place at Romero Funeral Home Chapel beginning on Wednesday, April 8, with a Public Viewing at 2:00 PM and a Rosary at 3:00 PM. Final Visitation will be on Thursday, April 9, at 9:00 AM at Romero Funeral Home, with a Graveside Service at 10:00 AM at Las Nutrias Catholic Cemetery. Please sign Aniceto's online tribute at [www.romerofuneralhomenm.com](http://www.romerofuneralhomenm.com) Romero Funeral Home, 609 N. Main St., Belen, NM

# Previous Events

## Viewing

APR 8. 2:00 PM (MT)

Romero Funeral Home Chapel  
609 N. Main St.  
Belen, NM 87002  
(505) 864-8501  
romerofuneralhome@comcast.net  
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## Rosary

APR 8. 3:00 PM (MT)

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## Final Visitation

APR 9. 9:00 AM (MT)

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## Graveside Service

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APR 9. 10:00 AM (MT)

Las Nutrias  
1010 HWY 304  
Los Nutrias, NM

# Tribute Wall

TG

“ I drafted the note below to be read at the service if it was possible but I'll share it here:

*Good afternoon and thank you for coming today. The ongoing pandemic has disrupted our normal way of life and even how one is laid to rest but need to share a few words in memory of my dad.*

*Aniceto/Ernie Griego enjoyed the simple things in life; he didn't need many of the modern luxuries that exist today. Give dad a warm fire, a pot of chili and stack of tortillas, and he was content - though he did prefer the tortillas to be handmade and fresh daily. Dad thoroughly enjoyed politics and watched as much boxing as he could; Muhammad Ali was his all time favorite. I don't know that my dad had a code that he followed per se but he did believe in hard work, meeting your obligations, and had a strong sense of community.*

*Dad was born and raised locally in this area of New Mexico, shaped by the people/values from here until my Grandparents Ben and Ciprianna Griego moved to Barstow for work. He was a teenager at the time and after high school he enlisted in the army to serve his country. Dad was deployed overseas as a heavy equipment operator and would ultimately take it up as his profession upon completing his assignment. He fancied my mom and they eventually married – long story short, they had seven kids.*

*Seven kids is a ton of responsibility and could drive even the best of men to the brink, but dad was always there and always did what he felt was right. Dad attended his share of our baseball games near and far, was there for my sister's Mexican dance routines, their rodeos competitions, and unfortunately, was always available when the nuns called that one of us had gotten into trouble again.*

*Naturally I see my dad through the lenses of a son but of course he was much more. Ernie/dad was a son, a brother, an uncle, neighbor, primo, friend, parishioner, employee, boss, a makeshift farmer, cowboy, and gambler. Dad tinkered with a lot of different things,*

*cars, tractors, pumps, all kinds of machinery, he was incredibly resourceful- he was admirable in that way. He didn't throw much away, and usually could fix anything, he usually had too because things broke all the time. Dad could get testy on occasion and we needed to give him space, but he always calmed down and finished the task at hand.*

*Dad experienced plenty in his lifetime and touched many people, but in his later years I think he was happiest /in his element at a matanza. It had all the elements he enjoyed, he loved the tradition of it, bringing everyone together, good food, good drinks, embellishing stories and plenty of smiles. The simplicity/the community/the gathering of family and friends were happy occasions.*

*This virus has changed how we planned to lay my dad to rest but later when the pandemic is over there will be a larger gathering/celebration that everyone can safely attend to say goodbye. In the meantime, thank you for coming and I hope my mom in heaven is there to greet dad with a warm smile and show him the ropes.*

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**Tom Griego** - April 09, 2020 at 12:48 PM

RS

*We were deeply saddened at your loss "cousin" Ernie. We will always remember your love of life, learning, sharing, guidance and your warm and gentle smile. We pray that God has led you to your eternal resting place. Rest in Peace, Ernie.*

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**Rita & Don Steinnerd** - April 09, 2020 at 01:44 PM

KG

“ Uncle, in true form, you know how/when to enter and exit the room! Among the countless memories of ranching, farming, horseback riding, and just plain visiting, I have to say I will remember you, not for what you materially possessed but for what you freely shared and gave (everything). I love you and hold dear what you taught me throughout my life. Oh, and thank you for great cousins 🤔. Blessings forever.

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**karen griego** - April 08, 2020 at 10:40 PM

RG

“ Brother, Our Lord has taken you away but not our memories. You will always be with us for we will never forget you. You were always willing to help and you made life easier for those around you. You certainly were a motivating figure as I was growing up. Helen and I are grateful for your insights and dry humor. Rest In Peace brother. RJ & Helen M. Griego

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**RJ Griego** - April 08, 2020 at 01:34 PM

CG

“ Thank you for your service Ernie, may you be at peace. My thoughts and prayers are with your family.

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**Cheryl Gaborko** - April 08, 2020 at 01:29 PM

CC

“*Uncle Ernie has always held a secure, comforting room in my heart and mind.*

*Recently, I have often had flashbacks to various moments I cherished with him, particularly on his farm in Veguita. I recall sitting on the back of his 4-wheeler, riding along the banks of the Rio Grande river on some summer afternoon. Uncle Ernie and I were “racing the incoming storm” so we wouldn’t get drenched in a classic New Mexican monsoon.*

*Something like what I have just shared above is merely a singular example of a range of memories with my uncle I am able to grasp onto and protect.*

*Although I’ll never be able to sit with him and chat or drink iced tea and eat watermelon (as we did), I can still show gratitude and find some consolation knowing that my childhood was blessed by Uncle Ernie.*

*Thank you for being a part of my world,  
Catherine Choi (aka “little friend”)*

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**Catherine Choi** - April 08, 2020 at 12:01 PM

HS

“*Our deepest sympathy to your family.  
Words can't express how we loved and treasured our Ernie.*

*I always enjoyed making pies for him and our visits were so much fun and a very special time.*

*He was a blessing in our life.*

*Love and prayers,  
Harry & Teresa*



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**Harry & Teresa Shawver** - April 07, 2020 at 08:35 AM

LC

“ *Lorrie, Lauren, Tyler And Sierra Cordova lit a candle in memory of Aniceto E. "Ernie" Griego*



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**Lorrie, Lauren, Tyler and Sierra Cordova** - April 06, 2020 at 09:07 PM

MB

“ *We were sorry to hear about Ernie. Our thoughts and prayers are with with him and all of his family. Eternal rest grant onto him and may perpetual light shine upon him. May he Rest In Peace. Martin and Antoinette Baca*



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**Martin & Antoinette Baca** - April 06, 2020 at 08:23 PM

RG

*Brother, our Lord has called you and we will miss you terribly but we'll never forget you. You were always there for me anytime I needed you and maybe I didn't show my gratitude verbally but I appreciated you more than you realized. Thank you for being a great brother. RJ &Helen M. Griego*

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**RJ Griego** - April 08, 2020 at 12:52 PM

MP

“ *Joe and Helen and all the greigo families my deepest sympathy may he Rest In Peace*

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**min presley** - April 06, 2020 at 08:00 PM

VM

“ *Vina Mendoza lit a candle in memory of Aniceto E. "Ernie" Griego*



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**Vina Mendoza** - April 06, 2020 at 06:17 PM

HC

“ *Henry & Mary (Chickey) Chavira lit a candle in memory of Aniceto E. "Ernie" Griego*



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**Henry & Mary (Chickey) Chavira** - April 06, 2020 at 05:37 PM

DR

“ *Dicky And Suzanne Romero lit a candle in memory of Aniceto E. "Ernie" Griego*



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**Dicky and Suzanne Romero** - April 06, 2020 at 05:32 PM

TL

“ We sure are missing you!!! Our hearts are broken, although we are glad you are no longer suffering and are now enjoying being with The Holy Trinity, our Blessed Virgin Mother Mary and all of God's Holy Angels and Saints, including your family. We send our condolences to all of Ernie's family and dearest ones left here during their sorrow and mourning. We will remember you, Ernie everytime we sing "Holy Holy, Holy God of Hosts, Heaven and earth are full of Your Glory Hosanna in the highest, blessed is he who comes in the Name of our Lord, Hosanna in the highest." Because we know you are singing constant Praises to our LORD!!! Thank you, Ernie, for the memory I have of you calling me "Patrona".



The Leybas - April 06, 2020 at 03:50 PM

EG

“ Emma Griego lit a candle in memory of Aniceto E. "Ernie" Griego



Emma Griego - April 06, 2020 at 03:36 PM

EG

“ Evelyn Griego lit a candle in memory of Aniceto E. "Ernie" Griego



Evelyn Griego - April 06, 2020 at 03:35 PM

LC

“ Love, Cheryl purchased the Multicolor Bright Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of Aniceto E. "Ernie" Griego.



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**Love, Cheryl** - April 06, 2020 at 12:45 PM