



## Armida Valdez

January 15, 1940 - October 16, 2023

1940-2023

Armida Valdez, age 83, a resident of Sabinal, New Mexico, peacefully passed away on October 16, 2023. Services will take place on Saturday, October 28, 2023, at San Antonio Catholic Church in Sabinal, NM, beginning with a Public Viewing at 9:00 a.m. Rosary at 10:00 a.m. A Funeral Mass will begin at 10:30 a.m. with an Interment to follow. She was born on January 15, 1940, in San Miguel, Zacatecas, Mexico, to the late Idelfonso Padilla Rocha and Maria Carmen Montelongo. Armida was born the fourth of seven siblings. She met her husband, Refugio, in Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, and had been married for 64 beautiful years. In this union, they were blessed with 5 children. Armida worked as a cook for Belen Schools. She was very active in her community, especially at the Lady of Sorrows Parish in La Joya, NM. Armida was an active member of the Legion of Mary. She is especially remembered for all the delicious food she cooked, her tamales and empanaditas were a local favorite. Armida loved to host and cook for her entire family. She will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her. Armida is survived by her loving husband, Refugio Valdez Rizo; children, Leticia Valenzuela (David), Valenzuela, Jorge Valdez, Sylvia Campbell (Grant), Moises Valdez (Graciela), Esteban Valdez and late wife Rita Valdez; 10 grandchildren; 11 greatgrandchildren; siblings, Maria Engracia Padilla, Luis Padilla; numerous nieces, nephews and extended family members; and dear friend, Rita Valdez. Pallbearers will be Esteban Valdez, David Valenzuela, Carlos Valenzuela,

Adam Campbell, Ruben Garcia, and Jonathan Garcia. Please sign Armida's online tribute at [www.romerofuneralhomenm.com](http://www.romerofuneralhomenm.com) Romero Funeral Home, 609 N. Main St., Belen, NM.

# Cemetery Details

## San Antonio Catholic Cemetery

11 Calle de San Antonio  
Bosque, NM 87006

# Previous Events

## Viewing

OCT 28. 9:00 AM (MT)

Sabinal Catholic Church

## Rosary

OCT 28. 10:00 AM (MT)

Sabinal Catholic Church

## Funeral Mass

OCT 28. 10:30 AM (MT)

Sabinal Catholic Church

# Tribute Wall

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“ We are deeply saddened to hear that your beloved Armida has passed away. She was such a sweet & kind lady. I will never forget her!!! May God bless your family & bring you peace & strength. 🌹🙏 On a side note, her tamales were the BEST!!



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**Annabelle Barela** - November 01, 2023 at 08:45 PM

MB

“ El descanso eterno le concede a su Señor y que la luz perpetua brille sobre ella, que descanse en paz Amen.  
Martin and Antoinette Baca.



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**Martin and Antoinette Baca** - October 27, 2023 at 12:02 PM

MP

“ Sending Our Deepest Condolences to Armida's family. She was always willing to help with no hesitation. Friendly enjoyed being around Armida. May God give peace to the family at this very sad time 🙏🙏🕊️🕊️ Rest in peace



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**Marie Pino** - October 26, 2023 at 09:51 PM

BM

“ *My mama Cecilia Lopez from Veguita loved Armida. I met her once through my mama. My sincere condolences to her family*



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**Bernadette Moya** - October 25, 2023 at 12:05 AM

TC

“ *I worked with Armida at Gil Sanchez cafeteria she was so active she was always full of energy and love always ready to serve and to pray the rosary and serve our blessed Mother we loved her and will miss her but we know the minute she entered into heaven our blessed mother was ready to receive her she at peace in eatearnal joy our sympathy to Refrujio and his family*



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**Theresa chavez** - October 22, 2023 at 03:10 PM

RO

“ *1 file added to the album Armida*



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**Rosalinda A. Ortiz** - October 21, 2023 at 01:04 PM

LP

“ *She was a great cook and a wonderful person she will be missed 🙏🙏*



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**Lorraine Padilla** - October 21, 2023 at 10:29 AM

BM

“ *Valdez family,*

*I was blessed to work with Armida. She truly was a wonderful woman! A true Angel on Earth. May Armina Rest in Peace. Eternal rest grant unto her oh Lord and may perpetual light shine upon her. God bless you all and give you much needed strength at this difficult time. 🙏*



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**Bernice Montoya** - October 20, 2023 at 10:14 PM

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“ My and Mark’s prayers and deepest sympathies are with Sis Armida’s family. She was truly a blessing to me. I met her first when she came with the Legion of Mary to visit me and bring me the Pilgrim Virgin. She holds a very special place in my heart. She gave me peace during her visits. I was able to call her Sis when I became an active member of the LOM OLOS. I enjoyed going to visit the Spanish community with her and learning how to pray the Rosary in Spanish. She was so giving of her time, service, and talents. She never expected anything in return. She was a great example of what God calls us to be as His children. She was a great soldier in our Legion of Mary. She fought the good fight and left us her legacy to continue fight the good fight. She will never be forgotten. ¡Armida te amo mucho!



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**Cristina and Mark Leyba** - October 20, 2023 at 09:18 PM