



## Ben R. Armijo

October 21, 1927 - January 17, 2014

1927-2014

Ben R. Armijo, age 86, a lifelong resident of Peralta, NM passed away on Friday, January 17, 2014. He was a member of Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church. Ben and his wife Patty were very involved in several marriage enrichment weekends from Socorro to Pecos, NM. They also served as mayordomos for Our Lady of Guadalupe Church. They were both active in many projects, activities and volunteering in all aspects of their beloved Our Lady of Guadalupe Church. Ben graduated from Menaul High School receiving several academic and athletic honors. He proudly served in the United States Navy during WWII. He retired from Sandia National Laboratory after 41 years of outstanding service. Ben continued his career alongside his wife Patty as co-owner of Sterling Title Company. He was an avid gardener and was well known for his red chili. Ben was a devoted father and grandfather who enjoyed spending every moment with his family. He was preceded in death by his loving wife of 59 years, Patty G. Armijo; son, Paul, parents, Rafael and Martina Armijo; father and mother-in-law, Pedro and Pauline Gurule. Ben is survived by his loving children, Belinda Paris, Judy Armijo, Dan and Jennifer, Tom, Marty and Christy, Patrick and Tamara; daughter-in-law, Darlene Armijo; fifteen grandchildren, Jodie, Sam, Alexandra, Destiney, Dana, Christian, Haleigh, Tara, Noah, Zachary, Josiah, Ariana, Aiden, Kaleb and Kaden. Ben is also survived by his loving sister-in-laws, Cecile Gomez and Emma Gurule and brother-in-law, John E. Gurule, along

with many loving nieces and nephews. All services will be held at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church, beginning with a Viewing on Sunday, January 19, at 6:00 p.m. with a Rosary to be recited at 7:00 p.m. A Final Visitation will be held on Monday at 10:00 a.m. Funeral Mass to be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. Father Hoi Tran presiding. Interment will follow at Valencia Catholic Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Jodie, Alexandra, Sam, Dana, Zachary, Noah and Haleigh. Honorary Pallbearers will be Aidan, Ariana, Kaleb, Kaden, Christian and Josiah. Sign Ben's online tribute at [www.romerofuneralhomenm.com](http://www.romerofuneralhomenm.com) Romero Funeral Home, 609 N. Main St., Belen, NM

# Cemetery Details

## Valencia Catholic Cemetery

Peralta, NM 87042

# Previous Events

## Viewing

JAN 19. 6:00 PM (MT)

Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church  
3674 Highway 47  
Peralta, NM 87042

## Rosary

JAN 19. 7:00 PM (MT)

Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church  
3674 Highway 47  
Peralta, NM 87042

## Final Visitation

JAN 20. 10:00 AM (MT)

Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church  
3674 Highway 47  
Peralta, NM 87042

## Funeral Mass

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JAN 20. 11:00 AM (MT)

Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church  
3674 Highway 47  
Peralta, NM 87042

# Tribute Wall

YS

“ *Yvonne, Gino, Jarrod & Justin Storey lit a candle in memory of Ben R. Armijo*



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**Yvonne, Gino, Jarrod & Justin Storey** - February 03, 2014 at 06:36 PM

GS

*Armijo family,*

*Your dad and mom were the roll models to our community. I had the opportunity to talk to your mom and always gave us positive words about our boy's. Ben always had a joke and would enjoy the boy's as they continued their ministries in Altar Servers & lector's. After he had his surgery, we did not see him much in church, his smile will be missed!*

*God Bless You, M/M Gino Storey & family*

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**Gino & Yvonne Storey** - February 03, 2014 at 06:51 PM

PL

“ *Armijo Family:*

*I am so sorry for your loss of your father and grandfather. May the many memories you share help get each of you through this difficult time. I will always remember the force your parents were in Valencia County, through their involvement and commitment, their dedication to make Valencia County a better place for all of us. Thanks for sharing them with all of us. Blessings to each of you, Paul T. Luna.*

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**Paul T. Luna** - January 29, 2014 at 06:49 PM

RC

“ *My Condolences go out to the Family, Friends. R.I.P. Ben. God be with all of them.*

Raymond De La Cruz - January 22, 2014 at 12:43 PM

DG

“ *Debbie Gurule lit a candle in memory of Ben R. Armijo*



Debbie Gurule - January 22, 2014 at 08:50 AM

MJ

“ *Moriah And Jacob lit a candle in memory of Ben R. Armijo*



Moriah and Jacob - January 21, 2014 at 10:42 PM

OD

“ *To The Armijo Family:*

*We are so sorry for the loss of your father, grandpa. God Bless you all and give you strength and peace.*

*Johnny & Ofelia Diaz*



Ofelia Diaz - January 21, 2014 at 08:34 AM

PC

“ *May we pass on to you, the Armijo Family, our most sincere condolences for the loss of your father and also grandfather. May God comfort you during this time.*

*Permon and Pamela Chavious*

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**Permon Chavious** - January 20, 2014 at 01:02 PM

DB

“ *Dear Armijo Family,*

*It is with great sadness that we say good by to Ben. He was a wonderful man and we will miss him. We know how much he loved his family. We know he missed his beautiful wife these past years. We also know how much his family loved him, and gave their time and help to him whenever he needed them. Ben has given a gift of love and an incredible legacy to his children and grandchildren. He was a special man; even when he was in pain he would manage to tell a corny joke and make us smile. We will honor his memory and be forever grateful to him for his kindness and friendship.*

*We are praying for all of his dear family to take comfort in knowing he is enjoying the presence of God. We know Jesus is saying to him: "Well done, good and faithful servant. Enter into the joy of your Lord!"*

*God be with you.*

*Love, Dorothy and Terry Burrows*

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**Dorothy Burrows** - January 19, 2014 at 09:43 PM

DJ

“ *Diane Jackson lit a candle in memory of Ben R. Armijo*



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**Diane Jackson** - January 19, 2014 at 07:56 PM

DJ

“ *Armijo Family,*  
*What a joyous reunion Uncle Ben and Auntie Patti are having as they are reunited once again. They are in heaven now, walking on streets made of silver and gold, hand in hand with Paul. No more worries, pain or suffering. Treasure the memories from the bad to the good. They are yours to keep, forever in your heart. Y'all are in our thoughts and prayers. May you find the peace, comfort and strength to get you through this difficult times now and in the days to come. We lift this family up, in prayer, as y'all carry on the legacy of your Mom and Dad. May God Bless each and every one of y'all. Uncle Ben you were one of a kind with your witty jokes and comebacks. You will be missed by so many. Who will keep my mom informed about the tornados in Arkansas? Who is going to proof read the bulletin at church? And, many other tasks you did each day. Whoever that person may be, they will have some mighty big shoes to fill. Your kindness to my family will never be forgotten. You will always be Uncle Benny to Rodney and Tyler. I told them you were Uncle Ben not Uncle Benny...you smiled at me and said it's okay, I have been called worse. With a heavy heart, you will be missed by us. Till we meet again...we love you!*  
*Rodney, Diane and Tyler Jackson*  
*Joey, Sara, Anthony and Lennon Willingham*  
*Lance, Jennifer, Cole and Kylie Shipley*

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**Diane Jackson** - January 19, 2014 at 07:52 PM

JV

“ A keeper of the faith has passed. A mentor to us all. We am happy for him that he is in the arms of his God whom he knew so well.

*Dan and Janet Vigil, Daniel, Damian and Jonathan*

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**Janet Vigil** - January 19, 2014 at 06:06 PM

YM

“ *Marty and Family - I am very sorry for your loss. Ben was such a kind and caring man and he will be missed. Take care and God Bless you all.*

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**Yolanda (Apodaca) Miles** - January 19, 2014 at 05:43 PM

YM

“ *Yolanda (Apodaca) Miles lit a candle in memory of Ben R. Armijo*



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**Yolanda (Apodaca) Miles** - January 19, 2014 at 05:41 PM

DG

“ Uncle Ben it is so hard to let you go but I know you are in Heaven & with the love of your life Auntie Patty... You were the best Uncle I was so blessed to have you in my life. Im going to miss your jokes, your strength & advise. May you finally rest in peace. I know our family in Heaven had there arms open waiting for you. I know you & Auntie Patty are dancing in the sunset... May your strength & love you shared & gave us forever be in our hearts. I love you Uncle Ben...

*forever carry on. I love you Uncle Ben!*

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**Debbie Gurule** - January 19, 2014 at 11:55 AM

DG

“ Ben may you rest in peace we know you are in Heaven and with the Lord. You were on of the kindest brother-in-laws I was so blessed to have you & Patty as part of my life. Rest in peace Ben God Bless You... Pauline Gurule Prendergast

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**Debbie Gurule** - January 19, 2014 at 11:20 AM



“ Garden Accent Stone - "Wherever a Beautiful Soul..." was purchased for the family of Ben R. Armijo.



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January 19, 2014 at 07:31 AM



“ *Megan purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Ben R. Armijo.*



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**Megan** - January 18, 2014 at 10:28 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ben R. Armijo.*



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January 18, 2014 at 02:01 PM

BI

“ Dear Ben's Family,

*Want to give you our deepest sympathy. I know your dad is now happily reunited with his dear Patti. Ben drove me to work while we both worked at Sandia National Labs. We had many wonderful conversations about chile, God, family, weather and many other topics.*

*His life was filled with loving children and grandchildren. I know you will miss him, but know that the Dear Lord now needs him and best of all, he will be with his dear and beloved wife.*

*God Bless you in this time of sorrow.*

*With deepest symphony and prayers,*

*Bob and Marie Iverson*

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**Bob and Marie Iverson** - January 18, 2014 at 12:16 PM

KA

“ Dear cousins,

*So sorry to hear the news of Uncle Ben's passing. I'm sure he & Auntie Patty are celebrating their union once again. May you be at peace that they are together once again. Love & Prayers to all of you.*



*Kathy Bonardi (Tubbs) & David Tubbs & our families*

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**Kathy** - January 18, 2014 at 10:59 AM

RZ

*My deepest symphany to all of Ben's family*

*Rosemary C. Zamora*

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**Rosemary C. Zamora** - January 21, 2014 at 01:48 PM



“ *Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Ben R. Armijo.*



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January 17, 2014 at 04:47 PM