



Benita "Bennie" Zamora

June 5, 1938 - February 26, 2023

Benita "Bennie" Otero Zamora, age 84, a lifelong member of Magdalena, a community she loved and served, passed away peacefully on February 26, 2023, while in the presence of family. Services will take place at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church in Magdalena, NM, with a Rosary on Sunday, March 5, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. There will be a visitation on Monday, March 6, 2023, at 11:00 a.m., with a Funeral Mass at 12:00 p.m. Interment will follow at Magdalena Cemetery. Born June 5, 1938, to Teofila and Antonio Otero, Bennie owned and operated Tony's Rock Shop after her brother, Tony's passing in 1997. She married her husband Roberto Zamora in 1961 and had one daughter and one grandson: Grace and Robert L. Zamora. Bennie was a member of the Village of Magdalena Board of Trustees, starting in 1990. She was Mayor pro tem and later became Mayor in 2001. Bennie served as a Majordomo of the St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church through various periods of her life. She was an integral part of organizing the Old Timers Reunion for over two decades and was voted the 2001 Old Timer Queen. Bennie fully loved her family and extended family. She was the youngest and longest survivor of 6 siblings; Tony, Bill, Francis, Rosalina, Mary, and Pricilla. Bennie is survived by her immediate family; nieces and nephews, whom she loved like her children and provided with love, comfort, and guidance throughout her lifetime; and all of her friends in Magdalena. Please sign Bennie's online tribute at www.romerofuneralhomenm.com Romero Funeral Home, 609 N. Main St., Belen, NM.

Previous Events

Rosary

MAR 5. 5:00 PM (MT)

St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church
403 El Camino Real
Magdalena, NM 87825

Funeral Mass

MAR 6. 12:00 AM (MT)

St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church
204 Elm St.
Magdalena, NM 87825

Visitation

MAR 6. 11:00 AM (MT)

St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church
204 Elm St.
Magdalena, NM 87825

Interment

MAR 6. 1:00 PM (MT)

Magdalena Cemetery
Magdalena, NM 87825

Tribute Wall

RS

“*Lit a candle In Memory of Benita “Bennie” Zamora.*”
Sincerely,
Ruby Salas (Tina’s Aunt)



Ruby Salas - March 06, 2023 at 07:15 PM

MJ

“*When I was the nurse practitioner at the Magdalena clinic I had occasion to see Bennie regularly. She always had a story about Robbie and she would make sure my husband and I knew about the events where she would be serving her delicious green chilli. When she left we both felt better. We will miss seeing her around town.*”

Margreet Jenness - March 05, 2023 at 05:48 PM

LS

“*We were honored to be included from time time in Bennie's life including celebration of the accomplishments of her grandson, Robbie. Her love for family and friends as well as her generosity to all represented a great deal of what we love about Magdalena, It will never be the same without dear Bennie. You touched so many lives in such a positive way.*”

Linda Smiley and Greg Long

Linda Smiley - March 05, 2023 at 03:39 PM

AJ

“ My deepest condolences to Bennie’s family. I had the honor of calling this beautiful soul my friend. I have a beautiful bracelet with my name that she gave a treasured gift.. She loved her family and was so proud of her grandson. Fly with the Angels my beloved friend..

Audrey Jaramillo-Hawkes - March 02, 2023 at 10:51 AM