

Bernard Baca

June 22, 1923 - February 15, 2017

1923-2017

Bernard Baca, age 93, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, February 15, 2017. He was a lifelong member of the Catholic Church, dedicated family man, decorated WWII Veteran, Educator, Farmer, and Rancher. Bernard was born in Los Trujillos, to Jose Maria and Carmen Ortiz Baca. He served honorably with distinction in World War II in the Pacific Theatre. He attended St. Mary's school, Belen High School, and graduated from New Mexico A and M (NMSU) with a Bachelors and a Masters. Bernard was a respected teacher, mentor, and school administrator for 40 years. After retirement, he served on numerous committees and boards pertaining to agriculture and education. He was a lifelong member of the Republican Party. Bernard married Fidelina (Fillie) Garcia in 1953 and they had 4 children; Arthur, Carl, Vincent (died in infancy), and Bernardine. Bernard and Fillie were married for 63 years. He was preceded in death by his parents; infant son, Vincent; and siblings, Pat Baca Sr., Edwin Baca, Gilbert Baca, and Rosina Gurule Perez. Bernard is survived by his wife of 63 years, Fillie Garcia Baca; son, Arthur Baca and wife, Carol; son, Carl Baca and wife Carole; daughter, Bernardine Baca and husband, Dave Spiers; beloved grandchildren, Adian Emilio Baca, Kiri Baca, Rose Baca, and Lakota "Koko" Spiers; great-grandchildren, Tony Baca, Sonya Baca, and Alina Baca; sister-in-laws, Margaret Baca, Mary Rose Baca, Andrea Eichhorn, and Emma Tafoya; numerous nieces and nephews. The family would like to thank his caregivers, Irma, Rose, Sylvia, Rocio, Norma, Jasmine, and Betty. Also, a special thanks to the staff at Gentiva Hospice and the staff at Klarus Homecare. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to New Mexico Boys Ranch, Saint Mary's Belen, or Gentiva Hospice. Special thanks to his son Arthur for years of dedicated care of his father. All services will be held on Monday, February 20, 2017, at Our Lady of Belen Catholic Church. A Rosary will be recited at 10:30 a.m., and funeral mass at 11:00 a.m. Pallbearers are Adian Baca, Adrian Baca, Martin Baca, Joe Baca, Gilbert Baca, and Dave Spier. Honorary Pallbearers; Mike Gurule, Rose Baca, Kiri Baca, Koko Spiers, Jake Tafoya, John Tafoya, and Robert Tabet.

Previous Events

Rosary

FEB 20. 10:30 AM (MT)

Our Lady of Belen Catholic Church
101 N. 10th Street
Belen, NM 87002

Funeral Mass

FEB 20. 11:00 AM (MT)

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101 N. 10th Street
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Tribute Wall



“ 4 files added to the tribute wall



Bernardine Baca Spiers - March 23, 2017 at 10:31 AM

OD

“ Our deepest sympathy for the loss of your husband, dad, grandfather.

Our prayers go out to you and your family. God bless you all.

Johnny & Ofelia Diaz

Ofelia Diaz - February 23, 2017 at 10:13 PM

OD

“ Ofelia Diaz lit a candle in memory of Bernard Baca



Ofelia Diaz - February 23, 2017 at 10:11 PM

BS

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Bernardine Baca Spiers - February 23, 2017 at 04:18 PM

SB

“ Know that I'm thinking of you and the family during this difficult time. Much love and hugs and prayers.

Shawna Bucker



Shawna Buckner - February 23, 2017 at 11:21 AM

MT

“ My thoughts and prayers are with his family during this time of loss. Heartfelt condolences to you all and may your memories sustain you.

Michelle Tafoya - February 22, 2017 at 10:02 AM

BC

“ I am so very sorry for your loss. Mr. Baca was always so very nice to me. My prayers are with your whole family. God bless you all...

Beverly Castillo - February 20, 2017 at 03:39 PM

CB

“ 4 files added to the album New Album Name



Carl Baca - February 19, 2017 at 11:16 AM

CB

“ 5 files added to the album New Album Name



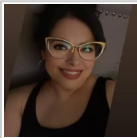
Carl Baca - February 19, 2017 at 10:49 AM

CB

“ 10 files added to the tribute wall



Carl Baca - February 19, 2017 at 10:46 AM



“ Bernadette Baca-Torres lit a candle in memory of Bernard Baca



Bernadette Baca-Torres - February 19, 2017 at 02:14 AM

BS

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Bernardine Baca Spiers - February 18, 2017 at 04:01 PM

DR

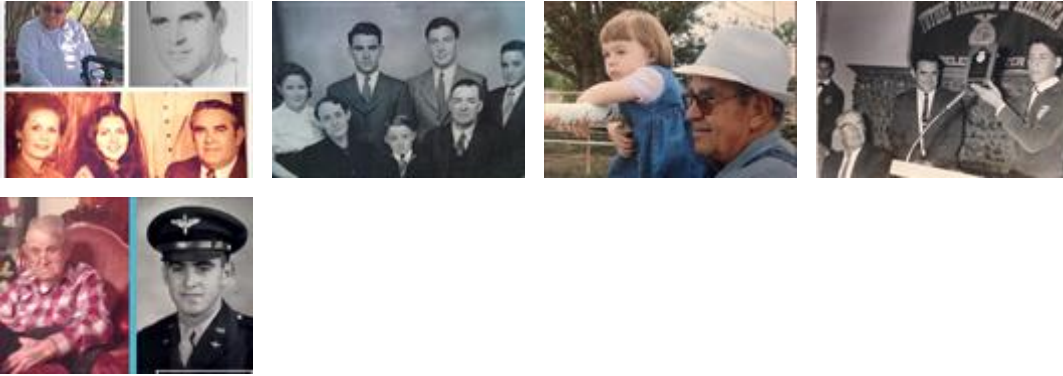
“ Dicky And Suzanne Romero lit a candle in memory of Bernard Baca



Dicky and Suzanne Romero - February 18, 2017 at 12:01 PM

BS

“ 7 files added to the tribute wall



Bernardine Baca Spiers - February 18, 2017 at 10:18 AM

LO

“ *Mr. Baca was and has always been so strong and so kind. I will always have him in my prayers. He was every thing to my family. We were. All very close, just knowing he is not here makes me sad, but knowing he is in heaven gives me strength. Frilly, children and grandchildren,thank you for sharing mr. Baca with all of us. Love and prayers to all of you. Loretta gabaldon sanchez.*

loretta - February 17, 2017 at 03:46 PM

BS

Thank you Loretta. He loved the Gabaldons.

Bernardine Baca Spiers - February 19, 2017 at 11:19 AM

ER

“ *Keeping you all in our thoughts and holding you up in prayer. Sending love and support. Michael and Elizabeth Ramey.*



Elizabeth Ramey - February 16, 2017 at 10:15 PM

AB

“ *Sending sincere condolences to all the Baca Family. Milton & Annabelle Barela*



Annabelle Barela - February 16, 2017 at 06:34 PM

FS

“ Fred And Toni Salas lit a candle in memory of Bernard Baca



Fred and Toni Salas - February 16, 2017 at 01:27 PM

SC

“ My thoughts are with you Auntie and the rest of the family.



Sarah Conner - February 16, 2017 at 11:13 AM

JF

“ Our condolences and prayers are with you all. Joseph, Georgia, & Family

Joseph, Georgia, & Family - February 16, 2017 at 08:50 AM

CV

To the Bernard Baca family, we extend our most sincere condolences to you. He was a grand man, funny, full of stories and who loved to share memories with several generations of extended family. I always enjoyed having an occasional cup of coffee with Bernard and my father (Delfin) listening to them debate current events. Love to all of you.

Carol & Leila

carol vigil - February 17, 2017 at 07:05 PM

SK

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you Auntie and the entire Baca Family.

Love, Sharon (Barreras) Knigge



Sharon Knigge - February 15, 2017 at 08:58 PM

JO

“ *Uncle, you were loved by many. I know you are now in the arms of the Lord. May the entire Baca family feel peace and love during this difficult time. Love you all! Josina Conner*



Josina - February 15, 2017 at 08:00 PM

LB

“ *Baca Family,
You all are in our hearts and in our prayers. Your father was a wonderful man who taught you all christian values. That is worth the price of Gold. May you all be at peace knowing your father is with his father in heaven. If you need anything please let us know. We love you all.*

Jerry & Liz Baca

Liz Baca - February 15, 2017 at 04:42 PM