

## Celso Armijo

May 10, 1927 - November 15, 2016

1927-2016

Celso Armijo, age 89, passed away after a long illness on November 15, 2016. He was born on May 10, 1927 in Pueblitos, NM. He was a lifelong resident of Pueblitos, south of Belen. Celso was a kind and gentle soul and a well-known farmer who harvested alfalfa, raised sheep and cattle. He also participated with the Valencia County Sheriff's posse for many years. Celso retired from Belen Consolidated Schools in 1991 after 33 1/2 years of service where he taught third grade students at Jaramillo Elementary School. He was famous among Jaramillo alumni for demonstrating how to shear sheep and teaching classes on how to weave tiny blankets from the wool. He was a veteran of the Korean War, where he was a Corporal and earned the Combat Infantry Badge, Korean Service Medal with 3 Bronze Stars, and United Nations Service Medal. A man of many talents, Celso also served as a barber to his fellow infantrymen while on the field.

Celso was a member of Our Lady of Belen Catholic Church as well as the San Isidro Mission Church in Pueblitos, where he and his sister served as Mayordomos for many years. He was preceded in death by his parents, Ricardo Benito and Flora Abeyta Armijo; sisters, Andrea Armijo, Rebecca Catalina Armijo, Lucia Armijo, Rosenda Martinez and husband, Marcos; brother, Fidel Armijo; and brother-in-law, Arthur Tanaka. Celso is survived by his sister, Margaret Tanaka of Redondo Beach, CA; sister-in-law, Clara Armijo of Albuquerque; his nieces and nephews and their families, Vangie Martinez, Jerry (Eva) Martinez, Monico (Kathy) Martinez, Ramón (Betty) Martinez, Joe (Anna) Martinez, Irene (Donald) Garcia, Bernadette Martinez, Flora Hendren, Martin Armijo, Ruth Armijo, Pauline Tanaka-Kroeger, and Eric (Emily) Tanaka, along with many cousins.

All services will be held at Our Lady of Belen Catholic Church, on Friday, November 18th, beginning with a Viewing at 8:30 a.m., followed by a Rosary to be recited at 9:30 a.m., and a Funeral Mass to be celebrated at 10:00 a.m. Interment will follow at Our Lady of Belen Memorial Gardens. The family would like to thank his long-time caregiver, Laura Romero, Ambercare Hospice, and the caregivers at Good Life Assisted Living and Memory Care. Please sign Celso's online tribute at [romerofuneralhomenm.com](http://romerofuneralhomenm.com) Romero Funeral Home, 609 N. Main St. Belen, NM.

# Cemetery Details

## Our Lady of Belen Memorial Gardens

101 N. 10th Street  
Belen, NM 87002

## Previous Events

### Viewing

NOV 18. 8:30 AM (MT)

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

### Rosary

NOV 18. 9:30 AM (MT)

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### Funeral Mass

NOV 18. 10:00 AM (MT)

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# Tribute Wall

JH

“ MR. Armijo was my 3rd grade teacher and my FAVORITE teacher. He inspired my love of learning. I was a shy little girl who got the courage to ask her favorite teacher for a picture of himself, which I kept many years in my jewelry box. He made learning fun and was a genuine teacher.

JH - January 26, 2017 at 08:45 PM

JB

“ Joe Leroy B. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Celso Armijo.



Joe Leroy B. - November 19, 2016 at 12:22 AM

SG

“ So sad to hear of Mr. Armijo's passing. He was a wonderful teacher who left a lasting impression on his students. I remember when he would bring his sheep to school. I also remember making the little blankets. He touched many lives, more than he probably realized. He will be missed.



Suzanne Gabaldon - November 17, 2016 at 01:34 PM

DB

“ He was such a wonderful teacher and always had a smile on his face. He was always happy to see his former students and seemed to remember who I was years after being in his class.



Denise Curley Bohannon - November 17, 2016 at 11:00 AM

RC

“ Celso was a valued friend and neighbor and he will be greatly missed. Our deepest condolences to his family. Ron and Carole Clouser

Ron Clouser - November 17, 2016 at 10:40 AM

AC

“ *Mr Armijo was a great teacher. He taught me how to write in cursive and how to be a good student. I will never forget him or his smile. My sincere condolences,*  
*Angela Cano*

Angela Cano - November 16, 2016 at 10:21 PM

PJ

“ *Philip C' De Baca, Jr. lit a candle in memory of Celso Armijo*



Philip C' de Baca, Jr. - November 16, 2016 at 08:17 PM

PJ

*Celso, was a very good friend of my brother that's how I got to know him. Celso was a true gentleman, Rest in peace my friend.*

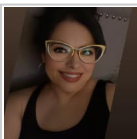
Philip C' de Baca, Jr. - November 16, 2016 at 08:22 PM

AA

“ *Anthony Armijo lit a candle in memory of Celso Armijo*



Anthony Armijo - November 16, 2016 at 06:05 PM



“ *Bernadette Baca-Torres lit a candle in memory of Celso Armijo*



Bernadette Baca-Torres - November 16, 2016 at 04:19 PM

RT

“ *An intelligent man of honor and integrity coupled with joy and laughter. Celso's warm smile and Christian spirit permeated a room and he will be greatly missed here on earth as he goes on to his reward in Heaven. His memory will remain with all whom he has touched and will serve as a positive example of how we should love and respect our neighbor. God Bless you Celso*

Raymond J Torres - November 16, 2016 at 01:09 PM

LA

“ I met my second cousin, Celsito, during the Korean War. I was leaving & he had just arrived. After many years my wife & I moved to Pueblitos. I bought alfalfa from him & enjoyed talking with him. He was a good man.

*Our condolences to you & your family.*

*Sincerely,  
Ladis & Mimi Armijo*

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**Ladislado Armijo** - November 16, 2016 at 12:14 PM

DR

“ Dicky And Suzanne Romero lit a candle in memory of Celso Armijo



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**Dicky and Suzanne Romero** - November 16, 2016 at 09:33 AM

Val  
López-  
Yoakum

“ Mr. Armijo was my teacher many years ago. I remember his funny pranks in class. He was a great teacher and a great man. He will be missed. My deep at condolences to the family.



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**Val López-Yoakum** - November 16, 2016 at 06:50 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Celso Armijo.



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November 15, 2016 at 06:36 PM