



David Martin "Hoss" Otero

September 9, 1949 - June 2, 2026

1949-2026

David M. Otero, age 76, a resident of Los Lunas, NM passed away June 2, 2026, at home surrounded by his wife, Lina Otero, daughter Jessica Marquez, and granddaughter, Joclyn Nicole Marquez. Services will take place at San Clemente Catholic Church on Monday, June 15, 2026, beginning with a Visitation at 8:30 a.m., Rosary at 9:30 a.m., and Funeral Mass to be celebrated at 10:00 a.m. Interment will follow at Gate of Heaven Cemetery. The Family will be hosting a reception at Sam's Place, 544 Main St. NW in Los Lunas at 1:30 p.m. He is survived by his wife, Lina; son, Chris Mendoza (Ricarda); and daughter, Jessica Marquez; Step children, Antonio Garcia Jr and Lori Ann Garcia-Ortega (Robert); grandkids Chris Jr, Domonic (Caroline), Amber, Sapphira (Roy), JR., Alajandro, Nicole Marquez; great-grandchildren, Madilyn, Maddox, Matias, Mela, Arianny, Elena, and Roy Gabriel; step grandchildren, Haley, Hannah, Tristen (Ani), Savannah, and Alexis; step great grandchildren, Josiah, Adalynn, Benjamin, Emma, Catalya, and Giovanni; brother, Manuel Otero (Michelle); sister, Rita Baca; brother-in-law, Harry Maes, and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins. David is preceded in death by his son, Alferes Otero; grandson, Alferes Marquez; parents, Alferes and Frances (Kika) Otero; brother, Felix Otero; sisters, Janet Maes and Carmen Cherino. He was a member of the US Navy from March 20, 1968 to April 1, 1971. David also joined VFW in 1973. He was officiated at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post as a commander from 1973 to 1975, Sr. Vice Commander

in 1975, Jr. Commander and Quarter Master in 1976, Chaplain, and Trustee. Was an all-state and all-American Quartermaster for 2 years. He served on the USS Hector as a ship serviceman and trained as a barber. David also served in Vietnam. During his time in the Navy he furthered his education by obtaining NTC for Seaman, NTC for SH 3 & 2, Basic Military Requirements, MR for Petty Officer 3 & 2, and NTC for SH {B }. David received medals for National Defense service, Vietnam Service with one bronze star, and Republican of Vietnam Campaign with device. Post Quartermaster, Jack Lovato from VFW Post 9676 informed his wife, Lina, that he loved the camaraderie David had with all his fellow war-fighters. When able, David was involved in all the Post's Community Service activities and events. He would even take his granddaughter, Nicole. David told her because she was so cute people would give more money for buddy poppies. He was respected by all his fellow members of Post 9676 and many other Department of New Mexico VFW members, but most of all respected and loved by many residents of our local community. Pallbearers will be Chris Sr., Chris Jr., Domonic, JR., and Alejandro and Roy Molina. Honorary Pallbearer will be Paul Ryan. Please sign David's online tribute at www.romerofuneralhomenm.com Romero Funeral Home, 609 N. Main St., Belen, NM.

Cemetery Details

Gate of Heaven Cemetery

7999 Wyoming Blvd NE
Albuquerque, NM 87109

Previous Events

Arrangement with the Church

JUN 4. 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM (MT)

San Clemente Catholic Church
244 Luna Ave SE
Los Lunas, NM 87002

Public Viewing

JUN 15. 8:30 AM - 9:30 AM (MT)

San Clemente Catholic Church
244 Luna Ave SE
Los Lunas, NM 87002

Rosary

JUN 15. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (MT)

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Los Lunas, NM 87002

Funeral Mass

JUN **15**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (MT)

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Graveside Service

JUN **15**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM.

Gate of Heaven Cemetery

Reception

JUN **15**. 1:30 PM (MT)

Sam's Place Event Center
544 Main St NW
Los Lunas, NM 87031

Tribute Wall



“ *Vaya con Dios, Hoss! You were a man of quiet integrity who let his actions speak for him. His kindness left a lasting mark on everyone who had the privilege of knowing him.* ”



Joseph Barta - June 21 at 11:21 PM



“ *Fred And Alma Jaramillo lit a candle in memory of David Martin "Hoss" Otero* ”



Fred and Alma Jaramillo - June 16 at 09:17 AM



“ *Bernardine Baca And Dave Spiers lit a candle in memory of David Martin "Hoss" Otero* ”



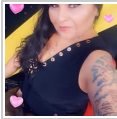
Bernardine Baca and Dave Spiers - June 15 at 10:36 PM

JB

“ Our Hossey Boy, our cousin, but most of all our best friend life will never be the same without you in it, your jokes, your laughter, your unending love for family. We will miss your calls, your visits, you singing your version of "Margarita" our vacations, cruises, lunches, dinners, but most of all we will miss you. We will love you forever our "Hossey Boy" now go rest high on that mountain your work here on earth is done. Your in God's Navy now... "Fair Winds and Calming Seas Sailor" will take it from here



Jessey & Maria Margaret Baca - June 13 at 04:26 AM



Melissa Griego - June 16 at 05:55 AM



“ Our deepest condolences during this most difficult time. May God continue to bless you and may the countless memories bring you comfort in the coming days.

Andrew, Leslie Rodriguez and family



Leslie Rodriguez - June 12 at 08:32 PM

YS

“ Our deepest condolences Lina & family!
We have lot's of fond memories with Mr.
David “Hoss” Otero. I am so glad we got to
know him at the different functions we were
invited to! That you for your courageous
service🇺🇸! Rest in Peace



Yvonne & Gino Storey

Yvonne Storey - June 12 at 03:28 PM

MD

“ David was a good neighbor for many years. I
remember him happy tending to his ostriches
and cows. He once gifted me a baby piglet
that was later butchered for my quinceañera.
Rest in peace vecino.



MARISELA DELGADO - June 11 at 08:17 PM

AA

“ Our condolences to the families of
Hoss, he's been our neighbor for many years
Always enjoy talking to him
We will miss miss him.

Albert & Annie Apodaca - June 06 at 11:44 AM

CR

“ Our condolences to all the Otero family.iam going to miss you
cousin,you always talked to us, you would always asked for the
family.Rest in peace, Always Chico& Mary Jane &Son Rael.

Chico& Mary Jane &Son Rael - June 05 at 12:28 PM

C&

“ *Chico& Mary Jane Rael &son lit a candle in memory of David Martin "Hoss" Otero*



Chico& Mary Jane Rael &son - June 05 at 12:23 PM

DG

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Debbie Griego - June 04 at 08:04 PM

LC

“ *Uncle David , thank you for always being there for me, I will miss your big smile. You were my ROCK so many times, and just a call away. I loved our visits in California and New Mexico over the years. You've been and done so much for so many of us. Time to rest Matthew 25:23 ❤️ Laura and Doba*



Laura Cordova - June 04 at 04:05 PM

AH

“ *My sweet Uncle you will be missed by so many. You impacted so many with your humor, love, and dedication to your family. Fly high with the all the angels that have gone before you. Will love you forever.*

Anna Marie Holstrom - June 04 at 08:58 AM

JO

“ Hoss held a special place in my heart. I am so sorry for your loss. Please know that you and your family are in my thoughts during this difficult time. May you find comfort in the love and support of those around you, and may the memories you shared bring you peace in the days ahead.



Jacque Otero-Rodriguez - June 04 at 03:05 AM

CF

“ In loving memory of David “Hoss” Otero,

Thank you, Dad, for always being there for family events and for doing everything you could to bring our family together. No matter the occasion, you made sure to show up for your family and friends with love, support, and a smile. The memories we shared and the time we spent together will always be treasured.

Thank you for your love, dedication, and the example you set for all of us. You will be deeply missed, but never forgotten.

Always with love,

Chris, Ricarda, and Family

Chris and Ricarda and family - June 04 at 02:20 AM

JM

“ You are the best daddy I'm going to miss you so much. No more suffering daddy. Fly high

Jessica Marquez - June 03 at 07:58 PM