



## Donald John Lente

December 1, 1932 - December 25, 2025

Donald Lente, age 93, passed away on December 25, 2025, in Los Lunas, New Mexico. . Services will take place on Thursday, January 8, 2026, at Our Lady of Belen Catholic Church. Starting with a Visitation at 9:00 a.m., a Rosary at 10:00 a.m., and a Funeral Mass to be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. Interment will take place at 9:30 a.m., on Friday, January 9, 2026, at Santa Fe National Cemetery.

Donald was a dedicated family man, survived by his loving spouse, Carla Lente; his children, Steven (Brenda), Donald (Adonna), Richard (Rose), Gene (Adrianna), Carla Jean, Dona Jean Watts (Bill) and Carla Ann Diaz (Joe); step children, Lawrence Garcia (Felicia), Alex Garcia (Jahnelle) and Andrea Wiederholt (John); 23 grandchildren, 38 great-grandchildren, and 3 great-great-grandchildren. He also leaves behind his brother, Arthur Lente, whose memories of him will be treasured. Donald's strong work ethic and unwavering devotion to family will forever echo in the lives of those who knew and loved him.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Frank and Mary Lente; brothers, Walter and Edward Lente.

Donald Lente was born on December 1, 1932 in Gallup, NM, to Frank and Mary Lente. He proudly served his country in the United States Army and later built a long and dedicated career with the Santa Fe Railroad, from which he retired.

Donald enjoyed spending his time playing golf and caring for his birds - simple pleasures that brought him great peace and joy.

# Cemetery Details

## Santa Fe National Cemetery

501 N. Guadalupe Street  
Santa Fe, NM 87501

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 8. 9:00 AM (MT)

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

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# Tribute Wall

TK

“ Dear Lente family, I am sorry for your loss. Unforttenly i have been in hospital and didn't see the notice until today,. Our family in Gallup was very close to the Lente family. I was included in hunting and fishing trips with Frank, and Donald and Eddie worked for or family. Rest in peace and soar with the angels,, Tom Kennerly,505-306-5293

tom kennerly - January 09 at 06:50 AM

KC

“ So sorry we lost touch Donald, fly with the angels

Kenda Cornell - January 08 at 02:50 PM

SL

“ 2 files added to the album Tribute Wall



Steven T Lente - January 07 at 09:49 AM

IL

“ Our Deepest condolences to you and your family. All our love, Lovato



Irene Lucero-Lovato - January 05 at 12:34 PM

BT

“ Our deepest condolences to all of Don's family. May you all feel his peace and peace be with you as well.

With Sympathy,  
The Sanchez and Torres Family



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**Billie Alice Sanchez Torres** - January 02 at 03:39 PM

HM

God bless you and your family Don ,I got to know Don on a trip from Belen to Winslow he was a great Engineer easy-going made a 12hr trip feel like a 6 to 8 hrs when I would get called to work with Don i knew we were going to have a save and enjoying trip .again God bless 🙏 prayers 🙏 for you and family Herbert Martinez, Winslow Arizona.

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**Heriverto Martinez** - January 09 at 01:56 PM

JM

ALWAYS ENJOYED WORKING WITH DON ON THE RR & WAS FOR SURE GOOD TIME WITH HIM ON THE GOLF COURSE....MAY HE REST IN PEACE.

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**JIM MCCLURE** - January 11 at 05:17 PM