



## Donald B. Watson

October 8, 1933 - December 22, 2020

1933-2020

Donald B. Watson born to Orvale and Valda Watson on October 8, 1933 in Ralls, TX, and a resident of Peralta, New Mexico, joined our Lord and Savior on Tuesday December 22, 2020 after reaching the age of 87 years old. He passed peacefully in his home with his family by his side. Don was a very hard working man and entrepreneur who owned and operated his long-running construction company in Peralta, NM. He and his wife Nettie also owned the Baskin Robbins Ice Cream Shop in Los Lunas for many years. When he wasn't working, he spent time volunteering in many roles in his community. He was a proud member of the Bosque Farms Rodeo Association, a volunteer firefighter in Peralta for over 30 years, and a member of the Valencia County Sheriff's Posse. Don enjoyed fishing, bowling, woodworking, attending the family reunions and spending time at his cabin in Pagosa Springs, CO. Even up until his last few years of life, he could be seen on his tractor farming the fields. Don was a strong, proud and good man. He is loved and will be missed by many! Don is preceded in death by his mother and father; three brothers, one sister; beloved wife of 52 years, Nettie Watson; and daughter, Donette Purinton. He is survived by two siblings; Galen Watson, and Betty Truelock, his two daughters, Diane and her husband, Louie Gurule of Peralta; Debby Parks of Albuquerque, and Niece, Elona and her husband, Tom Rocco of Roseville, CA; eleven grandchildren, Adrian Apodaca, Michael Apodaca, Clete Purinton (wife Ashleigh), Shawnee Legere (husband Scott), Corey and

Cameron Parks, Tina Armijo, Louie Gurule (wife Tialisa) and David Gurule; Shayleen Lovins (husband John) and Ross Rocco (wife Corrine), and sixteen great-grandchildren. He is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews. A special thanks to caregiver Dorothy Domingues. Services will be held on Tuesday, December 29, 2020, at Valley Church of Christ, beginning with a Visitation at 10:00 AM, a Funeral Service at 11:00 AM and Interment to follow at Terrace Grove Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Randy Smith, Adrian Apodaca, Michael Apodaca, Clete Purinton, Corey Parks and Cameron Parks. Please sign Donald's online tribute at [www.romerofuneralhomenm.com](http://www.romerofuneralhomenm.com) Romero Funeral Home, 609 N. Main St., Belen, NM

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **29**. 10:00 AM (MT)

Valley Church of Christ  
407 NM 213  
Los Lunas, NM 87031

## Funeral Service

DEC **29**. 11:00 AM (MT)

Valley Church of Christ  
407 NM 213  
Los Lunas, NM 87031

## Interment

DEC **29**. 12:00 PM (MT)

Terrace Grove Cemetery  
1200 W Aragon Rd  
Belen, NM 87002

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Dietz Family lit a candle in memory of Donald B. Watson*



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**Dietz Family** - January 04, 2021 at 05:10 PM

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“ *Robert & Maxine Olguin lit a candle in memory of Donald B. Watson*



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**Robert & Maxine Olguin** - January 02, 2021 at 12:32 AM

BS

“ *Brenda And Ted Schlote lit a candle in memory of Donald B. Watson*



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**Brenda and Ted Schlote** - December 31, 2020 at 10:58 AM

JE

“ *To the family of Don Watson: Was so sorry to learn of Dons passing. Was at the cemetary on Christmas Day and went to Nettie grave site. Went to school with the Proctors, Coxes and Watsons. My love and best wishes to all the family. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Judy Eppard*

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**Judith E Eppard** - December 29, 2020 at 04:50 PM

DR

“ *Dicky And Suzanne Romero lit a candle in memory of Donald B. Watson*



Dicky and Suzanne Romero - December 28, 2020 at 03:29 AM



“ *Classic Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Donald B. Watson.*



December 27, 2020 at 09:16 PM

CA

“ *Don, you were such a big part of my life. (My second dad.) I can't even imagine how different my family's lives would have been had we not known you Nettie, Donette, Debby and Diane. Not to mention all the rest of your family. You all were my family. You gave me my first job. In fact at one time or another I think most of my family, including my husband Bruce worked with you. You taught us how to work for what we wanted, ethics and skills. We thank you for being there for us. Our families had alot of fun times and went through some sad, almost unbearable times, but we were always there for each other. I love you and am going to miss you 💕  
Love, Carol*

CarolButler - December 27, 2020 at 11:41 AM

TF

“ *The Purinton's Shawnee, Clete, Chuck & families. purchased the Multicolor Bright Sympathy Basket for the family of Donald B. Watson.*



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**The Purinton's Shawnee, Clete, Chuck & families. -**  
December 27, 2020 at 11:37 AM



“ *Classic Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Donald B. Watson.*



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December 24, 2020 at 11:10 PM

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“ *Don was a hard working country guy. Soft spoken and always willing to help others. Our family and the Watsons spent good times together. He will be missed.*

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**Neal and Mary Jo (Baughman) Roch -** December 24, 2020 at 08:03 PM

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“ Donald Watson married to my Mother’s youngest sister Nettie was a quiet man with a twinkle in his eyes and mostly soft spoken. I always loved to see his smile and hear his chuckle of a laugh. He was kind and strong and joined in community endeavors. Work of all types was his calling. His stamina and resolve were admirable and tested through his long life. I marvel at his work ethic and resolve. As a young girl he made me feel good cuz he would dance with me A few times during the Bosque Farms Saturday night dances. He rode a big old sorrel horse he called Frog in the community parades and he looked great on that big old pony. He and Uncle Wayne Cox helped my daddy build the addition to our home in Peralta when I was a girl and I thought my Dad and uncles were the most skilled men ever and could do anything! LOL I still do! I will miss his quit presence. He has joined Jesus in heaven! Hallelujah!! I will miss my Uncle Donald 💕💕

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Naoma Fulgham Dixon - December 24, 2020 at 05:58 PM