



## Elfida Esquibel Benavidez

April 29, 1927 - April 25, 2021

1927-2021

Elfida Esquibel Benavidez, age 93, a resident of Bosque, NM, passed away on April 25, 2021. She was a member of Our Lady of Belen Catholic Church. Elfida married Selauro Benavidez shortly after the end of WWII in 1946. She lived with her spouse in Albuquerque for a short time, but their desire was to farm and raise their expanding family in the beautiful Bosque valley. Elfida returned and settled in her husband's childhood home, where he was raised by his grandparents. They expanded their business and worked it for more than fifty years until her husband's death. Elfida continued to live in Valencia County up until her passing at the age of 93. She was just four days shy of her 94th birthday when she went to meet the Lord. Elfida had a beautiful smile, a great sense of humor and an amazing work ethic. She will be sorely missed by all who knew her. Elfida and all of her generation are indeed "The Greatest Generation" as attested to in the book by Tom Brokaw.

Elfida is preceded in death by her husband, Selauro Benavidez; mother, Adelina Esquibel Silva; daughters-in-law, Gretchen Foster Benavidez and Rody Gabaldon Benavidez. She was the last of her surviving siblings: Roberto Silva, Luis Silva, Avilio Silva, Ramona Lopez, Aciana Silva, Simon Silva and Estela Trujillo. Also preceded in death is her step-grandson Matthew Freeman. She is survived by her four children, Robert Benavidez (Jan), Lena Hands (James), Marlene Benavidez and Carlos Benavidez (Annette) and nine grandchildren, Karen Winner, Kristina Benavidez, James Hands, Judith

Pennington, Julian Hands, Celina Benavidez, Melissa Marks, Celeste Grabowski and Tawnya Archuleta; and 12 great-grandchildren and many loving nieces and nephews. Services will be private. Interment will take place at Santa Fe National Cemetery.

The Benavidez family wishes to thank the following: Vickie Kaiser (caregiver) for your dedication, kindness and empathy; Sierra Springs for not only Mom's needs, but for their compassion. Special thanks to Jessica (mama), Marissa (baby), Jackie, Sandra and Sam; you were amazing. Thank you also to the staff at Armada Hospice, especially Michele and Anna - you were awesome. And lastly, thanks to all the well-wishers and kindness of those in our community and Romero Funeral Home for outstanding service. In lieu of flowers, please make donations in Elfida's name to the Jessica Sanchez Enlighten Your Life Foundation. Please sign Elfida's online tribute at [www.romerofuneralhomenm.com](http://www.romerofuneralhomenm.com) Romero Funeral Home, 609 N. Main St., Belen, NM

# Tribute Wall

AS

“ A woman’s Family is held together by Her Wisdom. Tia it was always a blessing to here your testimony on you. You would always good about your Viejo Sele ! She always talked about her siblings when growing up before she became a farmer’s wife. She definitely would talk about her mother in many ways. This amazing aunt of mine always talked about her son’s & daughter’s . She loved animals especially her house dogs. I dearly love my Tia . She will be missed dearly but not forgotten. Yesterday was Mother’s Day and I can’t even imagine how hard it was for my cousins to cope that day passing. I prayed over my auntie sibling and her mom that to welcome her to God’s kingdom! I’m sure she is at peace with her Viejo Sele . My condolences to all my cousins and their family . I will be praying for each of you during this healing season ! I love you all , if you need anything to comfort your needs I’m a phone call away !

---

**Andy Silva** - May 10, 2021 at 09:57 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



---

**James Hands Jr.** - May 10, 2021 at 11:51 AM

JL

“ *My Dear Elfida...I was 20yrs when we met. Who would have thought it would blossom into a beautiful lasting friendship. Richard and I visited you and Selauaro. Through the years we shared many a laughs and heartbreaks. Our friendship helped us both walk a little straighter. God made you a farmer's wife. You raised a family and your deep love for them never ceased. You worked the land and cared for the animals. The day you no longer were able was difficult on you. Your skills in the kitchen couldn't go unnoticed. Your green and red Chile were definitely a blue ribbon. Along with your baked bread, biscochitos and albondigas just to mention a few. We remained friends after the passing of ou feos. It became the start of our journey which ended April 25, 2021. Rest In Peace my friend. I will miss you. My sincere and deepest sympathy to Robert (Jan), Lena (Jim), Marlene, Carlos, (Annette), and Grandchildren. May God Bless You!*



---

**Juanita Lucero** - May 08, 2021 at 07:34 PM

MC

“ *Macrena Chavez lit a candle in memory of Elfida Esquibel Benavidez*



---

**Macrena Chavez** - May 01, 2021 at 01:50 PM

RS

“ *What I will always remember of auntie Elfida is her laughter and that little twinkle in her eyes when she was telling a funny story or up to no good. Glad we got to spend some time with her and especially the day before she passed. She did tell us "not to cry for her." Auntie was ready to go and had packed her bags. Wish I had known her better when I was a young adult. RIP auntie and you will be remembered and missed by us all. Love you lots.--Ruth Silva*



---

**Ruth Silva** - May 01, 2021 at 12:14 AM

MP

“ *Marlene Pino lit a candle in memory of Elfida Esquibel Benavidez*



---

**Marlene Pino** - April 30, 2021 at 10:47 AM

RB

“ *My condolences to the family. Elfida was a long time friend and neighbor of our beloved Mother. May her soul be at peace in her heavenly home.*



---

**Romy Baca** - April 30, 2021 at 10:46 AM

EP

“ *Eugenio Padilla lit a candle in memory of Elfida Esquibel Benavidez*



Eugenio Padilla - April 30, 2021 at 01:47 AM

GC

“ *My thoughts and prayers to the Benavidez family. Mr. and Mrs. Benavidez were people that even if you just met them, they treated you as if you were family. My condolences to the family.* 🙏  
🙏

Gloria Cordova - April 30, 2021 at 01:00 AM

KC

“ *Our thoughts, prayers and deepest sympathies to her family.*

Karen & Ramon Chavez - April 29, 2021 at 11:07 PM

AI

“ *A & A Pumping Service, Inc lit a candle in memory of Elfida Esquibel Benavidez*



A & A Pumping Service, Inc - April 29, 2021 at 04:58 PM

DI

“ *Happiest most joyful Heavenly Birthday!!*



---

**Dinah** - April 29, 2021 at 03:05 PM

MJ

“ *Marty & Beatrice Jojola lit a candle in memory of Elfida Esquibel Benavidez*



---

**Marty & Beatrice Jojola** - April 28, 2021 at 06:47 PM

RS

“ *"Lit a candle in Memory of Elfida Esquibel Benavidez."*

*Sincerely,  
Ruby Salas & Family*



---

**Ruby Salas** - April 28, 2021 at 12:50 PM

DP

“ Our deep sympathies to Elfida's family for your great loss. Your mother/ grandmother was a special lady. She had the greatest wit and left us with some of the finest quotes worthy of repeating! She was a sweetheart and a good person who will bring smiles and chuckles in memories of her. God's promises to Elfida have carried her Home and she shall rest in eternal peace. Blessings to the family in your sorrow.



Diane and David Padilla - April 27, 2021 at 01:09 AM

CC

“ Cecilia Cordova lit a candle in memory of Elfida Esquibel Benavidez



Cecilia Cordova - April 26, 2021 at 09:00 PM

DR

“ Dicky And Suzanne Romero lit a candle in memory of Elfida Esquibel Benavidez



Dicky and Suzanne Romero - April 26, 2021 at 06:46 PM

ME

I am so sorry for your loss of a wonderful lady. My parents were good friend of your dad and mom They use to come over to my parent to visit.. We would buy chili from them They were good farmers Hard workers. Elfida go home and meet the love of you life. God bless the Benavidez family Mela

Mela Esquibel - April 28, 2021 at 11:22 PM