



Elias Calles

July 17, 1921 - September 14, 2019

1921-2019

Elias Calles, age 98, went to be with his Lord and Savior on September 14, 2019, while vacationing in Wasilla, Alaska. He was a WWII Veteran who proudly served his country in Germany from 1942-1945, experiencing hardship and using his talents to preserve our freedom. He trained in Fort Bliss, TX and Fort Sill, OK. Elias visited Fort Sill last year and had fond memories of being with his beloved wife, Elena, there in their youth. He served in Battery "A" Battalion 241 field artillery. In war, he supervised eight men in the operation and firing of a 105 millimeter howitzer. Elias bore sighted howitzer and relayed fire commands to gunners. He served overseas 17 months in European Theater of Operations. His three years in WWII were as truck driver, gunner and Chief of section light artillery. Elias had campaigns in northern France, Ardennes Rhineland, Central Europe and decorated the American theatre Ribbon, European middle Eastern Ribbon Victory Medal. On return home, he and Elena started a family in Adelino and worshipped at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Tome, where they both served as Eucharistic Ministers and labored there cheerfully. He worked at the Ice Plant in the Belen ATSF Railway, then at General Electric as a machinist, then was in shipping in Albuquerque. His later years were spend with family and traveling. Elias traveled to Hawaii, renewed 60 year vows and viewed Pearl Harbor. They traveled to Alaska for their 70th anniversary. He also did the

pilgrimage to the Tome Hill in his 90's. Elias's life was filled with hardship and triumphs. Serving his country for us all was his greatest honor and love for the Lord. He was a servant and will always be remembered as that. He was preceded in death by his loving wife of 73 years, Elena, and granddaughter, Rachel Ann; brother, Jose Calles. Elias was a loyal father and Tata to four children, Ambrose and Ricky Calles, Patti Sellars and Jeanette Urutiaga; 12 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren and one due in October; brother, Adolfo Calles. Services will be held on Thursday, September 26, 2019, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Tome, beginning with a Viewing at 10:00 AM, a Rosary to be recited at 11:00 AM and a Funeral Mass to be officiated by Father Hernandez at 11:30 AM. Interment will follow at Tome Catholic Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Isidro Urutiaga, Lucas Urutiaga, Ira Sellars, Bryan Calles, Jevon Calles, and Justin Calles. Honorary Pallbearers will be Elisandro Chavez, Louis Lutz and Phil Pacheco. In lieu of flowers, please contribute to the repairs of the church interior at Immaculate Conception Tome fundraiser in his name. Please sign Elias's online tribute at www.romerofuneralhomenm.com Romero Funeral Home, 609 N. Main St. Belen, NM

Previous Events

Viewing

SEP 26. 10:00 AM (MT)

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church
7 Church Loop
Tome, NM 87060

Rosary

SEP 26. 11:00 AM (MT)

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Funeral Mass

SEP 26. 11:30 AM (MT)

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Tribute Wall

ER

“ I met Elias in church at Tome, New Mexico, the Immaculate Conception church about ten years ago. He became a close friend, with his welcome conversation. He talked with me about his military experience, his life in general and specifically about his life as a servant of God in his community. He spoke about his great love for his wife Elena. I will miss his joyful spirit and his candor on any subject we would discuss. He and I would get in trouble with my wife in mass on Sunday, for he liked to speak loudly, and I would match his talkative nature. My wife Connie would stare at us and we got the message. God bless you and your wife, now you will be together again forever. Your friend Eduardo Rodriguez. I was out of town when he passed through his journey and I just found out he passed this Sunday in church. Our condolences for a fine man who loved people and life.

Eduardo L. Rodriguez - November 04, 2019 at 08:49 AM

KB

“ Our condolences to your family during this difficult time. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Kevin and Regina Baca and boys.

Kevin Baca - September 26, 2019 at 07:40 PM

JT

“ Janice Torres lit a candle in memory of Elias Calles



Janice Torres - September 26, 2019 at 06:41 PM

JT

My husband, Edgard, and I send our condolences to the family of Elias Calles.

Janice Torres - September 26, 2019 at 06:45 PM

JO

“ *Jolene lit a candle in memory of Elias Calles*



Jolene - September 26, 2019 at 10:59 AM

JO

“ *Jolene sent a virtual gift in memory of Elias Calles*



Jolene - September 26, 2019 at 10:59 AM

JO

“ *Sincere condolences to the Calles family on the loss of Elias. He was a kind and generous soul and will be greatly missed.*
Jolene Trujillo & Jaron Andrews

Jolene - September 26, 2019 at 10:58 AM

EG

“ *Eddie and Ruthie Gladwell send their condolence.*

Eddie & Ruthie Gladwell - September 26, 2019 at 09:55 AM

PV

“ Phillip Vigil lit a candle in memory of Elias Calles



Phillip Vigil - September 25, 2019 at 02:18 PM

PV

“ Sorry for your loss, our sincerest condolences to the Calles family. God bless, may you find peace during this time. Phillip and Kathy Vigil

Phillip Vigil - September 25, 2019 at 02:17 PM



“ White Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Elias Calles .



September 24, 2019 at 06:47 PM

DL

“ Ambrose and family you all are in our thoughts and prayers. So very sorry for you loss.



Dennis and Sandi Lucero

Dennis Lucero - September 23, 2019 at 09:03 PM

ST

“ Steve&MagdalenSanchez lit a candle in memory of Elias Calles



Steve&MagdalenSanchez - September 22, 2019 at 02:45 PM

PM

“ Phillip Stella Molina sent a virtual gift in memory of Elias Calles



Phillip Stella Molina - September 21, 2019 at 04:44 PM

VG

“ My dear Tio Elias you will surely be missed. I am so happy for you that you were able to go on your last big adventure. You were so excited the last time we talked as you were preparing for for your trip. Love you and may you rest in peace. Vivian Garcia



Vivian Garcia - September 19, 2019 at 09:40 PM

MS

“ Maxine Schmock lit a candle in memory of Elias Calles



Maxine Schmock - September 19, 2019 at 02:52 PM

MP

“ *Min Presley lit a candle in memory of Elias Calles*



min presley - September 19, 2019 at 02:49 PM

MP

“ *Patti andall the family my deepest sympathy he was a kind man*

min presley - September 18, 2019 at 11:05 PM

DR

“ *Dicky And Suzanne Romero lit a candle in memory of Elias Calles*



Dicky and Suzanne Romero - September 18, 2019 at 04:43 PM

TP

“ *Toby Pearson lit a candle in memory of Elias Calles*



Toby Pearson - September 18, 2019 at 10:11 AM

TP

Sorry to hear about your father. We love you guys. Steve and Toby Pearson.

Toby Pearson - September 18, 2019 at 10:12 AM

LP

“ *Loretta, Elena Pedro lit a candle in memory of
Elias Calles*



Loretta, Elena Pedro - September 17, 2019 at 09:02 PM