



## Emilia Baca

December 26, 1925 - February 15, 2025

1925 - 2025

Emilia Baca, 99, of Tome passed away on February 15, 2025. Services will take place on Monday, March 3, 2025, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, beginning with a Visitation at 9:00 a.m., followed by a Rosary at 10:00 a.m., and Funeral Mass to be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. Interment will take place on Tuesday, March 4, 2025, at the Santa Fe National Cemetery at 11:00 a.m. She was preceded in death by her beloved husband of 65 years, Odelio Baca, of Tome; her parents, Estevan and Aurelia Lopez; and her siblings Benito, Amalia, Lugarda, Lucia, Manuel, Espiridion, Filimon, Eluterio, Onesima, and Eduardo. She is survived by her brother, Estanislado; her daughters, Victoria Baca and Bernadette Pumper (Charlie); her granddaughter, Vanessa Callahan; as well as numerous loving nieces and nephews. Special thanks to her devoted caregiver, Mary Sparks, who provided love and care for the last eight years of her life. Emilia was born in Pueblitos, New Mexico, the second youngest of twelve children. She married Odelio in 1947 after he returned from WWII. Emilia earned a bachelor's degree in social work from New Mexico Highlands University. She began her career with the State Department of Health and Social Services in Las Cruces, NM and served as Quality Control Manager upon her retirement. Following retirement, Emilia and Odelio returned to the family home in Tome, where she remained active in her community. She was a devoted member of

the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church and the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Emilia was also active in the Valencia County Republican Party and served on the Board for the Department of Corrections under Governor Gary Carruthers. Emilia's heart was always centered in the Lopez family, where she provided constant support, love, and inspiration. She will be deeply missed by her family, friends, and all who had the privilege of knowing her. Please sign Emilia's online tribute at [www.romerofuneralhomenm.com](http://www.romerofuneralhomenm.com) Romero Funeral Home, 609 N. Main St., Belen, NM.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 3. 9:00 AM (MT)

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church  
7 Church Loop  
Tome, NM 87060

## Rosary

MAR 3. 10:00 AM (MT)

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church  
7 Church Loop  
Tome, NM 87060

## Funeral Mass

MAR 3. 10:30 AM (MT)

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church  
7 Church Loop  
Tome, NM 87060

## Interment

MAR 4. 11:00 AM (MT)

Santa Fe National Cemetery  
501 N. Guadalupe Street  
Santa Fe, NM 87501

# Tribute Wall

VV

“ *Victoria Vigil lit a candle in memory of Emilia Baca*



Victoria Vigil - April 05, 2025 at 06:01 PM

EM

“ *Estella Martinez lit a candle in memory of Emilia Baca*



Estella Martinez - March 18, 2025 at 04:49 PM

EM

*I had nothing but respect and admiration for what Emilia accomplished during a trying time for women who studied in college, worked outside their home and took good care of their family as Emilia did.*

*With deep felt sympathy for Emilia's family,  
Estella Martinez*

Estella Martinez - March 18, 2025 at 05:02 PM

CW

“ *Mrs, Baca was one of kind, I went bowling with her n Loretta perea two strong minded women, did some painting for her in her home in adelino. May she rest in peace. N peace to her family*



Carol winterink - March 06, 2025 at 10:21 PM

RM

“ *Renee M. Martinez lit a candle in memory of Emilia Baca*



---

**Renee M. Martinez** - March 02, 2025 at 09:32 PM

LG

“ *Bernadette and Charlie, my deepest condolences on the loss of your mother and mother-in-law, Emilia. My prayers are with you and your family. May she Rest In Peace.*  
*Lucy Tapia Gonzales*

---

**Lucy Gonzales** - February 28, 2025 at 07:37 PM

NB

“ *Nancy Blackney-Lopez + grandkids*  
*Remembering Emilia when we visited on Tuesdays after ice cream. She was happy and never minded when the kids strummed her door chimes or climbed her winding staircase. She will be remembered with love.*

---

**Nancy Blackney-Lopez** - February 27, 2025 at 12:13 PM

SC

“ I had the pleasure of meeting Emilia in October and immediately fell in love with her beautiful soul, I quickly learned how feisty she could be but also so gentle, she was tiny but mighty in so many ways, there was an immediate connection between the two of us, not only did I have the privilege of picking her up everyday and she sometimes putting me in a chokehold, we prayed together and I saw and heard how strong she was in her faith, I'll forever hold a special place for her in my heart.. My deepest and most sincere condolences to her entire family, Emilia, every day I walk into the facility I think of you and I'll always remember you!

Stephanie Clark - February 26, 2025 at 03:51 PM

CA

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the family. Emelia was a special lady who over the years affected many lives.  
Carol Anzures (Mary Sparks sister) and Alice

Carol Anzures - February 26, 2025 at 01:55 PM

RB

“ Rose Mary Baca lit a candle in memory of Emilia Baca



Rose Mary Baca - February 26, 2025 at 10:42 AM

RB

“ Aunt Emilia and Uncle Odelio were special. Everone was always welcomed. Very smart and did so many types of service and work. You will be missed. Love you

Rose Mary Baca - February 26, 2025 at 10:41 AM

MG

“ *Mark Gramenz lit a candle in memory of Emilia Baca*



---

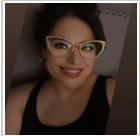
**Mark Gramenz** - February 24, 2025 at 09:23 PM

MG

*Thank you dear Emilia for being so kind to me when I came to visit with you and Odelio. I will pray for the repose of your soul.*

---

**Mark Gramenz** - February 24, 2025 at 09:28 PM



“ *Bernadette Baca-Torres lit a candle in memory of Emilia Baca*



---

**Bernadette Baca-Torres** - February 24, 2025 at 05:27 PM

JM

“ *Emilia was ahead of her time. When I was in my teens she inspired me with her participation in politics and governing of our county and state. She said it was our responsibility to participate in the governance of our country. As a result I ended up active in politics in Kansas and DC during the Reagan years. She was a wonderful woman who was always friendly and kind. May she rest in peace. Our condolences to the family. Jim Marquez and Helen Marquez*

---

**jim marquez** - February 23, 2025 at 04:48 PM

DL

*Godspeed, aunt Emilia 🙏. What a wonderful celebration awaits your return to our Heavenly Father & all our relatives that have gone before you 🙏💖.*

**Deborah Lambert** - February 24, 2025 at 07:14 PM

FB

*Emilia's kindness and compassion for her community & loved giving to others and her community! She has been an inspiration to many & will continue as her memory lives on!*

**Fernando Baca** - February 24, 2025 at 09:25 PM

AG

“ *My sincere condolences for the loss of your love one, Emilia Baca. Emilia was a living and kind person. I will always remember her warm and loving presence. May she rest in peace* ❤️🙏🙏🙏

**Ann Garcia** - February 23, 2025 at 11:22 AM

AG

“ *Our sincere condolences for the loss of your love one. I will always remember Sally as a loving and kind church friend. We served on the Bereavement Committee. May she rest in peace* ❤️🙏🙏🙏



**Ann Garcia** - February 23, 2025 at 11:14 AM

AG

*Please omit this memory. Wrong person.*

**Ann Garcia** - February 23, 2025 at 11:23 AM

RV

“ *Richard And Dolores Vigil lit a candle in memory of Emilia Baca*



---

**Richard and Dolores Vigil** - February 22, 2025 at 08:23 PM

BS

“ *Bernardine Baca Spiers lit a candle in memory of Emilia Baca*



---

**Bernardine Baca Spiers** - February 22, 2025 at 05:16 PM

ML

“ *Mark And Crissie Leyba lit a candle in memory of Emilia Baca*



---

**Mark and Crissie Leyba** - February 22, 2025 at 10:16 AM

TD

*We will miss Emilia at the Assisted Care Center. Our prayers and sympathy do we extend to her family. Emilia was always so happy to see the priest from St. Joseph of Arimathea Pastoral Care Ministry, who would bring here communion and Anointings weekly. Rest in peace and rise in glory with the Lord. Fr. Thomas Driber.*

---

**Thomas Driuber** - February 22, 2025 at 11:55 AM