



Enrique "Henry" Padilla

September 4, 2012

Enrique "Henry" Padilla, age 90, the last child born to Celestino and Manuelita Padilla, was called on Sunday, September 2, 2012 by Our Lord Jesus to rejoin and rejoice with his family in Heaven. Henry served God while on this earth. He never wavered from his faith and strong belief in God. Henry proudly served his country in World War II stationed in Japan. He spoke of Pearl Harbor, with emotion, when one of the younger generation asked him what he remembered. Those trying and difficult times were still fresh on his mind. After the war he married Sofie Chavez. They were not blessed with biological children. They adopted their niece Judy Chavez who has been so unfortunate as to lose both her parents at a very early age. They were now parents, caring for and nurturing Judy made their life complete. Henry worked at and retired from General Electric in Albuquerque. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Judy Chavez; his beloved wife, Sofie Padilla; parents, Celestino and Manuelita Padilla; brothers and sisters, Hilario Padilla, Adelaido Padilla, Nicolasa Padilla, Luciana Rael, Adelina Sais, Flora Serna and Margarita Castillo and their spouses; and faithful friend, Cipriana "Cippi" Ortega. Henry is survived by his brother-in-law, George Chavez and wife, Carmen and their children; loving nieces and nephews and their families who were so fond of him. He is also survived by many good friends and good neighbors. Uncle Henry, we love and we'll miss you – Until We Meet Again. A viewing will be held at Romero Funeral Home Chapel, on Tuesday, September 04, at 6:30 p.m. with a rosary to be recited at 7:00 p.m. A Final Visitation will be held at

Our Lady of Belen Catholic Church, on Wednesday, September 05, at 10:30 a.m. with a Funeral Mass to be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. Interment will follow at Our Lady of Belen Memorial Gardens.