



Ephraim Barela

September 29, 2011

Ephraim Barela, age 77, a resident of Belen, New Mexico passed away on Tuesday, September 27, 2011, after a brief illness. Ephraim was born to Luis Baca Barela and Erenea Soto Barela of Tome, New Mexico. He worked for many years for the State Highway Department and the City of Belen.~ He enjoyed the outdoors and working on his small farm and loved to spend time with his family and friends.~ All of his children and grandchildren loved him deeply and will miss him. He was preceded in death by brothers and sisters, Camilo Barela, Viola Otero, David Barela, Joaquin Barela, Manuel Barela, and Saul Barela. Ephraim is survived by his loving wife of 48 years, Rosalie Barela; two sons, Elias Barela his wife, Janice and Ephraim A. Barela; three daughters, Kathy Chavez and her partner, Paulina Indigo, Patricia Barela and her partner, Francisco LeFebre and Christine Whale and her husband, Keith; brother, Celico Barela and sister, Ramona Vinson.~ He is also survived by many loving grandchildren, nieces and nephews, special friends, close relatives and loved ones. All services will be held at Romero Funeral Home Chapel, beginning with a visitation at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, October 3, with a rosary to be recited at 10:30 a.m. Interment will follow at Our Lady of Belen Memorial Gardens. Also on Monday a lunch in celebration of his life will be held at Belen Casa de Pizza immediately following Interment. Sign Ephraim's online register book at www.romerofuneralhomenm.com. Romero Funeral Home, 609 N. Main St., Belen, NM.