



## Ernest A. Ortega

November 26, 2012

Ernest "Ernie O" A. Ortega, age 64, a lifetime resident of New Mexico passed away on Friday, November 23, 2012. Ernie~ retired from the City of Albuquerque. He loved horses and had a passion for Team Roping. Ernie participated in the USTRC and World Series Team Roping events. He is an inspiration to many people and will be truly missed. He was~preceded in death by his parents, Ernest and Elvira Ortega; and sister, Doris Telles. Ernie is survived by his loving girlfriend of 18 years, Yvonne McNiel; daughters, Melissa Ortega and Melanie Muller and husband, Bill; granddaughter,~ Omri Gonzales; brothers, Anthony Ortega and wife, Theresa, Jessie Ortega and Steve Ortega; and sister, Linda Ortega. He is also survived by many loving nieces, nephews, cousins and many close relatives in Las Vegas, NM. A viewing~ will be held at Romero Funeral Home Chapel in Belen, on Sunday, December 2, at 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. A viewing will be held at Calvary Chapel, 4001 Osuna Blvd. NE, Albuquerque, on Monday, December 3, at 10:00 a.m. with a Funeral~Services to be held at 11:00 a.m. Interment will follow at Sunset Memorial Park. Pallbearers will be Jerry Elkins, Mike Chavez, Tony Crespin, Leon Munoz, Ferron Lucero and Ted Morales. Honorary~Pallbearers will be Candido Ortega, Tony Marquez, Joshua Ortega and Antonio Ortega. The family would like to give a special thank you to Mr. Jerry Elkins.