



## Ernestine Chavez

July 18, 1930 - May 6, 2025

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Ernestine Chavez, age 94, a resident of Belen, NM, passed away on May 6, 2025. Services will take place on Tuesday, May 13, 2025, at Our lady of Belen 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 follow at Our Lady of Belen Memorial Gardens. She is survived by her sons, Ray (Pauline), Ricky and Frankie Chavez; daughter, Ruth Baca (Jerry); grandchildren, Laura Baca, Kevin (Antoinette), Francine Bermudez (Marcus), Berna Miu (Vlade), Natalie Hess (John), Candice Fischer (Jamison), Bridget, Victoria, Leroy, Jessica (James) and Robert Chavez (Laura); great-grandchildren, Brandon Pinon, Joseph, Justin (Megan) and Adrian Baca (Nicole), Angelina, Ricky, Jose and Lexi Chavez, Anthony Roybal, Markayla and Samantha Bermudez, Jamison Raymond Fischer, Carla, Trey, Flor, Neveah and Ricky Chavez; great-great grandchildren, Imeira, Jayson and Zia, Milania and Antonia Baca; brother in law, George Chavez; sister in law, Alice Serrano and many beloved nephews and nieces and all of her friends. Ernestine was preceded in death by her parents, Blas and Sofia Chavez; loving husband, Fred Chavez; son, Louie Chavez, daughter in law, Cynthia Chavez; sisters, Marillita Sanchez, Beneeranda Urtiaga, Bessie Sanchez and Sophia Gutierrez; brothers, Remy, Martin, Sosteno, and Leo Chavez; grandchildren, Frederico, Joseph and Kieanna Chavez and many beloved

nephews and nieces. Ernestine will be deeply missed and forever remembered. Please sign Ernestine's online tribute at [www.romerofuneralhome.com](http://www.romerofuneralhome.com) Romero Funeral Home, 609 N. Main St., Belen, NM.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 13. 9:00 AM (MT)

Our Lady of Belen Catholic Church  
101 N. 10th Street  
Belen, NM 87002

## Rosary

MAY 13. 10:00 AM (MT)

Our Lady of Belen Catholic Church  
101 N. 10th Street  
Belen, NM 87002

## Funeral Mass

MAY 13. 10:30 AM (MT)

Our Lady of Belen Catholic Church  
101 N. 10th Street  
Belen, NM 87002

## Interment

MAY 13. 11:30 AM (MT)

Our Lady of Belen Memorial Gardens  
101 N. 10th Street  
Belen, NM 87002

# Tribute Wall

RS

“Lit a candle On Memory of Ernestine Chavez.” 🌸💕🌸

Sincerely,  
Ruby Salas



Ruby Salas - May 21, 2025 at 08:32 PM

RL

“ Ruth Lucero lit a candle in memory of Ernestine Chavez



Ruth Lucero - May 16, 2025 at 01:17 AM

GS

“ I am so saddened by the death of my dear beautiful friend "Ernie" My mother Nancy and Ernie were long time friends. After my mom went to Heaven, I would visit Ernie and her sweet cat as often as I could. She LOVED that cat! I always waited until "Wheel of Fortune" was over to call her. Ernie was always so positive and on the go. She was a very Godly woman and is in the arms of OUR SAVIOR. God Bless her and Ricky. You both will only know JOY, HAPPINESS, LOVE and PEACE! BINGO!! My condolences to the family  
Geralyn Sanchez

geralyn sanchez - May 15, 2025 at 04:32 PM

FP

“ *Sending Our Deepest Condolences to your family.  
Sincerely,  
Gilbert& Marie Pino*



Frankie G Pino - May 13, 2025 at 10:14 PM

FB

“ *Francine Bermudez lit a candle in memory of Ernestine Chavez*



Francine Bermudez - May 13, 2025 at 08:49 PM

PM

“ *Ricky, Frankie, And Family Phillip and Myself We're so Saddened to Hear of Ernie's Passing. She was Such a Beautiful Person inside and Out. She Always Gave Me the Biggest Hugs Everytime We Saw Her. She Will Be Greatly Missed Fly With the Angel's. And I Bet You're Playing Bingo in Heaven with My Mom. God's Blessings To you All.  
PHILLIP AND STELLA MOLINA* 🤍🙏🤍



Phillip Stella Molina - May 13, 2025 at 03:03 PM

MM

“ Mike And Gloria Montoya lit a candle in memory of Ernestine Chavez



Mike and Gloria Montoya - May 13, 2025 at 09:41 AM

LB

“ My grandma used to say that I was the best birthday gift she ever got. We share a birthday and used to play a game of which one would call the other first for our birthday. I won most times. She wanted me to sleep late on our birthday, but I wanted to wake her up and let her know that another year came. I never remember grandma raising her voice, yelling, or spanking my brother and I. I was the oldest grandchild and had her to myself for almost three years. One time, she did get mad at me for fighting. Some bullies were trying to hit my brother, and being the oldest, that could not happen. My grandma caught me fighting and told me that little ladies were not supposed to fight. I still laugh when I think of that time. Grandma loved my mud pies, I made her mud pies from the dirt in her backyard. She made the best bread, and Sunbeam missed out on her recipe. Soar with the Angels, Grandma, and someday, we will be wishing each other a happy birthday.



Laura Baca - May 13, 2025 at 08:52 AM

CM

“ *Cathy McCartney lit a candle in memory of Ernestine Chavez*



Cathy McCartney - May 13, 2025 at 06:53 AM

CM

“ *To Ernestina's family! So sorry for your loss and condolences to all of you. She was a good neighbor and nee her Cynthia's great mother in kaw. Very loving and kind.*

Cathy McCartney - May 13, 2025 at 06:52 AM

RO

“ *Robert & Maxine Olguin lit a candle in memory of Ernestine Chavez*



Robert & Maxine Olguin - May 13, 2025 at 12:19 AM

RO

“ *Love you grandma!  
Robert, Laura, Ricky and Lexi*



Robert - May 11, 2025 at 09:36 PM

VE

“ I'm so sorry to hear about your mom I would keep in touch with her because she was my mom's best friend (ermelina ortega) who passed away. I always enjoyed hearing about thir friendship

vergie - May 11, 2025 at 05:27 PM

AR

“ My dear Aunty Ernie, I know you are resting and at peace now 🙏🙏 So many great times we spent together. You were all we had left from my Moms side. Thank you for always being so good to us, and again, thank you for all laughs, and getting me hooked on “Wheel of Fortune “. Rest easy....I Love You ❤️ We will miss you you deeply.. with Love,

Arlene & Paul

Arlene - May 11, 2025 at 08:44 AM



AB

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Antoinetee Baca - May 10, 2025 at 10:37 PM

AB

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Antoinetee Baca - May 10, 2025 at 10:36 PM

FB

“ Francine Bermudez lit a candle in memory of Ernestine Chavez



Francine Bermudez - May 10, 2025 at 08:55 PM

AB

“ Best Grandma!



Antoinetee Baca - May 10, 2025 at 06:57 PM

RI

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Richard - May 10, 2025 at 06:22 PM

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Francine Bermudez - May 10, 2025 at 04:13 PM

SA

“ Auntie Ernie, though you're no longer with us, your laughter, kindness, and spirit remain in our hearts. I'll always cherish our times together, and the love you shared with our family. Rest peacefully, knowing you are deeply missed and forever cherished.

Love,  
Shirley, Kenny and Leyna

Shirley Aragon - May 10, 2025 at 02:18 PM



ML

“ We send our deepest condolences to Ernestine's loved ones. I remember she and my mom were close friends. They went to bingo and the casinos together. They had a lot of fun. When "Ernie" passed away it was the tenth anniversary of my mom's passing. Eternal rest grant unto Ernestine, may perpetual light shine upon her as she rests in peace. Amen 🙏

Mark and Crissie Leyba - May 09, 2025 at 12:33 PM



DG

“ My dearest auntie, I wish I could have gotten to see you before you left us. I will never forget you. You were my favorite aunt. My heart hurts to see you go but God needed you more. Rest peacefully, auntie.

Dolores Gurule - May 09, 2025 at 11:43 AM

TG

“ Tony And Oralia Garcia lit a candle in memory of Ernestine Chavez



Tony and Oralia Garcia - May 09, 2025 at 10:47 AM

AS

“ Rest in peace beautiful Ernestina! Thoughts and prayers to all the family 🙏🙏🙏



Adela Sanchez - May 09, 2025 at 10:38 AM

RC

“ Ramon Chavez lit a candle in memory of Ernestine Chavez



Ramon Chavez - May 09, 2025 at 10:09 AM

NH

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**Natalie Hess** - May 09, 2025 at 09:05 AM

NH

“ Grama, it hasn't been that long and I already miss you so much. Words cannot describe the void I am feeling in a world without you in it. In this life, you were the ultimate warrior. Through the loss of Grandpa Fred and Uncle Louie and your parents and every single one of your siblings, you continued to be strong and show us all how to walk through the hurt and still be present and display love. I had the honor of being your granddaughter and Goddaughter and I will forever cherish that honor. Even living as long as you lived, it was not enough time, not even close. As I write this, I am comforted to know you are in heaven, as God allowed me the honor to hear you come to Him in worship in prayer before you left this earth. To the end you continued to guide me in your wisdom as even in through your pain, you knew to come to God. When you asked God to allow you to be home with your family again and make you well, I realized God answered your prayer in that you are now free in the presence of God in the home Jesus prepared for you and with the family that is already in heaven. I love you Grama and I will follow your example of coming to God always in worship and prayer, even when life hurts. P.S. Please give Grandpa Fred, Pappo Paul, Uncle Louie and Auntie Sophie a big bear hug for me.

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**Natalie Hess** - May 09, 2025 at 08:59 AM

TF

“ Tony F Padilla & Family lit a candle in memory of Ernestine Chavez



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**Tony F Padilla & Family** - May 08, 2025 at 11:57 PM

GG

“ Glen & Mary Gabaldon lit a candle in memory of Ernestine Chavez



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**Glen & Mary Gabaldon** - May 08, 2025 at 11:56 PM

CF

“ Grams...I never wanted this day to come. I will miss your phone calls and hearing your sweet voice. I will miss seeing your face light up anytime you saw any of your family. I loved how proudly you'd wear the jewelry we'd buy you and how stylish you always were. The days when I don't feel like getting ready, I think of you, and how you always made sure to have your hair and makeup done...striving to be like you, Gram! You loved your casino time and as of recently, you'd always look forward to your Sunday train ride to the casino with the “Golden Girls” crew. There are so many memories....holidays at your house, sleepovers with cousins, taking us to McDonald's but only if we behaved :)

I miss you so much it hurts. I know you are in Heaven now though full of joy and life —reunited with Grandpa Fred. Thank you for staying with us for almost 95 years. Selfishly, I wanted more time, but I will see you again when it's time. I love you Grama! -Candice



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Candice Fischer - May 08, 2025 at 11:20 PM

RA

“ Rita C Aragon lit a candle in memory of Ernestine Chavez



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Rita C Aragon - May 08, 2025 at 09:40 PM

BM

“ *In Loving Memory – May 6th*



*My grandma was one of the kindest souls to walk this earth. She loved deeply and with her whole heart—her family, her friends, and even the strangers she'd meet with a warm smile and a friendly hello. She had this beautiful way of making everyone feel like they belonged.*

*She loved her morning coffee—hot and always in her favorite mug. That first sip was her little daily ritual. And oh, how she loved going to the casino—not because she needed to win big, but because it was fun.*

*She was happiest when we were all together. Laughing, sharing stories, just being close. She made holidays brighter, ordinary days warmer, and tough times a little easier just by being herself.*

*Grandma taught us love, joy, resilience, and the value of showing up for the people you care about. Her kindness, her joy, her love—they live on in all of us.*

*We miss you already. But we know you're somewhere smiling, maybe holding a hot cup of coffee... and eyeing the jackpot.*

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**Bernadine Miu** - May 08, 2025 at 09:25 PM

MJ

“ Ray, Pauline, Ricky, Frankie, Ruth, Jerry, & Family,

*Our sincere condolences on your loss, our thoughts & prayers are with your family during this difficult time. Cherish all the memories you have with her.*

*I will always remember seeing her at Isleta in the Bingo with Sophie, or in the Casino, also outside waiting to get the Rail Runner back home with her Belen buddies.*

*Rest in peace Ernie, & God Bless all your family.*

*Marty & Beatrice Jojola*



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**Marty & Beatrice Jojola** - May 08, 2025 at 09:13 PM

ST

“ Steve&MagdalenSanchez lit a candle in memory of Ernestine Chavez



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**Steve&MagdalenSanchez** - May 08, 2025 at 09:12 PM

CE

“ Charles Eaton lit a candle in memory of Ernestine Chavez



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**Charles Eaton** - May 08, 2025 at 07:36 PM

AC

“ *Annette Chavez lit a candle in memory of Ernestine Chavez* ”



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**Annette Chavez** - May 08, 2025 at 06:00 PM