



## Ernestine M. Sawyer

October 22, 1931 - December 7, 2020

1931-2020

Ernestine M. Sawyer, age 89, a resident of Belen, NM, passed away peacefully on December 7, 2020. She was a member of Our Lady of Belen Catholic Church. Originally from Puerta de Luna, NM, Ernestine moved to Belen in 1967 with her husband, Robert "Bob" Sawyer, and ran a dairy in Puebletos for nearly 20 years. After leaving the dairy business, she continued to serve the community in various aspects, from working at the Los Lunas Training school, to assisting in the Belen Senior Center, anything that enabled her to be around and assisting people. One of her favorite jobs was working at Casa'd Pizza in Belen. She enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren and great grandchildren, taking time to teach them how to sew and to make tortillas and other recipes from her childhood.

Ernestine was preceded in death by a son, Michael, "Mikey"; parents, Martin and Florentina Chavez; brothers, Joe, Tom, and Lalo; sister and brother-in-law, Natalie and Andy Hall. She is survived by her children, Roberta and Danny Goodson, Martin and Wendy Sawyer, Leroy and Shannon Sawyer, Daniel and Suzanne Sawyer, Deanna and Frank Montoya, and Chris and Tiffany Sawyer; grandchildren, Matt Goodson and Pam, Tracy Goodson and Ronnie, Robert and Shar Sawyer, Christopher and Chanelle Sawyer, Jessica Reyes, Nicole Sawyer, Zabrina Barba and Josh, Stephen Barba and Theresa, Lauren Montoya, Estevan Montoya, Taylor Sawyer and Eyan, and Justin Sawyer; great-grandchildren, Rachelle, Danni, and Toni Goodson; Nicholas,

Mathew, Christany, and Elizabeth Sawyer; Bella Reyes, and Robert Barba.  
Services will be held on Saturday, December 19, 2020, at Our Lady of Belen  
Catholic Church, beginning with a Rosary at 9:30 AM and a Funeral Service at  
10:00 AM. Interment will take place at a later date.

Please sign Ernestine's online tribute at [www.romerofuneralhomenm.com](http://www.romerofuneralhomenm.com)  
Romero Funeral Home, 609 N. Main St., Belen, NM

# Previous Events

## Rosary

DEC 19. 9:30 AM (MT)

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

## Funeral Service

DEC 19. 10:00 AM (MT)

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

# Tribute Wall

ME

“ *Michelle Ethridge lit a candle in memory of Ernestine M. Sawyer*



Michelle Ethridge - December 19, 2020 at 01:06 PM

SM

“ *My Deepest Sympathy to each of you. I know how important your momma was to all of you. Even as the years have passed I remember her always smiling. I also remember the love your family has for each other and what a sad time this is. Thank God for good memories that we can cherish, and to remember what a special gift you were given, with her as your mom.*

*Love and prayers to the entire family,  
Samy and Family (Mensay's, Sloan's and Hartline's)*

Samantha Mensay - December 17, 2020 at 08:14 AM

MZ

“ *Margie Zamora lit a candle in memory of Ernestine M. Sawyer*



Margie Zamora - December 15, 2020 at 10:29 AM

MZ

*I'm so sorry for your loss. She was a special lady. Keep the faith that she is with her Lord and Savior.*

Margie Zamora - December 15, 2020 at 10:31 AM

NA

“ TO Ernestine Family so sorry to read about your moms death . SHE WAS SUCH A KIND AND BEAUTIFUL PERSON.EVEREYTIME I saw her she always had a hug and a kind word. I WILL BE PRAYING FOR ALL OF YOU . Rest in peace Ernestie Aggie Aragon

Nolbert Aragon - December 13, 2020 at 09:44 PM

KE

“ Kathy & Edwin Esquibel lit a candle in memory of Ernestine M. Sawyer



Kathy & Edwin Esquibel - December 11, 2020 at 11:32 PM

KE

To the Sawyer family our deepest sympathy--we knew your mom thru Chuck & Mildfed. Good memories of years past. So sorry

Kathy & Edwin Esquibel - December 11, 2020 at 11:34 PM

SV

“ Sending Prayers, The VCFM purchased the Euro pean Sympathy Dish Garden for the family of Ernestine M. Sawyer.



Sending Prayers, The VCFM - December 11, 2020 at 03:15 PM

TD

“ Tracy (grand Daughter) lit a candle in memory of Ernestine M. Sawyer



Tracy (grand daughter) - December 11, 2020 at 01:31 AM

BL

“ I am saddened to hear about Ernestine passing away. She and I worked together in the Medical Records Department at Los Lunas Hospital and Training School for several years back in the 1980s. We stayed good friends after she left. It was always so good to see her now and then and catch up on life. I will miss Ernestine dearly. May you Rest In Peace Ernestine and may the perpetual light shine upon you. My condolences to the family.



Bernice Lucero - December 10, 2020 at 05:33 PM

JL

“ So sorry to hear of the loss of your mom. Sending our condolences & prayers for the family. God bless you all during this difficult time!  
🙏💜 John & Julie Lopez and family, and Lorain Flack 🙏❤️

Julie Lopez - December 10, 2020 at 02:18 PM

TP

“ Sorry for your loss...



Toni Perfetti - December 09, 2020 at 10:34 PM

CC

*She was a kind n buetifull lady. Sorry for your loss. Ur nieghbor growing up Cathy Chavez*

**Cathy Chavez** - December 10, 2020 at 04:14 AM

EL

“ *Elias lit a candle in memory of Ernestine M. Sawyer*



**Elias** - December 09, 2020 at 09:40 PM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Ernestine M. Sawyer.*



December 09, 2020 at 09:36 PM

AR

“ *My prayers are with Martin Sawyer and his family. I'm so sorry for the loss of your mom. She's now angel watching over all of you from heaven . God Bless you all*

**Alice Robinson-Cordova** - December 09, 2020 at 08:11 PM

MS

*Thank you Alice*

**Martin Sawyer** - December 11, 2020 at 11:21 AM

KV

“ I am truly sorry to hear about Ernestine. She was a very loving and giving lady. I enjoyed working with her at the Ag. Science Center and will miss her.

*Kathy Valadez*

KATHLEEN VALADEZ - December 09, 2020 at 03:08 PM

DM

Thank you 🙏

deanna montoya - December 09, 2020 at 08:05 PM

AI

“ A & A Pumping Service, Inc lit a candle in memory of Ernestine M. Sawyer



A & A Pumping Service, Inc - December 09, 2020 at 11:31 AM

DM

Thank you 🙏

deanna montoya - December 09, 2020 at 08:08 PM

AS

“ Adela Sanchez lit a candle in memory of Ernestine M. Sawyer



Adela Sanchez - December 09, 2020 at 09:08 AM

RC

“ *Richard Chavez lit a candle in memory of Ernestine M. Sawyer*



Richard Chavez - December 09, 2020 at 07:01 AM

BC

“ *Betty Chavez lit a candle in memory of Ernestine M. Sawyer*



Betty Chavez - December 09, 2020 at 04:58 AM

JT

“ *John & Donnita Thompson lit a candle in memory of Ernestine M. Sawyer*



John & Donnita Thompson - December 09, 2020 at 02:39 AM

JM

“ *Jennifer Montoya lit a candle in memory of Ernestine M. Sawyer*



Jennifer montoya - December 09, 2020 at 01:39 AM

LM

“ *Lorraine Marquez lit a candle in memory of Ernestine M. Sawyer*



Lorraine Marquez - December 08, 2020 at 11:27 PM

LP

“ *Lenore G Pena lit a candle in memory of Ernestine M. Sawyer*



Lenore G Pena - December 08, 2020 at 10:27 PM

RA

“ *Rita C Aragon lit a candle in memory of Ernestine M. Sawyer*



Rita C Aragon - December 08, 2020 at 10:00 PM

TH

“ *Trish Hall lit a candle in memory of Ernestine M. Sawyer*



Trish Hall - December 08, 2020 at 08:25 PM



“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



ZabrinaMarie Barba - December 08, 2020 at 07:22 PM



“ I love you grandma.



ZabrinaMarie Barba - December 08, 2020 at 07:10 PM



“ To all the Sawyer family. Your mom was a true friend to my parents. We are so sorry for your loss. There was many great times with both our families. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.  
Joyce (Hammer) Lawson

Joyce Lawson - December 08, 2020 at 05:45 PM



I am sorry to hear of Ernesfine's passing. I first met her when we worked at the Training School. After that I would see her at 8:00 a.m. Mass on Sundays. She always parked next to us. I'm will miss my good and dear friend. May God bless you and your family.

Rose Agnes Garcia - December 10, 2020 at 01:48 PM

DR

“ Dicky And Suzanne Romero lit a candle in memory of Ernestine M. Sawyer



Dicky and Suzanne Romero - December 08, 2020 at 02:42 PM

RG

“ I am so sorry to hear of the passing of my good friend, Ernestine. We both worked at the Los Lunas Training School. That's where I first met Ernestine. I always saw her in church - 8:00 o'clock Spanish mass. She usually sat behind is. I will sure miss her. May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen she knew me as Agnes.

Rose Agnes Garcia - December 08, 2020 at 01:27 PM

GG

“ Glen & Mary Gabaldon lit a candle in memory of Ernestine M. Sawyer



Glen & Mary Gabaldon - December 08, 2020 at 01:25 PM

CH

“ Carolyn Hall lit a candle in memory of Ernestine M. Sawyer



Carolyn Hall - December 08, 2020 at 12:56 PM

BS

“ *Bernardine Baca Spiers lit a candle in memory of Ernestine M. Sawyer*



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**Bernardine Baca Spiers** - December 08, 2020 at 12:50 PM

JG

“ *From John Garcia. Her neighbor, my deepest condolences to the family. she will be missed.*

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**John Gracia** - December 08, 2020 at 12:32 PM

AC

“ *Annette E. Chavez lit a candle in memory of Ernestine M. Sawyer*



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**Annette E. Chavez** - December 08, 2020 at 12:08 PM