



## Fernando Chavez

October 5, 1934 - February 1, 2026

Fernando Chavez, 91, of Belen, New Mexico, passed away on February 1, 2026. He was a devoted father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and great-great-grandfather.

Fernando lived a long life, full of many proud accomplishments. He served in the United States Air Force during the Korean War. One of Fernando's greatest accomplishments was the family and life that he built. He married Lydia Cordova on April 25, 1955, and together they built a life deeply rooted in family, love, and community.

Fernando is survived by his wife, Lydia, of 70 years; daughters, Navora Cordova (Gerald) and Macrena Gallegos; sons, Fernando Chavez Jr and Miguel Chavez (Susan); brother, Richard Chavez (Gem); sister, Lydia Lona, and numerous nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Anastasia and Cristobal Chavez; In-laws, Eselina and Esquipula Cordova; and his grandson, Justin Gallegos.

We wish to thank Ambercare and his caregiver, Mary Silva, for the support throughout a difficult time.

Services will take place at Our Lady of Belen Catholic Church on Tuesday, February 17, 2026, beginning with a Visitation at 9:00 a.m., Rosary at 10:00 a.m., with a Funeral Mass to be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. A private Interment will take place at a later date.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 17. 9:00 AM (MT)

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

## Rosary

FEB 17. 10:00 AM (MT)

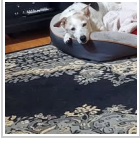
Our Lady of Belen Catholic Church  
101-A N 10th St  
Belen, NM 87002

## Funeral Mass

FEB 17. 10:30 AM (MT)

Our Lady of Belen Catholic Church  
101-A N 10th St  
Belen, NM 87002

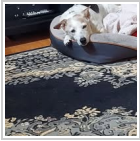
# Tribute Wall



“ *Rest in peace Fernando.*

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**Wendy Dunford** - 12 hours ago



“ *RIP Fernando.*

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**Wendy Dunford** - 12 hours ago



“ *We truly regret that we did not hear of Fernando's passing away sooner. Lydia and familia--we are truly sorry for your loss. He was a gentle but loving man and he cherished his wife and family. We're sure that he'll live on in all your hearts and memories. God Bless you and carry you in your grief. Love, Juan and Josie Julian*

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**Juan Julian** - May 19 at 06:36 PM



“ *Martinez Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Fernando Chavez*



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**Martinez Family** - February 28 at 11:30 PM

AB

“ Lydia & family..We are very sorry to hear of Fernando's passing. We will pray that God blesses you with peace & strength. May Fernando rest in peace. 🙏🌹  
~Milton & Annabelle Barela~



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**Annabelle Barela** - February 16 at 10:52 PM

RV

“ Richard And Dolores Vigil sent a virtual gift in memory of Fernando Chavez



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**Richard and Dolores Vigil** - February 16 at 06:19 PM

ME

“ Auntie Navora and Uncle Gerald we are sorry for your loss and send you our condolences. We light this candle and pray for God's healing hands upon you during your time of grief. ~Steve & Melissa



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**Melissa** - February 16 at 02:23 PM

PB

“ I, my sister Reina and cousin Margaret visited Great 2nd cousin Fenny as my mother Reina Troncosa Baca would call him and his wife Lydia who treated us with great hospitality and were so nice to us a couple of years ago feeling I should keep his memories alive since my mother felt important to tell me about him and to visit him. We also met a grandson and granddaughter that went to visit him that day, that's how special he was to his family. He had just recuperated from being kicked by his special cow that birthed a calf on the ranch and showed us his favorite cowboy hat that he had to cut because it was damaged by the hoof, funny ha, ha. We had pizza and he told us the story I believe of his dad was buried on a ranch he herded his sheep. I will always keep cousin Fennies memories alive. Love always cousin Pete Benny Galindo Troncosa Baca.

Peter Galindo ( Reina Galindo Troncosa B - February 15 at 05:04 PM

PB

“ Peter Galindo ( Reina Galindo Troncosa B lit a candle in memory of Fernando Chavez



Peter Galindo ( Reina Galindo Troncosa B - February 15 at 04:18 PM

PB

*My mother Reina Galindo Troncosa Baca's cousin Fenny*

Peter Galindo ( Reina Galindo Troncosa B - February 15 at 05:07 PM

GG

“ Lydia and family, our condolences and prayers are with you all. Joe and Georgia Garcia



Georgia and Joe Garcia - February 13 at 03:04 PM

AC

“ Albert Chavez lit a candle in memory of Fernando Chavez



Albert Chavez - February 12 at 08:10 PM

EG

“ Lydia, and your family, my sincere sympathy in the loss of Fernando. I have always thought of you as family with our connections. Keep your beautiful smile. Eileen Gabaldon

Eileen Gabaldon - February 11 at 12:08 PM

RB

“ Very sorry for your loss. He was a resilient man and a Loving family man. Macrena my heart goes out to you. RoseMary Baca



RoseMary Baca - February 10 at 07:53 PM

CE

“ *Charles Eaton lit a candle in memory of Fernando Chavez*



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**Charles Eaton** - February 09 at 04:53 PM

BT

“ *Our sincere condolences to Lydia and family on the loss of your loved one. Prayers for comfort and peace during this difficult time. May Fernando Rest in Internal Peace.*



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**Benji & Angie Torres** - February 09 at 02:20 PM

OR

“ Lydia and Family,

*My heart aches along with your own over the mortal passing of Fernando but I take comfort his faith and hope have now brought him to that eternal place where his soul will live in eternity. He now dwells in a deeper life, in the arms of God, for he was a loving husband, parent and friend. He now enjoys the spirit in which he dwells.*

*I shall never forget the kindness and unconquered joy he extended to Sam and myself when we I visited your home in 1986. I saw that Fernando lived in the light and love of his family. He nursed no delusions and allowed no fear. He was true to himself and family! He really lived in the light of his own soul! May he rest in peace.*

*I send condolences on behalf of Sue, our family and myself. May time bring solace and comfort to your hearts.*

Oscar S.Ramirez

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**Oscar Ramirez** - February 08 at 05:08 PM



RV

“ Richard And Dolores Vigil lit a candle in memory of Fernando Chavez



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**Richard and Dolores Vigil** - February 08 at 12:58 PM

RB

“ Dear Lydia, Navora, Macarena, Fernando, and Miguel... we are so sorry to hear about Finny, my mom and dad loved him (and you too Lydia). He had a way of lighting up a room. It was so special that both of you were able to attend my dad's funeral. It meant so much. Asking for God to wrap his loving arms around each of you, and give you peace. All our Love, Rowena, Sandi, Ambrose, Mareena and Katrina Carrejo

Rowena Bernstein - February 08 at 12:40 PM

AM

“ Amber Maestas lit a candle in memory of Fernando Chavez



Amber Maestas - February 08 at 07:03 AM

TW

“ Tom & Edwina Weathersby sent a virtual gift in memory of Fernando Chavez



Tom & Edwina Weathersby - February 07 at 06:46 PM

RB

“ Ruth Baca lit a candle in memory of Fernando Chavez



Ruth Baca - February 07 at 01:49 PM

MS

“ Fernando always had many great stories about his family and what he loved to do on the farm. I had a great honor to be his caregiver. I will surely miss him. My love to Lydia, you all made me apart of the family. May God continue to comfort you in this difficult time.

MARY THERESA SILVA - February 06 at 09:39 PM

RB

Lydia and family. We are so sorry to hear of Fernando's death. He was a great neighbor. We will miss him.  
Ruth and Jerry Baca

Ruth Baca - February 07 at 01:45 PM

PC

“ Phillip Chavez lit a candle in memory of  
Fernando Chavez



Phillip Chavez - February 06 at 08:47 PM

MG

“ Margaret A Garcia lit a candle in memory of  
Fernando Chavez



Margaret A Garcia - February 06 at 08:26 PM

BB

“ *Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*



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**Bernardine Baca** - February 06 at 07:42 PM

RO

“ *Ron&Debbie Ortega lit a candle in memory of Fernando Chavez*



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**Ron&Debbie Ortega** - February 06 at 07:33 PM

KP

“ *Kevin Pena lit a candle in memory of Fernando Chavez*



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**Kevin Pena** - February 06 at 04:39 PM

LB

“ *Leroy Baca lit a candle in memory of Fernando Chavez*



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**Leroy Baca** - February 06 at 03:24 PM

TJ

“ *Tanya L Jaramillo lit a candle in memory of Fernando Chavez*



Tanya L Jaramillo - February 06 at 02:38 PM

PG

“ *Wishing you peace and comfort during this difficult time*



Pat and Gina - February 06 at 12:56 PM

LM

*Our condolences for you and the family. Lloyd Montes often thought of you and Fernando. Was unable to go visit due to illness. Prayers 🥀🙏*

Lloyd Montes - February 06 at 02:07 PM

JM

*Our deepest condolences to the Chavez family, we pray that our Lord Jesus Christ gives you peace that is beyond understanding. 🙏*

Joe and Flora Maestas - February 06 at 03:41 PM

RG

“ *Lydia and family. My prayers are with you May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. May perpetual light shine upon them.*



*Agnes Sanchez Garcia*

Rose Agnes Sanchez Garcia - February 06 at 11:36 AM

GG

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



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**Glen & Mary Gabaldon** - February 06 at 11:30 AM

SC

“ *1 file added to the album Fernando Chavez family photo memories*



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**Steven Chavez** - February 06 at 11:21 AM

MC

“ *Prayers of peace and comfort for all the family of Fernando. God bless you all.*

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**Max y Rosemarie Cordova** - February 06 at 11:04 AM

RA

“ *Rita C Aragon lit a candle in memory of Fernando Chavez*



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**Rita C Aragon** - February 06 at 10:26 AM

AS

“ *Adela Sanchez lit a candle in memory of Fernando Chavez*



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**Adela Sanchez** - February 06 at 10:20 AM

ES

“ *Eugene Snyder lit a candle in memory of Fernando Chavez*



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**Eugene Snyder** - February 06 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ *James Tabet lit a candle in memory of Fernando Chavez*



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**James Tabet** - February 05 at 09:15 PM

PL

“ *Lydia and families we are sorry to hear of Fernando May he Rest in Peace and our prayers 🙏🙏*



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**Preme and Lorraine** - February 05 at 07:08 PM

ET

*My condolences to Lydia and family..May Fernanda RIP 🙏*

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**Eloisa Tabet** - February 06 at 10:54 AM

PC

*Auntie Lydia and Family , my Condolences.*

*Uncle Fernando has Graduated to Heaven. He is now in the Presence of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ 🙏.*

*Uncle Fernando is also in the Presence of his Mon and Dad our Grandparents. Uncle Fernando is also is in the Presence of his Brother , Our Uncle Felix , his Sisters Auntie Emma and her Husband Our Uncle Marciel .and Maggie / Margarita. ( our Mom ) Our Dad Carlos B Chavez ,Our Dads Parents, Our Uncle Ralph , and his Daughter Terry, Our Cousin.*

*Uncle Fernando is Also Welcomed and in the Presence of Many Family members and Friends.*

*Our Uncle Fernando will soon be riding a Beautiful Horse.*

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**Phillip Chavez** - February 06 at 11:30 AM