



Gilbert M. Baca

March 3, 1937 - December 8, 2018

1937-2018

Gilbert Matias Baca, age 81, passed away on Saturday, December 8, 2018, He is survived by his wife of 50 years, MaryAnn; sons, Kevyn (Valentina), Shawn, Bobby, and Eric (Georgia); daughter Katrina (Guido) Zecca; siblings, Sylvia (Jim Darby), Lorena Earnhart, Jake and Orlando Baca; brother-in-law Pat Cordova (Myra), and many loving grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Gilbert left Belen at 14 years of age and went to Chicago for seminary preparation. His studies took him to Milwaukee and Ireland for 4 years. He left the seminary at 18 years of age and was drafted into the Army. Gilbert was part of the medical corps for two years. He moved back to New Mexico in 1967 and was a social worker at the Los Lunas Hospital. Gilbert went back to Chicago to complete his Masters at Loyola University. He then completed his doctorate in social work in 1975 at Denver University. Gilbert returned to Las Vegas, NM, where he worked at New Mexico Highlands University. He acted as Dean of Students and Chairman of Social Work for 7 years. Gilbert formally retired in 1995, but continued to work part-time until 2018. He could be seen around Las Vegas riding his bicycle or swimming at the Highland's pool almost daily. A Visitation and Rosary will be held at Romero Funeral Home Chapel on December 20, 2018, at 1:00 PM and 2:00 PM. The Funeral Mass will be celebrated on December 21, 2018, at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Santa Fe at 11:00 AM, followed by burial at the Santa Fe National Cemetery. Please

sign Gilbert's online tribute at www.romerofuneralhomenm.com Romero
Funeral Home, 609 N. Main St. Belen, NM

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **20**. 1:00 PM (MT)

Romero Funeral Home Chapel
609 N. Main St.
Belen, NM 87002
(505) 864-8501
romerofuneralhome@comcast.net
<https://www.romerofuneralhomenm.com>

Rosary

DEC **20**. 2:00 PM (MT)

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Funeral Mass

DEC **21**. 11:00 AM (MT)

St. Anne Catholic Church
511 Alicia St.
Santa Fe, NM 87501

Interment

DEC 21. 12:45 PM (MT)

Santa Fe National Cemetery
501 N. Guadalupe Street
Santa Fe, NM 87501

Tribute Wall

GV

“ Gil was a wonderful friend, a great mentor and such an honorable man. Our deepest sympathy to his family. Deacon Gilbert and Frances

Gilbert Valdez - December 20, 2020 at 03:46 PM

DB

“ RIP Uncle Sonny



Denise Baca - February 04, 2019 at 12:40 PM

AS

“ May God Bless you Mary Ann and your family. He will truly be missed.
Alicia and Victor Sandoval and Family.

Alicia Sandoval - December 22, 2018 at 02:03 PM

MO

“ Sorry for you loss, prayers for the family
Dr. Baca RIP
Juan and Mary A Ortiz and family

Mary A Ortiz - December 19, 2018 at 10:46 PM

DM

“ *Gilbert and his family shared a lot of good times and good memories with our family. Until we meet again.*

Dennis y Genny Marquez

Dennis Marquez - December 19, 2018 at 02:49 PM



“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Gilbert M. Baca.*



December 18, 2018 at 12:41 PM

RM

“ *Gilbert was a gentleman and a scholar. His passion for the swimming pool got me into the pool. We are placing a plaque at the pool in honor of Dr. Gilbert Baca. Sincere condolences to his family. Yaya con Dios. Descansa en Paz. Let me know if there is a swimming pool in Heaven!!!*

Ronald Maestas - December 17, 2018 at 09:01 AM

EB

“ *Baca Family,*

We are sorry for your loss. May God hold you in His arms and heal the sorrow that you feel. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Anthony and Ermelinda Baca

Ermelinda Baca - December 15, 2018 at 12:05 PM

MC

“ From all of your swimming friends at NMHU pool . We are going to miss you. Phil has dedicated lanes 5&6 to you. Thank you for the laughs and friendship. Rest In Peace my friend.

mark cassidy - December 15, 2018 at 01:41 AM

HA

“ My dear friend, Mary Ann, I am so very saddened to hear of your loss. Condolences to you and all your family. Prayers for all the family and of course for Gilbert's soul.

Helen Arellano - December 14, 2018 at 11:11 PM

RG

“ Dearest Maryanne and family, Please accept my deepest condolences on the death of your beloved husband and father. My prayers are with you. Rose Alarid Gallegos

Rose alarid Gallegos - December 14, 2018 at 10:25 PM

CK

“ Maryann, we are saddened to learn that your life's partner has gone on ahead of you to eternal life. We pray that our Lord, Jesus Christ, will embrace you with his loving peace as you go on without Gilbert. You are in our thoughts and prayers, as will the rest of your family, during this sorrowful time. Praying for your comfort and healing.
Connie & Alfred Kemm

Connie M Kemm - December 14, 2018 at 07:55 PM

DM

“ Uncle sunny i still cant believe i wont see your face or hear one of your many jokes i have many happy memories of being with you and auntie maryann untill we meet again rest in peace

Debbie manolis - December 14, 2018 at 06:13 PM

OR

“ Family:

The air of December has stolen your wonderful father and enabled him into eternal life. His earthly race is over and his final destination has now been reached. There in keeping with his faith, he rests in God's arms! He stands in that smooth center for he found the path as a good and humble man.

I submit our heart-felt condolences on behalf of Sue, our family and myself. May time bring solace to your hearts.

Oscar S. Ramirez



Oscar S. Ramirez - December 14, 2018 at 03:29 PM

TR

“ So many great memories in the Baca house!! One of the best was picking mint leaves and chewing on them while running around outside with my dear friend Katrina. Much love to the Baca family



Tammy Rotunno - December 14, 2018 at 12:19 AM

JM

“ Jacqueline D. Moya lit a candle in memory of Gilbert M. Baca



Jacqueline D. Moya - December 13, 2018 at 07:11 PM

AT

“ I've always had deep respect for Gilbert. We will miss him.
Art Trujillo

Art Trujillo - December 13, 2018 at 11:40 AM



“ I am sad to hear that Dr. Baca passed away. He left a great legacy as a compassionate Dean of Students, professor and friend. My condolences to the family. Diana Chavez

Diana Chavez - December 13, 2018 at 10:32 AM

KB

“ Always a phone call away and a great example of an awesome dad, grandpa and great grandpa.

Kevyn Baca - December 11, 2018 at 02:56 PM



Rebeca Sanchez

Sorry for the loss of your Dad Kevyn. Your dads mom and my mom were good neighbors and friends for many years. Although he was quite a bit older than me I remember him when he use to visit your grandmother. Your Dad also was a good friend and colleague of my older brother Nick. They both taught at Highlands University. My condolences go out to you and his family. God Bless you all. Rebecca Sanchez

Rebeca Sanchez - January 13, 2019 at 02:08 PM

DR

“ Dicky And Suzanne Romero lit a candle in memory of Gilbert M. Baca



Dicky and Suzanne Romero - December 10, 2018 at 01:13 PM