



Gilfred Abeyta

October 12, 1948 - October 3, 2025

In Loving Memory of Gilfred Abeyta

Gilfred Abeyta, age 76, a devoted resident of Valencia and Northern Socorro County, passed away peacefully on October 3, 2025, just 8 days shy of his 77th birthday, at Spanish Trails Rehabilitation Suites in Albuquerque, NM.

Gilfred was born in Veguita, NM, to Sisto and Rita Abeyta. He spent his early years in Veguita with his sisters, Diana Angie Griego and Catherine A. Encinias. After the passing of his parents, Gilfred was lovingly adopted by his uncle and aunt, Espirion and Elizabeth Otero, who raised him as their own. He grew up as a brother to JoAnn Alvarado and Joe Neil Otero, all of whom shared a strong family bond.

A graduate of Socorro High School, Gilfred answered the call to serve his country by joining the U.S. Navy in 1967. He served with honor and dedication alongside his lifelong friend, Roman Romero, until his discharge in 1973.

Upon returning home, Gilfred found the love of his life, Margaret Tenorio, in Albuquerque, NM. They married and together built a life full of love, faith, and commitment to their family and community. A skilled HVAC technician and plumber, Gilfred made his living working with his hands. But his true passion was farming—he fondly referred to himself as “a pig farmer” and carried on

the family's agricultural legacy in Northern Socorro County.

Gilfred's passion for farming extended beyond his fields, as he passed on his knowledge to the younger generation, serving as a dedicated 4-H leader who mentored many youth in Northern Socorro County. Known for his kindness and generosity, Gilfred was a man who would not hesitate to offer help—even to strangers. Whether it was lending a helping hand to a neighbor or giving someone the shirt off his back, his selflessness knew no bounds.

This same dedication to service led him to represent his community as a member of the Socorro Electric Cooperative Board of Trustees. During his time on the board, he cultivated lifelong friendships across the state, always working to strengthen his community.

Gilfred valued hard work, family, and a good laugh, all values he instilled in those he knew and loved. Later in life, he and Margaret became founding members of Somos Unidos Veguita, an organization devoted to advocacy and support for their Northern Socorro County neighbors. From irrigating his fields to repairing fences, Gilfred treasured the life he built and was always ready to saddle up his horse or load his truck to help others.

Gilfred's legacy lives on through his children, Guadalupe Abeyta of Belen, and her husband, Manuel Baca; and Sisto Abeyta of Albuquerque; as well as his cherished grandchildren, Annalicia Baca and Aayden Baca.

He is preceded in death by his beloved wife, Margaret Abeyta; his brother Jose Abeyta, his sisters, Dora Ortega and Catherine A. Encinias; his parents, Sisto and Rita Abeyta; and Espirion and Elizabeth Otero.

The family wishes to recognize the following individuals as honorary pallbearers nephews Joey Griego and David Otero, close friend Shane Baca,

and lifelong best friend Roman Romero.

Services will take place on Friday, October 24, 2025, at Romero Funeral Home in Belen, NM, beginning with a visitation at 9:00 a.m., followed by a Celebration of Life at 10:00 a.m. Interment will follow at 12:00 p.m. at Mount Calvary Cemetery in Albuquerque.

The family kindly asks you to sign Gilfred's online tribute at [www.romerofuneralhomenm.com](<http://www.romerofuneralhomenm.com>).

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **24.** 9:00 AM (MT)

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

Celebration of Life

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Interment

OCT **24.** 12:00 PM (MT)

Mount Calvary Cemetery
1900 Edith Blve. NE
Albuquerque, NM 87102

Tribute Wall

MS

“*Lupita, Sisto y familia. My deepest condolences. Your dad was such a pillar, both your parents were! They will be greatly missed! I know I’m going to miss him asking me what my name was or he’d just yell it! “Mayra Ramos hasta la tumba!” My he rest in peace knowing his children will carry on his legacy of good and giving back to the community.*



Mayra Sanchez - October 23, 2025 at 11:22 PM

DC

“*Dominic Chavez lit a candle in memory of Gilfred Abeyta*



Dominic Chavez - October 23, 2025 at 10:00 AM

CG

“*Prayers Lupe and Sisto n Annalicia may God comfort and give you peace as you and our family have many blessed memories he was loved by us!! We love you 🙏🙏 ☐☐ He was very special to our family ☐☐☐ and most of all to Jesus 🙏🙏☐☐ uncle Charles and Aunt Stella our condolences in Jesus name Amen*

Charles and Stella Gutierrez - October 19, 2025 at 08:33 PM

DA

“ Sisto and Lupe, my condolences and prayers to both of you. May God bless you and hold in His arms in the days and weeks ahead. Unfortunately, I am out of state visiting my family and will not be able to be there for his service, but I am praying for you 🙏



Dolores Abeyta - October 17, 2025 at 08:03 PM

JB

“ Sisto, Lupe and Annalicia, We are so sorry to hear of Gilfred's death. Our condolences to your family. May he be at peace and reunited with his beloved wife, Margaret, and my beloved friend.



Jerry and Ruth Baca - October 17, 2025 at 12:26 PM

BC

“ Sisto, Lupe & family,

May Your Dad Rest in Peace. Eternal rest grant unto him oh Lord and may perpetual light shine upon him. God bless you all and give you much needed strength at this difficult time. 🙏



Bernice Montoya y Chavez - October 16, 2025 at 06:18 PM

KE

Sisto & Lupe my deepest condolences. Margaret & Gilfred were very dear friends. We shared much laughter. Your mom would say hilarious things & your dad would act like he didn't hear. I will miss them both but I'm sure they're up in heaven now making everyone laugh. God bless you & your family

Kathy Esquibel - October 19, 2025 at 11:23 AM