



## Gillie Benjamin Jaramillo

November 13, 1931 - November 8, 2025

1931 - 2025

Gillie B. Jaramillo: Sunrise November 13, 1931 Sunset November 8, 2025 On November 8, 2025, Gillie B. Jaramillo, originally from Belen, NM, and former resident of Los Lunas, NM passed away at the age of 93. Gillie lived a long and very productive life. Born to Henry T. Jaramillo Sr. and Casianita Aragon Jaramillo, he was one of nine children and was the last surviving child. The Jaramillo's were one of the original families settling in Valencia County. Gillie was a life-long Catholic, and was baptized in, and grew up attending Our Lady of Belen Catholic Church. He graduated from Belen Public Schools where he excelled in football and was named an All-State player in basketball. After high school, Gillie was invited to attend the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland but decided to attend the University of New Mexico. Soon after, he married the love of his life and high school sweetheart, Maryann Sachs. During the Korean conflict, Gillie joined the United States Air Force and was assigned to the 92nd Medical Group, Dental Clinic, Fairfield Air Force Base in Spokane, Washington. After Dental Tech School, he was placed in charge of the Dental Clinic at Fairfield AFB. Following an honorable discharge, Gillie and Maryann returned to Belen where Gillie joined the family business, Henry's markets, for several years. Gillie and Maryann then opened Citizens Finance Co., Inc. in 1973. It was the first finance company offering consumer loans in Valencia County. Gillie retired in 2001, but continued to help his

daughter Annalee, who purchased and continued to serve the loyal customers of Citizens Finance until her retirement in 2023. Gillie enjoyed spending the morning in the office until he was 90 years old. The company Gillie founded was a business landmark in Los Lunas for over 50 years. During this time, Gillie attended the Brown Institute of Real Estate and Insurance at the University of New Mexico. He enjoyed the challenges of buying and selling residential and business properties in Albuquerque, Belen, and Los Lunas. He was often quick to remind everyone that Location, Location, Location, was the key to success in real estate. Gillie valued independence in thoughts and actions and expected the same of others. He considered himself independent, caring, and self-disciplined. Gillie served his community and New Mexico in multiple ways. Gillie served on the Board of Directors of Ranchers State Bank, Chairman: Valencia County Commission, President: Association of Counties of New Mexico, Director: Belen Chamber of Commerce, Member: Board of Regents New Mexico School for the Blind, Chairman: New Mexico State Fair (Two Terms), and the Gillie Jaramillo Hispanic Arts Building at the NM State Fair Grounds was named in his honor. Gillie is survived by his five children Gilbert Jaramillo Sr., Maryann Sorenson, Anntherese Jaramillo, Annalee Jaramillo Kuidis (Gary), Martin Jaramillo; grandchildren, Jennifer Jaramillo, Elizabeth Jaramillo, Gilbert Jaramillo Jr., (Teresa) Derek Sorenson, Kyle Jaramillo Kuidis (Amanda) Angelica Freeman (Michael), and Faith Santana (Bryce); sisters-in-law, Elsie Jaramillo and Nuria Jaramillo; 11 great grandchildren and many loved nieces, nephews, and extended family. Gillie is preceded in death by the love of his life Maryann Sachs Jaramillo, parents Henry T. Jaramillo and Casianita Jaramillo; in laws Martin Sachs and Mary Sachs; brothers Henry Jaramillo, Eddie Jaramillo (Corine), Alfonso Jaramillo (Theresa), and Jerry Jaramillo; sisters, Barbara Ortiz (Arthur), Lucy Sanchez (Tony), Lena Frazee (Ray), and Rose Aragon (Johnny); son-in-law Brad Sorenson. Services will take place on Tuesday, January 27, 2026, at Our Lady of Belen Catholic Church. Starting with a Visitation at 9:30 a.m., a Rosary at 10:00 a.m., and a Funeral Mass to be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. Interment will

take place at 11:30 a.m., following services at Our Lady of Belen Memorial Gardens. Urn bearers: Gilbert Jaramillo Jr., Derek Sorenson, and Kyle Jaramillo Kuidis. The family would like to express their heart felt gratitude to the caring and loving caretakers at the Beehive Four Hills as well as the nurses at Rio Grande Hospice and the VA Hospice. The family requests donations to St. Jude Children's Hospital in honor of Gillie's memory. Please sign Gillies's online tribute at [www.romerofuneralhomenm.com](http://www.romerofuneralhomenm.com) Romero Funeral Home, 609 N. Main St., Belen, NM.

# Tribute Wall

LJ

“ My heartfelt condolences to Anntherese, Maryann and all the Jaramillo family. I just learned of Gillie's passing today and am so heartbroken. He was a cousin and he and Alfonso gave me my first job at Henry's supermarket when I was in junior high school. He always had a million dollar smile on his face and was a kind and generous person. May he Rest in Peace. - Louise Jaramillo



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**Louise Jaramillo** - January 20 at 12:52 AM

JG

“ To the family of Gillie Jaramillo, we send our prayers and condolences to all of you—I have many great memories of Gilly from our days in the Grocery business and in state government in Santa Fe. We share your loss and please know that he touched many lives in a very positive manner  
Joe and Christine Di Gregorio—Gallup.

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**Joe Di Gregorio** - January 18 at 10:13 PM

LS

“ We want to share our condolences to the entire family. Gillie was a shining example of "the best in Belen". We both grew up knowing Gillie and his pleasant and helpful demeanor. From days at Henry's Market to the days when Gillie was a State Fair Commissioner, he was always always the same. He is missed. With love, Lynn and Michael Sanchez

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**Lynn Sanchez** - January 18 at 09:31 AM

KC

“ Gillie was always helpful when we would go in and talk to him. We respected him very much. Please rest in peace. Kathy Carrillo and Mary Ann Baldonado

Kathy Carrillo - January 02 at 11:12 PM

DM

“ Our condolences to the Jaramillo Family. May the Lord bless you and give you peace. Diana DeBaca Mireles & the DeBaca Family

Diana DeBaca Mireles - December 18, 2025 at 10:29 PM

EJ

“ Rest in peace grandpa Gillie. 🧡



Elizabeth Jaramillo - December 10, 2025 at 12:30 AM

AJ

“ Anntherese Jaramillo lit a candle in memory of Gillie Benjamin Jaramillo



Anntherese Jaramillo - December 03, 2025 at 01:15 PM

AJ

“ *Anntherese Jaramillo*



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**Anntherese Jaramillo** - November 26, 2025 at 04:30 PM

MS

“ *6 files added to the tribute wall*



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**Mj Sorenson** - November 26, 2025 at 01:06 AM

BM

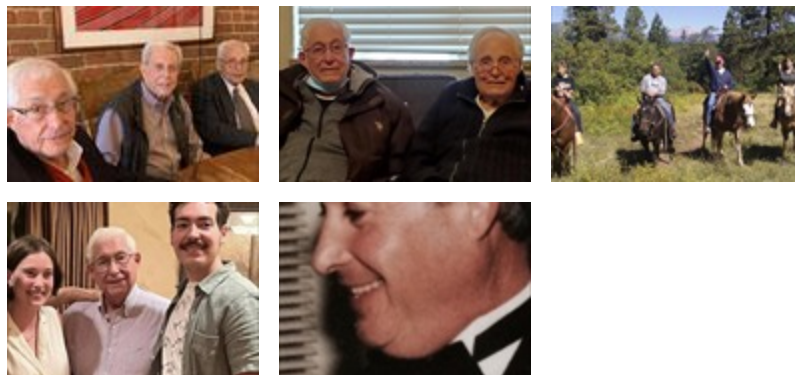
“ Dear Jaramillo Family, we are sorry for the loss of your father and wish you peace with his passing at this time and in the days ahead. We have fond memories of our friendship during the times of the state fair serving together as state fair commissioners. He truly was a leader in his roles of business, community, and public service, and for all that, he will always be greatly admired. He will be missed. May you rest in peace, Gillie.  
Linda and Bill McIlhaney

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**Bill and Linda McIlhaney** - November 21, 2025 at 11:38 AM

RH

“ 13 files added to the album Family Photos



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**Romero Funeral Home** - November 20, 2025 at 04:37 PM

JG

“ Our condolences for the loss of your father -we @Benny's 2 enjoyed visiting with him at the window when he'd pick up his red chile and beans for the week, still remember his words of encouragement always to us , may the lord give your family comfort during your loss.  
Joe and Jeannie Gonzales

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**Jeannie Gonzales** - November 19, 2025 at 10:08 PM

AB

“ To: Annalee, Maryann, Gilbert, Anntherse, Martin & family: May God bless each of you with peace. Uncle Gillie was loved, will be missed & never forgotten by so many. Rest in Peace Uncle Gillie 🙏💔🌹  
Milton & Annabelle



Annabelle Barela - November 15, 2025 at 11:11 PM

ET

My sincerest condolences to the family..May he RIP 🙏

Eloisa Tabet - November 16, 2025 at 12:07 PM

PP

“ Preme And Lorraine Padilla lit a candle in memory of Gillie Benjamin Jaramillo



Preme and Lorraine Padilla - November 15, 2025 at 07:12 PM

LG

“ LORETTA GABALDON lit a candle in memory of Gillie Benjamin Jaramillo



LORETTA GABALDON - November 15, 2025 at 01:30 PM

LG

*Condolences and healing for this wonderful man. I go back to my teenage years when we would go to his grandfather's, "Jaramillo's" grocery store. Gillie at the meat counter. He was so kind and made me laugh. A wonderful family man. We looked up to him. In his way, I'm sure he mentored a lot of boys and girls. He led a good and honest life. I'm sure he helped many of the Belen community. I will miss knowing he is not with us. I know he joined Our Lord, with a parade of family and friends .prayers following him. Rest in peace sweet man. Prayers for your family for comfort and healing.*

LORETTA GABALDON - November 15, 2025 at 01:44 PM

NJ

“ Dear Maryann, Annalee, Annthrese, Gilbert & Martin, on behalf of your uncle Jerry's children and myself, we extend our deepest sympathies for the loss of your Dad. We will all miss him deeply and will keep all of you in our prayers. Nury J

Nury Jaramillo - November 15, 2025 at 09:06 AM

KH

“ My deepest sympathies Annalee. May God bless all of you. May your dad rest in peace ☐



Kathy Chavez Holland - November 14, 2025 at 06:44 PM

DU

“ Diana Phillips Ulibarri lit a candle in memory of Gillie Benjamin Jaramillo



Diana Phillips Ulibarri - November 14, 2025 at 05:59 PM

JM

“ Please accept my sincere condolences for your loss! May your father, Gillie Jaramillo's soul rest in peace!



Juanita Mitchell - November 14, 2025 at 05:42 PM

RO

“ Gilbert, So sorry to hear of the passing of your dad. I will never forget that he helped me out by hiring me at the grocery store and always making it a point to page me to say hi and asked if needed anything when visited at NMMI. He will be missed. Condolences to the family.



Ron&Debbie Ortega - November 14, 2025 at 05:04 PM

AL

“ Anntherese so sad to hear about your dad's passing, he was a friend to my mom, a very nice man, my dearest condolences.

Anthony Antonio Lovato - November 14, 2025 at 02:32 PM

AJ

Thank you 🙏

Anntherese Jaramillo - November 14, 2025 at 04:24 PM

GB

“ I’m so sorry to hear that Gillie has passed away. I go back a very long time with the Jaramillo Store. The first was at the RR tracks on Ross St. I remember so well...they had a row of cookie containers you could reach in and serve yourself!! No one worried about germs!! Later they built their new store at 3rd & Ross. Eddie, Gillie, Al, & (I think Jerry)  
Not sure if Henry jr worked there either.  
Then later in the “50’s” they built the newer one on Main St. across the street from Romero Funeral Home. Gillie never forgot to greet me by name and ask about my family.  
He and my sister were good friends all through their years at BHS.  
My deepest condolences to the Jarmillo and Saches families.

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**Gloria Gibson Boliver** - November 13, 2025 at 11:05 PM

PO

“ I’m so sorry for your loss. Just this past weekend I past the Citizen Finance office and thought about him, because he used to come to my Water Aerobics class. I think he enjoyed the exercise and the friendship of the other participants. We all wanted to be like Gillie, being able to come and exercise at his age.  
Gillie was a good man. He will be greatly missed.

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**Pamela Otero** - November 13, 2025 at 10:28 PM

GS

“ Your dad and mom baptized me in 1960. I will always remember my padrinos. I remember when I started teaching here in Los Lunas and ran into them at Burger King and your mom insisted on buying my hamburger that day. Will miss them. My parents and your mom and dad went on their honeymoons together in EIPaso.

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**Gino Storey** - November 13, 2025 at 07:51 PM

AJ

*Gino my parents loved your mom and dad*

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**Anntherese Jaramillo** - November 14, 2025 at 10:40 AM

DS

“ *Condolences to the family. May the Lord bless his memory.*

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**Danny Sachs** - November 13, 2025 at 11:28 AM

PH

*Dennis and Paulette send heartfelt condolences to the family of our dear uncle Gille. Uncle Gillie holds a very special place in our hearts, and we treasure the beautiful relationship that Dennis and I shared with him. Gillie was a man a great integrity, and will be greatly missed. May uncle Gillie rest in eternal peace with his Lord, and may his family find comfort in the loving memories they shared with their precious father. ❤️*

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**Paulette Hartman** - November 13, 2025 at 04:39 PM