



Joe E. Chavez

March 14, 2011

Joe E. Chavez, age 75, a resident of Valencia County, passed away on Sunday, March 13, after a long illness with Alzheimer's. He was a member of Immaculate Conception Church de Tome, Valencia County Sheriff's Posse, Knights of Columbus, Belen Elk's (BPOE) and Loyal Order of the Moose. Joe never met a stranger and loved every opportunity of getting a chance to talk to them. He was very proud of his heritage and roots. Joe was also a proud member of the Tome Land Grant. The love he had for his grandchildren was immeasurable. He was preceded in death by his parents, Eduardo and Aurelia Chavez; mother-in-law, Mela LeDoux; daughters, Robin Cordova and Nancy Chavez; sisters, Ida Torres and Sally Jaramillo; grandson, Gary Cloke and granddaughter, Carrie Cordova. Joe is survived by his loving wife of 56 years, Diane LeDoux Chavez; sons, Joe, Jr., Gene, Eric and wife, Jackie and Carlos "Charlie" Chavez; daughter, Jolene Chavez Cloke and husband, Russel; father-in-law, Richard C. LeDoux; grandchildren, Mark, Shayne, Donovan, Benji, Dominique, Michael, Christopher, Jared, Kyle, Isaiah, Mella, Madison and Morgan Chavez and Cruz Cloke and great-grandchildren. All services will be held at the Immaculate Conception Church de Tome, beginning with a visitation at 5:00 p.m., on Thursday, March 17, and a rosary to be recited at 6:00 p.m. A final visitation will be held at 10:00 a.m., on Friday, March 18, with a Funeral Mass to be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. Interment will follow at the Tome Catholic Cemetery. Sign Joe's online register book at www.romerofuneralhomenm.com. Romero Funeral Home 609 N. Main St. Belen, NM.