



## Joe Leo Romero

January 2, 1933 - November 4, 2015

1933-2015

Joe Leo Romero, age, 82, a loving father, brother and friend to many, was called home to be with our Lord and Savior on Wednesday, November 4, 2015. He was born in Belen and graduated from St. Michaels Academy in Santa Fe, where he was a star athlete. As an entrepreneur, Joe Leo touched many lives through his businesses in Belen and Albuquerque. He is preceded in death by the loving mother of his children, Rose Tabet; grandson, Brandon Allred; son-in-law, Harold Whistler; parents, Nicanor and Alfidez (Vallejos) Romero; and siblings, Annie and Salo Garcia, Frank, Ray and Arno Romero. Joe Leo is survived by his loving children, Luci Whistler, Victoria Dorobiala (Gary), Suzannah Noonan (Shawn), and Lisa Allred (Mike); grandchildren, Kyle Noonan (Jamie), Taylor Noonan, Keenan Maxwell, Garrett Dorobiala and Aleece Allred; and great-grandchildren, Carter and Elle Noonan. He is also survived by his brother and sister in law, Daniel and Cinda Romero; and sisters-in law, Pele, Barbara, and Mary Romero. Pallbearers will be his two grandsons, Keenan Maxwell, and Garrett Dorobiala; nephews, Michael, Phillip, Lorenzo and Nick Romero, Anthony Garcia, and dear friend Mike Madani. A viewing will be held on Sunday, November 8th beginning at 5:00 p.m., with a rosary to be recited at 6:00 p.m. at Romero Funeral Home Chapel. A final viewing will be held on Monday, November 9th beginning at 9:00 a.m., with a funeral mass to be celebrated at 10:00 a.m. Interment will

follow at Our Lady of Belen Memorial Gardens. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to the Brandon M. Allred Memorial Scholarship, Jesuit High School Development, 1200 Jacob Lane, Carmichael, CA 95608. Please sign Joe Leo's online tribute at [www.romerofuneralhomenm.com](http://www.romerofuneralhomenm.com) Romero Funeral Home, 609 N. Main St. Belen, NM.

# Cemetery Details

## Our Lady of Belen Memorial Gardens

101 N. 10th Street  
Belen, NM 87002

# Previous Events

## Viewing

NOV 8. 5:00 PM (MT)

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

## Rosary

NOV 8. 6:00 PM (MT)

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## Final Viewing

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NOV 9. 9:00 AM (MT)

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

## Funeral Mass

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NOV 9. 10:00 AM (MT)

Our Lady of Belen Catholic Church  
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# Tribute Wall

SP

“ Joe Leo Romero's name was and is synonymous with Belen for generations of people who knew him or of him. I remember running into him and Frank Tabet at the Coronado mall near the Sears store a couple of years back. I've lived away from Belen for 32 years and it was really nice touching base with these Belenites that day. I want to express my condolences to Mr. Romero,s family on their loss.

Stan P . Padilla - November 16, 2015 at 10:49 AM

LS

“ Loretta Sanchez lit a candle in memory of Joe Leo Romero



Loretta Sanchez - November 11, 2015 at 01:43 PM

LS

“ I am so sorry for your loss. He was a super nice person. It has been a while, we ran into Joe Leo at Sandra's last year. He would always say "Your a Gabaldon aren't you"? He new my brother's and sister's very well. When I lived in Albuquerque, I would run into him at Winrock Mall, we would catch up on what was going on in Belen. He will be missed. Prayers for him and his family.

Loretta Gabaldon Sanchez and Jerry Sanchez

Loretta Sanchez - November 11, 2015 at 01:42 PM

AL

“ I first had the pleasure of meeting Joe at the Defined Fitness gym on Juan Tabo in Albuquerque. We often chatted and discussed a variety of topics following our respective workouts. It was obvious that he was a kind and respectful gentleman who had contributed to the betterment of our society. As his health continued to fail over the past year, I would periodically call him at his home to express my wishes for his recovery and return to the gym. He had numerous friends at Defined Fitness, all of whom were dismayed to learn of his passing. I find comfort in that Joe is no longer suffering and that he is now in a better place. May he rest in peace.

Respectfully  
Armando Lara  
gallupfast@yahoo.com

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Armand A Lara - November 10, 2015 at 09:07 AM

DR

“ Dicky And Suzanne Romero lit a candle in memory of Joe Leo Romero



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Dicky and Suzanne Romero - November 09, 2015 at 10:00 AM



“ Gift of Grace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joe Leo Romero.



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November 08, 2015 at 11:12 PM

BS

“ *Rest in peace Joe.*

*Bennie Sandoval*



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**Bennie Sandoval** - November 08, 2015 at 11:09 PM

AR

“ *Lo siento mucho. Sorry I am unable to be there to celebrate Joe Leo's life. May GOD bless and comfort you all.*



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**Albert Romero** - November 08, 2015 at 10:07 PM

AV

“ *Sending love and condolences from Australia. My thoughts are with you Victoria, Gary and Garrett.*

*Avery*

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**Avery** - November 08, 2015 at 06:09 PM

VD

*AWE AVERY, THANK YOU!*

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**VICTORIA DOROBIALA** - November 13, 2015 at 06:46 PM

YN

“ *Yvette and Bob Lyle/ parents of Jamie Noonan purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Joe Leo Romero.*



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**Yvette and Bob Lyle/ parents of Jamie Noonan** - November 08, 2015 at 01:48 PM

JR

“ *Suzannah, Victoria, Lisa, Lucia ,*

*I was so saddened to hear about my Uncle Joe. I wish I could be there to share in your grief. My thoughts and prayers are with you ALL!*

*God Bless the Romero Family!  
Julie Romero*

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**Juliane Romero** - November 08, 2015 at 10:47 AM

OR

“ Suzannah, Victoria, Lisa, Lucia & Family,



*The past returns as tears begin to steal away from our eyes. My primo (close friend) and I go back to the days when the world was our own: meeting after Mass on Sundays, enjoying a milk shake at Charley Seery's Drug Store and swimming in the big hole. Yes, the past returns of who we were: that proud boasting of our youth! Those were happy times!*

*Joe Leo was an honorable man who felt the lapse of hours that wears out the life of mortal men and in time exhausts the strongest souls. And, from him we learned how the spark of hope is fed, how the heart is soothed, and how love is extended and accepted in return. He passed-on with that unconquerable faith the Lord was waiting for him. May he rest in peace!*

*Please accept sincere condolences on behalf of Sue, our family and myself. May time bring solace to your hearts.*

*We regret we cannot be with you.*

*Your primo,*

*Oscar S. Ramirez*

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**Oscar S. Ramirez** - November 07, 2015 at 09:37 PM

RR

“ I wish to offer my sympathy to the family. My wife and I were good friends with Joe Leo and Rose in the early 50's. We used to look for baby sitters so we could go party at the old Owl Steak House just north of town.

May God help you in your sorrow.

Rambert Rivera

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Rambert Rivera - November 07, 2015 at 02:14 PM

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Suzannah Noonan - November 05, 2015 at 01:37 AM

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Suzannah Noonan - November 05, 2015 at 01:24 AM

JA

“ *We are so sorry for the families loss. Joe Leo was such an amazing person.*

*John & Mary Kay Abeyta*



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**John Abeyta** - November 04, 2015 at 07:04 PM