



## John N. Gardner

July 16, 2021

1939 -2021

John N. Gardner, age 82, a resident of Las Maravillas, has gone to be with his Lord on Friday, July 16, 2021, following a hard fought battle with dementia and macular degeneration. He had a prestigious career with the Federal Aviation Association (FAA) as a software engineer, where he retired from after 33 years. John loved to travel, do leather and woodwork, scuba dive, fish and camp. He loved his wife and children very much and all his friends at Bosque Farms Community Center, where he and his wife volunteered for many years. John especially loved his cat "Abbie".

John is preceded in death by his dad, Lester Gardner, who died in WWII; his mother, Eva Gibbs; in-laws, Ernest and Laca Chavez; son, Damian Gardner and daughter, Carmel Garcia. He is survived by his loving wife, Ida, of 46 years; daughters, Michelle Baca, Patricia Gardner, Mara Segal and Tonia Pena; son, Anthony Salcido and "adopted" daughter, Sherri Baldonado; brother-in-law, Edward Chavez, and niece, Teresa Westergard; nephew, Tom Coates and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Special thanks to Ambercare, especially Molyka, Joel and Bill. Services will take place on Monday, 7/26/21 at Romero Funeral Home Chapel, beginning with a Visitation at 5:00 PM and a Rosary to be recited at 6:00 PM. The Final Visitation will take place on Tuesday, 7/27/21, at 10:00 AM with the Funeral Mass at 11:00 AM at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Tome, NM, and Interment to follow at Tome Catholic Cemetery.

Please sign John's online tribute at [www.romerofuneralhomenm.com](http://www.romerofuneralhomenm.com) Romero  
Funeral Home, 609 N. Main St., Belen, NM

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL **26.** 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM (MT)

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

## Rosary

JUL **26.** 6:00 PM (MT)

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## Final Visitation

JUL **27.** 10:00 AM (MT)

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church  
7 Church Loop  
Tome, NM 87060

## Funeral Mass

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JUL 27. 11:00 AM (MT)

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church  
7 Church Loop  
Tome, NM 87060

## Interment

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JUL 27. 12:00 PM (MT)

Tome Catholic Cemetery  
Tome, NM 87060

# Tribute Wall

LR

“ *Ida and Family...we were so sorry to hear about John's passing. I remember he would always talk to me at daily Mass at San Clemente and I would ask him for you. We have offered a Mass for his soul at San Clemente on Monday September 6 @7am. We wanted to mail you a card but didn't have your address. God bless you and your family in your time of loss.*

*LINA and DONALD ROYBAL*

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**Lina Roybal** - August 15, 2021 at 06:45 PM

MR

“ *Ida & family, we are so very sorry to hear about John's passing our thoughts & prayers are with you and your family. May God give you all strength during this very difficult time.*

*Love,*

*Stan & MaryAnn Rich*

*Adam B Baca (Bosque Farms my dad)*

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**MaryAnn Rich** - August 07, 2021 at 05:45 PM

JT

“ *We will forever remember John as being so friendly. He could roast up the best tasting turkey with his own apple wood. We loved camping with him, he was always there to help if needed and told wonderful stories. We will miss him.*

*Al and Jo Nell Tyson*

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**Jo Nell Tyson** - August 06, 2021 at 12:56 PM

DR

“ Dicky And Suzanne Romero lit a candle in memory of John N. Gardner



Dicky and Suzanne Romero - August 05, 2021 at 02:53 AM

CN

“ It was a pleasure to meet and care for Mr. Gardner, sending my condolences and well wishes to the Gardner family. 💕💕



CNA from Genesis Belen Meadows

CNA - July 29, 2021 at 12:56 AM

DG

“ My condolences go out to all John and Ida’s family! John was my father-in-law that gave me one of his treasures, his daughter Carmel, that he and I loved so much. He lost two of his siblings which must be the worst thing any parent would have to deal with. But his faith in God was so strong that he knew his daughter Carmel and his son Damien are in heaven at peace with God and he will reunite with them now. I learned a lot from John, especially about religion and woodworking. He was so proud of his beautiful wood work. He always had a glow of happiness showing me his talent. He will be missed by his family and friends. We love you John  
Love,  
David, Tamara, Brian, Austin



David Garcia - July 28, 2021 at 02:03 AM

BJ

“Sincere condolences to Ida and all of John's family. We are so sorry for your loss. I found a photo of John taken at the FAA when he and I (Bill) worked there. Our thoughts are with you during this time. God Bless.” Bill & Kay Johnson



Bill & Kay Johnson - July 26, 2021 at 09:09 PM

MS

What a great photo! Thank you for sharing.

Best,  
Mara (John's youngest daughter)

Mara Segal - July 29, 2021 at 11:02 AM

BH

“ Benjamin & Desiree Hodges lit a candle in memory of John N. Gardner



Benjamin & Desiree Hodges - July 26, 2021 at 02:08 PM



“ Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White was purchased for the family of John N. Gardner.



July 26, 2021 at 01:47 PM



“ *Fields of Europe was purchased for the family of John N. Gardner.*



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July 24, 2021 at 12:18 PM



“ *Sending Our Deepest Condolences Ida and family. We are very saddened to hear on John's passing. He was a Great very humble man. Always kind very fun to be around. May he rest in Peace with Our heavenly Father.*



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**Marie Pino** - July 22, 2021 at 04:48 PM



“ *Cousin John, you have left my life, but you will never leave my heart. I treasure all the wonderful family times we spent together. I will miss your laughter and your contagious humor. Rest In Peace John, until we meet again. Barbara and family.*



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**Barbara Strong** - July 20, 2021 at 10:47 PM

RP

“ Whether on an outing or over lunch, I always enjoyed walking and talking with John. At times, we shared concerns for the well being of our family members, bearing one another's burdens and encouraging one another. At times, we just shot the breeze. He was a joy to be around, having a gentle, good spirited nature and a good sense of humor!

*My father died when I was in my early 30's. John did much to fill that void in my life. He will be sorely missed!*

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**Rose Poitras** - July 20, 2021 at 05:43 PM

MB

“ John was always my favorite "old man" that I knew and was the closest thing to a grandfather that I had in my life. We always spent a lot of time laughing together whenever we would visit with him. He was the nicest person I knew and I lived his hugs! He was a very special person and he made the world better by being in it. I love you John and hope you are at peace!

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**Melanie Baldonado** - July 20, 2021 at 12:50 AM

MS

“ *Ida and family,*  
*My heart breaks for you. John's a good and loving person. He will be missed by the many people. My prayers for your family Margie Snare*

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**Margie Snare** - July 19, 2021 at 07:05 PM

MS

“ I want to not only honor the memory of my father, but to honor his wife Ida. I believe that my father found purpose in his life and was a good man because he had a wife that gave him strength. Marriage is hard enough but when two families are blended together, it took being unified to see through those challenging times.



*Daddy, over the years you imparted to me an unspoken quiet truth; which is, to celebrate when we conquer one of our demons and to celebrate each other's accomplishments; to encourage each other to be the healthiest and happiest individual we can be. It is then that we truly become a value to each other and to the world.*

*With eternal love and deep gratitude,  
Mara Segal (your youngest daughter)*

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**Mara Segal** - July 19, 2021 at 10:52 AM

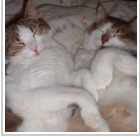
TW

“ Our family will always remember Uncle John as the Fun Uncle, the Magical Uncle.....the one with all kinds of tricks up his sleeve!! You gave all of us much love and happiness through the years♥ I've attached a few pics of our last fun times together. The cake fight that Bev spoke of in 2002 and then our family reunion of 2010. Love the picture of you with a few of your Idaho nephews♥♥



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**Teresa Westergard** - July 19, 2021 at 09:11 AM



“ I wanted to share a very fond memory from a family reunion at Gene and Theresa's. It was a very memorable day that ended with a cake fight. I do remember we decided that day John would be known from that moment on as "John cake in the face". We do have pictures! Seeing Theresa and John laughing so hard while covered with white frosting all over their heads is definitely one of my favorite memories.

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**Bev Clark MacFee** - July 18, 2021 at 08:52 PM

ER

“ John was such a great man. Always so kind and had great sense of humor. I can hear his laugh now. I am going to miss him so much. But I know he wants us to be happy because John was always looking out for other. I love you very much John!

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**Eric** - July 18, 2021 at 08:12 PM

SB

“ John, you are in complete peace now. The kids and I will miss you. 🌸 We loved for your kind, comforting, and sincere spirit. I can never forget you being supportive when I was at your home and in shock on 9/11. And driving back to Iowa with me, so I didn't have to go it alone. I was always so happy that you treasured the John Gardner peony that I found for you. You were such a wonderful father figure in my life, and I truly loved you ❤️. Fly with the angels John....until we meet again!

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**Sherri Baldonado** - July 18, 2021 at 04:58 PM

DB

John, if you can read this from wherever you are, I want you and your family to know how much you will truly be missed. You really were the epitome of what a good man is supposed to be. Wherever you are, I hope you're having a blast!

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**Daniel Baldonado** - July 18, 2021 at 09:40 PM



“ *Robert Rael lit a candle in memory of John N. Gardner*



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**Robert Rael** - July 18, 2021 at 12:49 PM

IG

“ *My dear husband, I'm SO sorry you had to suffer so much these last few months but now I know you are with your heavenly father as well as getting to know your earthly father. We forgot to mention your sister, Darlene and Roy also preceding u in deaths Somehow I totally forgot. Sorry! I know you have finally found peace from that terrible disease. I will miss you so much and will always LOVE you!!! your wife*

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**ida Gardner** - July 17, 2021 at 06:37 PM

LR

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**Lina Roybal** - August 15, 2021 at 06:04 PM

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*Thank you Lina!!*

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**ida Gardner** - September 30, 2021 at 10:17 PM

SB

“ My father was my best friend, my confidante, my spiritual advisor. Dad and I worked very well together no matter what we were doing. In fact I knew what tool he needed before he asked me for it. I was his right - hand man whenever we built fence, hauled wood, worked the land, etc. I will miss you so much. I LOVE YOU, DADDY. Your oldest daughter, Michelle.

Sabrina Michelle Baca - July 17, 2021 at 06:35 PM

JA

“ Ida, I'm so glad I saw this. Andy and I lost contact with you and John after he retired. Andy died in 2011 and I am still living in Belen. I am so sorry for your loss and that you lost John to dementia before his physical death. I would love to get in touch. I am on Fb and in the phone directory. Judy Andrews (Marriage Encounter)

Judy Andrews - July 17, 2021 at 04:51 PM

MC

“ Macrena Chavez lit a candle in memory of John N. Gardner



Macrena Chavez - July 17, 2021 at 01:54 PM

LC

“ Sorry to hear of John's passing. He was a good friend and a good neighbor. Lydia and Fernando Chavez

Lydia and Fernando Chavez - July 17, 2021 at 01:53 PM