



## John P. Tafoya

March 18, 1929 - August 16, 2016

1929-2016

John P. Tafoya, age 87, a resident of Los Lunas, NM, passed away peacefully at his home on Tuesday, August 16, 2016. He loved his garden, yard work, fishing, and hunting. John retired from JR Hale construction. He was a proud veteran of World War II "He held his head to Jesus and he stood for Uncle Sam." John was a very patient man, the last few days he talked to his brothers, sisters, and friends ready to reunite, "He was proud of what he had, said his greatest contribution is the ones you leave behind. Raised on the ways of gentle kindness, a small town southern man." He is preceded in death by his parents, Pedro and Evangelista Tafoya; sisters, Lala Beck, Erlinda Griego, and Mercy Ellis; brothers, Martin, Pete, Jesus, and Pillar Tafoya. John is survived by his Loving wife of 66 years, Lorina Tafoya; sons, Ray, Michael and wife, Debbie, John Jr. and wife, Cindy, Leroy, and Stanly Tafoya; daughter, Eileen Reed; special granddaughter and caretaker, Jennifer Gonzales and husband, Jimmy; and sister, Angie Jone. He is also survived by many Loving grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and friends. All services will be held at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in Peralta, on Saturday, August 20, 2016. A Visitation will begin at 9:30 a.m., followed by a rosary to be recited at 10:30 a.m., and a funeral mass to be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. Interment will follow at San Clemente Catholic Cemetery. The family would like to give a special thank you to all his

Ambercare nurses, aides, caregivers, and Dr. Aragon. In lieu of flowers please make donation to the Alzheimer's and Dementia Association. Please sign John's online tribute at [romerofuneralhomenm.com](http://romerofuneralhomenm.com) Romero Funeral Home, 609 N. Main St. Belen, NM.

# Cemetery Details

## San Clemente Catholic Cemetery

Los Lunas, NM 87031

# Previous Events

## Public Visitation

AUG 20. 9:30 AM (MT)

Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church  
3674 Highway 47  
Peralta, NM 87042

## Rosary

AUG 20. 10:30 AM (MT)

Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church  
3674 Highway 47  
Peralta, NM 87042

## Funeral Mass

AUG 20. 11:00 AM (MT)

Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church  
3674 Highway 47  
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# Tribute Wall

DT

“ Jonh welcomed me into his life and family with his whole heart. The camping/fishing trips we all took together will never be forgotten. He would stay out at the lake for hours rain or shine with his tobacco and special libation until he caught the "Big One". He will be missed. Until we meet again Bro!  
Debbie Tafoya



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**Debbie Tafoya** - August 21, 2016 at 11:37 AM

JA

“ I will always remember the camping and fishing, we all did when we were younger . And now uncle Johnny , you are now with my Dad. God Bless the ones who are left behind. But it's only for a while...

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**Josephine Archuleta** - August 20, 2016 at 12:48 PM



“ I'm going to miss our daily fights 😭



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**Jennifer Gonzales** - August 20, 2016 at 04:17 AM

AF

“ Arnold Aragon Jr. & Family lit a candle in memory of John P. Tafoya



Arnold Aragon Jr. & Family - August 19, 2016 at 08:44 PM

ES

“ Esther lit a candle in memory of John P. Tafoya



Esther - August 19, 2016 at 01:11 PM

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“ Cresencio, Josephine, Leandra,Andy Arago lit a candle in memory of John P. Tafoya



Cresencio, Josephine, Leandra,Andy Arago - August 18, 2016 at 05:42 PM

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Cresencio, Josephine, Leandra,Andy Arago - August 18, 2016 at 05:34 PM



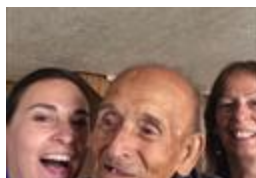
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Jennifer Gonzales - August 18, 2016 at 05:26 PM



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Jennifer Gonzales - August 18, 2016 at 04:58 PM



“ Dicky And Suzanne Romero lit a candle in memory of John P. Tafoya



Dicky and Suzanne Romero - August 18, 2016 at 10:44 AM

FG

“ So sorry to hear about your loss. Our thought and prayers are with you and your family.  
*Frank, Frances and family.*



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**Frank and Frances Garcia** - August 18, 2016 at 10:35 AM

ES

“ So sorry for your loss Tafoya family.



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**Eric and Lori Silva** - August 17, 2016 at 10:13 PM

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“ Arnold & Ada Aragon & Family lit a candle in memory of John P. Tafoya



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**Arnold & Ada Aragon & Family** - August 17, 2016 at 07:04 PM