

Joseph "Joe" Aragon

September 30, 1926 - March 23, 2014

1926-2014

Joseph "Joe" Aragon, age 87, a resident of Belen, NM passed away on Sunday, March 23, 2014. He was a member of Our Lady of Belen Catholic Church where he participated as a Lector and was a homebound Eucharistic Minister. Joe proudly served his country in the United States Air Force. He taught at Los Lunas High School for 35 years. Joe taught English, Drama, Speech and Debate. He was also a local car salesman. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 53 years, Beatrice Sanchez Aragon; and parents, Telesfor and Leduvina Aragon. Joe is survived by his loving children, Anna and husband, Richard Espinoza, Kenny Aragon, Robert and wife, Sharon Aragon, Rick Aragon, Lorraine and husband, Andres Silva, Marty and wife, Yvonne Aragon, Susan and husband, Kenny Peter and Darleen Aragon and husband, Reggie Chavez; 13 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and one brother, John S. Aragon. A Viewing will be held at Our Lady of Belen Catholic Church on Wednesday, March 26, at 5:00 p.m. with a Rosary to be recited at 6:00 p.m. A Final Visitation will be held at Our Lady of Belen Catholic Church on Thursday, March 27, at 9:30 a.m. with a Funeral Mass to be celebrated at 10:00 a.m. with Father Stephen Schultz presiding. Interment will be held at Our Lady of Belen Memorial Gardens. Pallbearers will be Chris Crosby, Dominic and Martin Aragon, Tony and Brendan Wilson and Tim Montoya. Sign Joe's online tribute at www.romerofuneralhomenm.com Romero Funeral Home, 609 N. Main Street, Belen, NM 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

MAR 26. 5:00 PM (MT)

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Rosary

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Final Viewing

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Funeral Mass

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

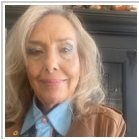
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Tribute Wall

MA

“ *Mr. Aragon was my speech and English teacher in 1959 and 1960, and was an energetic and knowledgeable man. I loved the class. And, he bent school rules to make it possible for my husband to graduate from high school. For that he showed moral courage. I enjoyed being a colleague with him at LLHS, and believed that his reading program made readers out of non-readers. Thank you Mr. Aragon for giving your life to us all.*

Marjorie - April 06, 2014 at 11:05 PM



“ *Mr Aragon was my teacher in the 60's...I remember him as a kind man who expected the best from his students, but was always fair with us. My prayers go out to his family.*

Pam Orcutt - April 04, 2014 at 06:29 PM

 Mary Pearson

“ *I am so very sorry for your loss. Your family is in my prayers.
.....Mary Rhoades Pearson*

Mary Pearson - April 04, 2014 at 12:49 PM

MM

“ *My deep condolence to Mr. Aragon's family. He was a great teacher. I was class of 1960. He will be greatly missed. May he rest in peace!*

Margaret Otero Moya - April 01, 2014 at 11:09 AM

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JE

“ *Jen lit a candle in memory of Joseph "Joe" Aragon*



jen - March 28, 2014 at 09:53 PM

JC

“ *Mr. Aragon, my favorite teacher at Los Lunas High School "Class of 64". I was new to the area, new to the town, new to the school. Mr. Aragon helped to make me a part of it all. He encouraged me to write down my thoughts, dreams and hopes for my future. Journaling is still a big part of my life today. Mr. Aragon gave me the courage to get in front of my peers and express who I was. That skill has helped me countless times in my journey. Oh Mr Aragon, I've thought of you often through the years. Thank You for being a great mentor and teacher.*
Your grateful student,
Jean "Nephew" Chavez

Jean Chavez - March 28, 2014 at 04:42 PM

JL

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Jessica Lucero - March 28, 2014 at 02:17 PM

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SG

“ Mr. Aragon was someone who encouraged, who inspired and thought first of you. He gave me an opportunity to record a song he truly loved, "I'm Your Mother." The CD recording I sung on with two musician friends I placed in his home mailbox in the last month, but little did I know he was physically failing because he never let anyone know--he thought of you first. His daughter Anna was my classmate at St. Mary's Elementary School and Belen High School and I truly can see she was one who made childhood happy. His brother John also was a giver and in this case, a giver of opportunities. I remember Mr. Aragon's wife when I was a child and she was so beautiful. So when I heard Mr. Aragon had passed due to a heart attack, I thought about my mom who also passed due to a heart attack. Both were givers from their heart--both wore their giving hearts out in this physical world. Both I know are in Heaven with their true Father who gave them both the gift of giving much. Thank you Mr. Aragon for what you gave to me which can never be replaced--your time, your love of music, your caring. Look from Heaven at my next project to sing and set to music another song you presented to me, "La Paloma." It will be dedicated to you.
Susanna Gilbert

Susanna Gilbert - March 27, 2014 at 09:49 PM

MA

“ I knew Joe when I was a kid, teenager, young adult and as a older adult. I waited on Joe many times over the years at our family store. I never heard Joe say a negative word about anything or anyone.

In Memory of Your Dad, when the joys are still remembered but the sorrow has quietly gone, there will always be a special place in the heart where love lives on.

May your special memories be a comfort to you at this time.

My loving thoughts are with you in the loss of Joe.

*God Bless You,
Mark Peter*

Mark - March 27, 2014 at 10:02 AM

RM

“ Joe was my favorite teacher at Los Lunas High when I attended 1962-65. I had him for Speech/Drama for 3 years and Junior English. He was a great influence on me because of his enthusiasm and dedication to kids. As a result, I studied speech, drama, and English in college and became his teaching colleague at LLHS for many years before he retired.

A lot of us guys in high school admired him because he sold cars and knew everything about them. Many times he would drive a different kind of "cool" car to school everyday. My love of cars and, particularly Fords, are due to him.

His many students will always remember him as one of the few teachers who could make any topic interesting and fun to learn. I also was privileged to work with his son, Richard, from time to time at LLHS.

I'm sure he will be greatly missed by his large family and many friends. Joe always had smile on his face and a good word to say to everyone. He left us better than he found us. Godspeed, Joe!

RJ Mirabal

RJ Mirabal - March 25, 2014 at 12:55 PM

OR

“ Dear Family,

Once more we have lost a loved one to the eternal garden. He was a truly good human being and teacher. He was a student of life, a man blessed with a "golden tongue" who surely asked, " Is it a small thing to have enjoyed the sun, to have lived light in the spring, to have loved, to have thought, to have done and to have had true friends and family?" No, it was a big blessing, he would have said, for he loved us all.



He is now together with the love of his life, Beatrice, where they walk hand-in-hand.

Our sincere condolences on behalf of our family. May time bring you some comfort.

Your primos,

Oscar & Sue Ramirez

Oscar S. Ramirez - March 24, 2014 at 07:39 PM

DC

My deepest, heartfelt condolence to Joe's family. Joe will be dearly missed by his children and grandchildren and also his many friends. Joe was very involved with the Church and that kept him pretty busy. Joe must have been very proud of his daughter Darleen who won in the recent city election.

Joe was a great Master of Ceremonies ! He spoke very well and joked and made people laugh at these meetings. He was MC for our 1943 Class Reunions and also for our Family Reunions. Yes, he will be missed.

Dylia (Dee) Castillo - March 24, 2014 at 10:56 PM

AV

Oh my Darleen I don't know where to begin nor where to end but some where in there we became friends. I never met your father but he raised a great daughter. I'm sure he is with our Father in heaven and probably visiting with my dad saying how nice to meet you. I cannot find words to console you because there are none only God can fill the emptiness in your heart. I wish I would have met your father but he was always such a busy bee, kind of like you. May your days ahead be filled with those wonderful memories of your dad. This is his prayer for you from heaven I am sure. May the dear Lord bless you and keep you safe till we meet again.

Audrey Vallejos - March 27, 2014 at 11:31 AM