



## Josie A. Bustamante

February 11, 1927 - September 16, 2018

1927-2018

Josie Bustamante passed away peacefully on September 16, 2018, at her home in Belen, NM, surrounded by her loving family. She lived a long, productive life but the years weighed heavy and, tired, she was ready to go to her rest. Josie is survived by her husband of almost 71 years, Onesimo Bustamante, six children; Michael (Cheryl), Margaret (Tim), Veronica, Clara (Greg), Edward and Richard. Josie spent many years being a loving and instructive presence for her ten grandchildren; Nichole, Carlos, Antonia, Mercedes, Ana, Dimitri, Vincent, Michael, Sam and Gloria, all of whom will miss their grandma deeply. She was sorry she could not spend a little more time with her great-grandchildren; Kamrynn, Dylan, Lola, Decca, her namesake Josie, Asher and Zachary. Josie was born Antonia Josefa Griego in Sena, NM, one of ten children who survived to adulthood. She was the last of her siblings to pass away. Her Griego ancestors traced their roots in New Mexico to the Onate expedition of 1598. Possessed of a deep native intelligence, she loved going to school as a youngster. Unfortunately, because of family obligations and prevalent social norms, she was not allowed to continue her formal education as she wanted, a circumstance she felt and regretted her entire life. By any measure, however, Josie led a resoundingly successful life of service to her family, church and community. (And she took the occasional trip to Europe and Guatemala.) Josie instilled a love of

education and learning in her own children and made sure they all had the opportunity and will to go as far as they wished. All of her children finished post-secondary degrees. A fierce protector of her family, she was also not afraid to point out when one of us went astray. She was a long time member of the Franciscan Third Order while living in Grants, NM, and she spent countless hours volunteering at the church and the parish school. Displaying an unmatched work ethic, Josie worked alongside Onesimo for 30 years at their service station in Grants. Her home was always spotless. (Her devotion to vacuuming bred a loathing of vacuum cleaners in more than one of her children.) Josie was a great cook; her tortillas and chile were “to die for.” She was a skilled seamstress and loved to crochet. In retirement she and Onesimo dedicated themselves to gardening, their grandchildren and keeping up with the news. Josie had a wonderful memory and acted as the extended family’s oral historian. Her passing leaves a void that will not be filled. The family extends its gratitude to the hospice personnel and daily caregivers who eased her last days. A particular thank you is extended to Mario, her Eucharistic minister, who brought the Blessed Sacrament to Josie at her home for almost two years. All Services will take place on Thursday, September 20, 2018, at Our Lady of Belen Catholic Church, beginning with a Public Viewing at 9:00 AM, a Rosary to be recited at 10:00 AM and a Funeral Mass at 10:30 AM. Interment will take place immediately following at Our Lady of Belen Memorial Gardens. Please sign Josie’s online tribute at [www.romerofuneralhomenm.com](http://www.romerofuneralhomenm.com) Romero Funeral Home, 609 N. Main St. Belen, NM

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 20. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (MT)

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

## Rosary

SEP 20. 10:00 AM (MT)

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## Funeral Mass

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## Interment

SEP 20. 11:30 AM (MT)

Our Lady of Belen Memorial Gardens  
101 N. 10th Street  
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# Tribute Wall

MA

“ *My thoughts and prayers go out to all the family. I remember your mother with great fondness. My mom and dad both thought highly of her. She worked along side my mom, Trini Rodriguez fulfilling their loving duties as a Third Order Franciscan. I am saddened at her passing, but I know with all my heart that my mom and dad, Victorio Rodriguez were among those waiting with open arms welcoming her to heaven. My prayers are with you.*



*Sincerely,*

*Mary Jane (Rodriguez) Aldridge*

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**maria aldrige** - September 30, 2018 at 09:47 AM

BJ

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**Bob Gloria Estes/Capri Jewelers** - September 19, 2018 at 10:11 PM

BJ

*Our Prayers with Sympathy to all the Bustament Family, Josie worked for us at Capri Jewelers in Grants, NM her smile always made a sale! Beautiful Woman!  
Bob/Gloria Estes*

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**Bob Gloria Estes/Capri Jewelers** - September 19, 2018 at 10:16 PM

BJ

*God bless the Bustamante family. Clara my heart is with you. I am so sorry. She was a beautiful lady, almost a 2nd mother to me. My Sympathy and prayers are with you all. May she rest in Peace.*

**Barbara Jaure** - September 26, 2018 at 05:17 PM

BM

“ *Blanche and Melissa Morgan purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Josie A. Bustamante.*



**Blanche and Melissa Morgan** - September 19, 2018 at 07:36 PM

JJ

“ *Julie and Cheri Jeanne purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Josie A. Bustamante.*



**Julie and Cheri Jeanne** - September 19, 2018 at 03:31 PM

FB

“ *Family of Phil Bustamante purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Josie A. Bustamante.*



**Family of Phil Bustamante** - September 19, 2018 at 11:11 AM

TL

“ Sincere condolences to Mike & family, his father and his siblings from Tom and Tzivia Lutz

Tzivia Lutz - September 19, 2018 at 08:46 AM



LaDonna Giron

“ LaDonna Giron lit a candle in memory of Josie A. Bustamante



LaDonna Giron - September 18, 2018 at 11:24 PM



LaDonna Giron

“ Rest in peace with the angels and saints. Gloria and I prayed a rosary for you. You were a sweet grandma to Gloria. - LaDonna Giron

LaDonna Giron - September 18, 2018 at 11:23 PM

ME

“ Matthew and Annette Elwell purchased the Full O f Love Bouquet for the family of Josie A. Bustamante.



Matthew and Annette Elwell - September 18, 2018 at 02:43 PM

NG

“ Aunt Josie was the last of my father's siblings to pass away. I'll always remember her as a loving and caring "Tia." She always remembered my birthday. In fact, she called me on my 60th birthday. We will miss her !! To mi tio and my cousins, my deepest sympathies. Let me know if I can help in any way.

*Nestor Griego  
Grants, NM*

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**Nestor Griego** - September 18, 2018 at 01:34 PM

GG

“ Gil and Connie Griego purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Josie A. Bustamante.



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**Gil and Connie Griego** - September 18, 2018 at 12:21 PM

FI

“ From your friends at Bohannon Huston, Inc. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Josie A. Bustamante.



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**From your friends at Bohannon Huston, Inc.** - September 18, 2018 at 11:15 AM

LF

“ *Love, Veronica, Kelley, Kathy and family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Josie A. Bustamante.*



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**Love, Veronica, Kelley, Kathy and family** - September 17, 2018 at 09:53 PM

LG

“ *Liz Gonzalez lit a candle in memory of Josie A. Bustamante*



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**Liz Gonzalez** - September 17, 2018 at 07:33 PM

DR

“ *Dicky And Suzanne Romero lit a candle in memory of Josie A. Bustamante*



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**Dicky and Suzanne Romero** - September 17, 2018 at 02:14 PM

EB

“ *Onesimo and Family*

*I was saddened yesterday upon hearing of Josie's passing. I remember the visits I would make to see Josie and Onesimo. She would always prepare a meal or a snack before I would leave. Dealing with declining health my travels have been very limited and was unable to continue our visits. Josie is once again reunited with friends and family that have passed away before her. You are at rest now.*

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**E Pete Bustamante** - September 17, 2018 at 12:40 PM