



Juan M. Chavez

December 18, 1926 - January 7, 2016

1926-2016

Juan M. Chavez, age 89, a resident of Belen, NM, born on December 18, 1926 to Leandro and Felicitas (Marquez) Chavez. He lived all of his life in the Belen area. Juan served in World War II, in the 137th Glider Infantry Regiment and served in the Korean War. He was a paratrooper for the Army. Juan received the World War II Victor Medal and the Purple Heart Medal. He continued to work in the Civil Services at Kirkland Air Forces. He married the love of his life Maria Fila Chavez on November 28, 1953, and was blessed with 10 children. He is preceded in death by his parents, one brother, two sisters, and loving son, Martin Chavez. Juan is survived by his loving wife of 62 years, Maria Fila Chavez; children, Darlene Kilmer (Tom) of Ft. Collins, CO, John Chavez of Belen, NM, Barbara Zamora (Benny) of Bosque Farms, NM, Frank Chavez of Ft. Collins, CO, Michael Chavez (Shirley) of Loveland, CO, Sharon Garcia of Albuquerque, NM, Danny Chavez of Belen, NM, Ruth Pino (Albert) of Albuquerque, NM, and Dorothy Lynn Salazar (Raymond) of Los Lunas, NM; brothers, Juan and Arthur Chavez (Erlinda) of Belen, NM; 18 grandchildren; and 16 great grandchildren. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews. Juan also has a special niece, Mary Anthony Trujillo of Washington, DC, and special nephew, Raymond Sanchez (Claudita) of Albuquerque, NM. His family has been his greatest legacy. All services will be held at Our Lady of Belen Catholic Church on Monday, January 11, 2016. A viewing will begin at 9:30 a.m., with 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 Our Lady of Belen Memorial Gardens. Please sign Juan's online tribute at 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

JAN 11. 9:30 AM (MT)

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

Rosary

JAN 11. 10:30 AM (MT)

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Funeral Mass

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Tribute Wall

MB

“ Mike Brophy sent a virtual gift in memory of Juan M. Chavez



Mike Brophy - January 28, 2016 at 09:17 PM

T(

“ I am so sorry to just be hearing about this. My deepest condolences to the family. I loved Mr Chavez he was always like a dad to me/ My heart and prayers go out to the family.



~Tina Reano (Padilla)

Tina Reano (Padilla) - January 12, 2016 at 05:02 AM

 Juliette Miles

“ Sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Juliette and Jeff Miles and family.

Juliette Miles - January 11, 2016 at 10:08 AM

AF

“ Thinking and praying for you in this difficult time, Wish we could be there.. big hugs from Colorado. Ambriz Family



Ambriz Family - January 10, 2016 at 09:37 PM

TF

“ Thinking and praying for you in this difficult time, Wish we could be there. Big hugs from Colorado



The Ambriz Family - January 10, 2016 at 09:33 PM

RC

“ Aunt Fila and family,

I am praying and thinking of all of you during this time of loss. I have many memories as a little girl visiting New Mexico with Grandma and Grandpa Sedillo and enjoying Juan and his stories. My family was so grateful to be able to visit several years ago and enjoy Uncle Juan, Aunt Fila and family again. Love you and God Bless you during this difficult time.



Love,

Rose Sedillo Canter and Family

Rose Canter - January 10, 2016 at 06:19 PM

BD

Auntie and family I am so sorry for your loss. Uncle will be missed by many. I am so glad I got to visit with him last year. I will always remember his sense of humor. He never failed to make me smile. You are all in my heart and prayers. Love, Barbara Avila-Doyle & family.

Barbara Doyle - January 11, 2016 at 12:48 AM

PS

“ *May the Good Lord Bless Juan and all his family he was always so good to me and I have many fond memories of him , may he rest in peace God Bless, Paul and Arlene Sedillo*

Paul Sedillo - January 10, 2016 at 02:15 PM

DR

“ *Dicky And Suzanne Romero lit a candle in memory of Juan M. Chavez*



Dicky and Suzanne Romero - January 10, 2016 at 01:18 PM

KH

“ *Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family in this time of loss.*

Karen Hucke and Family.



karen hucke - January 10, 2016 at 08:11 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Juan M. Chavez.*



January 09, 2016 at 10:44 PM

DW

“ Sharon, Mary, Michael & Family,

Our thought and prayers are with you all from the East Coast.

*Fondly,
D.J., Judy & Danny Wright*



D.J. Wright - January 09, 2016 at 06:06 PM

M.

“ Mary .Encinias lit a candle in memory of Juan M. Chavez



Mary .Encinias - January 09, 2016 at 11:22 AM

SG

“ Sharon A. Garcia lit a candle in memory of Juan M. Chavez



Sharon A. Garcia - January 08, 2016 at 11:51 PM



“ Rosalinda Ortiz sent a virtual gift in memory of Juan M. Chavez



Rosalinda Ortiz - January 08, 2016 at 03:28 PM

DA

On behalf of the Aragon family our deepest condolences to the Chavez Family. May Juan rest in peace Our hearts go out to you in your time of sorrow.Debbie Aragon & family.

Debbie Aragon - January 10, 2016 at 08:00 PM

FC

TO my Father I will miss you but I know allmighty God has called you home, you will all ways be on my Heart I know it is only temporary for I will see you again your weaping Soul is at Peace no pain no sorrow a precious smile new legs healthy body,a joyous laugh,with family but joyfully waiting for your beautiful wife who prayed continues for your salvation and Happiness dad say hi to Gramma,Grampa,Martin freinds and family tell Jesus we all love him ,thank him for loving us and Dying on the cross for our Salvation your son Francisco Leondro Chavez

FRANK LLOYD CHAVEZ - January 25, 2016 at 10:51 PM