



Juanito "Johnnie" Otero

June 1, 1929 - November 1, 2015

1929-2015

Juanito "Johnnie" Otero, age 86, a resident of Peralta, passed away peacefully in the early morning hours on Sunday, November 1, 2015. He was born June 1, 1929, to Manuel and Josefita (Moya) Otero. Johnnie was a member of the Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in Peralta. He worked for the BNSF railroad for 42 years as an electrician, and owned and operated Johnnie's TV & Radio Repair shop in Peralta for several years. Johnnie enjoyed playing golf, doing the word search puzzle in the daily newspaper, fixing televisions and radios, listening to country western albums and watching old western movies. He was an avid San Francisco 49er's fan, but most of all loved spending time with his family. Johnnie is preceded in death by his parents, Manuel and Josefita (Moya) Otero; his brothers, Alferes, Flavio, and Avilio Otero; and brother-in-law, Manuel Toledo. He is survived by his loving wife of 63 years, Maggie Gurule Otero; children, Sofie Granger, Michael Otero and wife, Dianna, Donna Humbard, Steven Otero and wife, Karen, and Elaine Otero; grandchildren, Annette Torres, Shanna Byers and husband, Joe, Shawn Otero, Roxanne Sanchez, Stacey Otero-Rohlfshagen and husband, Shane, Brett Humbard, John Robert Granger and fiancée, Lela, Tyler Casias, and Dylan Jordan; brother, Abelino (Nino) Otero; sister-in-law, Edna Otero; and very close niece who was like a daughter, Gloria Candelaria and husband, Paul. Johnnie is also survived by many great grandchildren,

great-great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and friends. All services will be held at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in Peralta. A viewing will begin at 5:30 p.m., on Wednesday, November 4th, with a rosary to be recited at 6:30 p.m. A final viewing will begin at 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, November 5th, with a funeral mass to be celebrated at 10:00 a.m. Interment will follow at Valencia Catholic Cemetery. Pallbearers are Steven Otero, Brett Humbard, John Robert Granger, Dylan Jordan, Shane Rohlfshagen, and Derek Byers. Please sign Johnnie's online tribute at www.romerofuneralhomenm.com Romero Funeral Home, 609 N. Main St. Belen, NM.

Cemetery Details

Valencia Catholic Cemetery

Peralta, NM 87042

Previous Events

Viewing

NOV 4. 5:30 PM (MT)

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

Rosary

NOV 4. 6:30 PM (MT)

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Final Viewing

NOV 5. 9:30 AM (MT)

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Funeral Mass

NOV 5. 10:00 AM (MT)

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Tribute Wall

SO

“ *My dear, sweet grandpa!*

It's been 3 months today since Jesus made you an angel. Each day is hard knowing that I don't get to see your big, smiling (and good looking) face. I feel your presence every time I'm in your home, or sit on your side of the couch, and especially when I go into your room and look at your racks of CD's, your shoes, and all your little belongings. I didn't think that losing you in the physical sense would break my heart so bad, but I feel peace and comfort when you visit me in my dreams. I hope you're having an awesome time in that beautiful paradise in the sky! I miss you more than anyone could ever know, and I love you with all my heart! Until we meet again....

Stacey OTERO-Rohlfshagen - February 01, 2016 at 02:24 PM

RO

“ *Maggie and children, my deepest condolences go out to all of you at this time of your great loss. My prayers and love to all of you and may God keep you close at this time. Rosemary Zamora*

Rosemary - November 16, 2015 at 08:09 PM

DC

“ *Maggie and family,*

I am so sorry for your loss! My deepest condolences go out to all of you. I pray God embraces you extra tight as you go through this sad time.

Diane Chávez

Diane Chávez - November 16, 2015 at 02:18 PM

ST

“ Steve&magdalensanchez lit a candle in memory of Juanito "Johnnie" Otero



steve&magdalensanchez - November 05, 2015 at 05:23 PM

RT

“ I have many memories of Tio Johnny and Maggie..Along with Paul, Ron and Don we visited them for a golf getaway..Little did I know I had made two lifetime friends ..The golf was great but a lifetime dream was fulfilled. Johnny took me to rail yard and let me move the engine..To this day, I can still see the controls..Thanks Maggie for all the special meals you made for us..Special friends.

Rodney & Jo Ann Tanner - November 05, 2015 at 09:27 AM

NS

“ RIP Uncle Johnnie. Please say Hello to Grandpa Feres and Grandma Kika for me. My condolences and prayers to the family.

Nanette Sanchez - November 04, 2015 at 05:40 PM

CM

“ Cheryl Moya purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Juanito "Johnnie" Otero.



Cheryl Moya - November 04, 2015 at 03:29 PM



“ *Burlington Northern Santa Fe Managers purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Juanito "Johnnie" Otero.*



Burlington Northern Santa Fe Managers - November 04, 2015 at 12:13 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Juanito "Johnnie" Otero.*



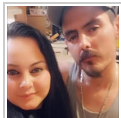
November 04, 2015 at 08:49 AM



“ *I remember going over to grandpa and grandma's wearing a cowboy's jersey and hat just to give him a hard time knowing he used to be a cowboy's fan now 49ers. He told me no no you can't wear that here took my hat and turned it inside out then said that's better and started laughing. He loved giving everyone a hard time just cause he could I'm going to miss him*



John Granger - November 03, 2015 at 09:12 PM



I'm going to miss him too!!

Shyanne Sanchez - November 03, 2015 at 11:52 PM

GC

“ Uncle Johnnie added so much to my life with his kind, generous and helpful ways.

My first memory of him was on the day he married my favorite aunt, Maggie. I initially resented him as I just knew he was going to take her away from me and she wouldn't play jacks and color with me anymore. How wrong I was. A few short years later he and Maggie allowed me to live with them and their then three little children. I was certainly no help I'm sure as I was lazy and ate more than my share yet never made me feel anything but welcomed. He had many talents and was always ready to help my daddy in all his projects or my husband with his. He teased and laughed readily and was loved and enjoyed by family and friends alike. We are all going to miss him and he will always be remembered with love. What a man! My aunt did good when she married Johnnie Otero!

gloria candelaria - November 03, 2015 at 08:11 PM

SB

“ Our family was extremely blessed by having this amazing man in our lives. My grandfather was truly one of a kind; he was a strong, hardworking, proud and courageous man, with a bit of stubbornness mixed in. As we are coming up on the Christmas holidays I wanted to share a very special memory, I will forever cherish. When we (the grandchildren) were small my grandfather worked until midnight every Christmas Eve. This meant we were not able to open any presents, not even one, until he was home. And I'm not sure if anyone remembers but my grandpa had a bumper sticker that read, 'I'm in no hurry, I'm on my way to work' well grandpa, you must have always been on your way to work. My grandfather was, let's just say a cautious driver and this was good, but not on Christmas Eve when we were anxiously waiting for him. We used to sit at the window watching intently for him to drive up and when he did we would run to the door and watch him walk in with the biggest grin on his face because he knew we were waiting just for him. We always tried our hardest to get him to sit down in his chair so we could start opening presents, but nope, grandpa had to take his bath. So there we were again sitting and watching intently at the bathroom door waiting for him to walk out. When he was finally all clean and ready, we would take pictures and open Christmas presents. Grandpa, if I only knew what it would feel like not having you around, I would leave all my Christmas presents under the tree just to have you walk through the door, you were my Christmas present, the best gift God could have ever given me; being your granddaughter. Now it is your turn to look out heaven's window and watch and wait intently for every one of us. This is not goodbye, never goodbye, you will be with me always, until I see you again....I love you grandpa with all my heart, your look-a-like, only with blue eyes and not brown, Shanna

Shanna Byers - November 03, 2015 at 06:15 PM



I too remember those Christmases, I think it kinda taught us patience, whether we wanted or not

Roxann Sanchez - November 04, 2015 at 10:27 AM



Stacey
Otero-

Those are the best memories we made as kids.

Stacey Otero-Rohlf - November 05, 2015 at 06:51 PM

JB

“ *This is a very deep loss for my wife Shanna, her family, our children and me. My heart swelters at the thought of losing Grandpa Otero. Being an in-law I came into the family not sure what to expect. For Many years I call Grandpa Otero; Mr. Otero. This was out of pure and simple respect. After a years, I walked in one day and I called him Grandpa. He looked at me and said, "Grandpa?" I apologized immediate. He looked at me and started laughing and he told me, "Joe; you can call me Grandpa" and he smiled. What a lot f people don't know is my nick-name is Bobby and that is what most of the family calls me; but not Grandpa. He told me, "No, you look more like a Joe."*

Grandpa Otero was a strong, brave and intelligent man. I loved to sit and just talk with him. Me, my wife (Shanna) and my family shared many treasured times with Grandpa and the rest of the family. I know my life is much richer for having known him.

*Lo Siento Mucho,
Joe Byers*

Joe Byers - November 03, 2015 at 01:52 PM

DR

“ *Dicky And Suzanne Romero lit a candle in memory of Juanito "Johnnie" Otero*



Dicky and Suzanne Romero - November 03, 2015 at 09:46 AM

RT

“ Richard and Rosemary Toledo purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Juanito "Johnnie" Otero.



Richard and Rosemary Toledo - November 02, 2015 at 10:07 PM

RT

“ Johnny was a man of many talents. He could do almost anything. I remember that my father depended on him to handle many of his construction projects from work in Chama to rebuilding his home in Peralta. Johnny helped my dad when he was building apartments in Albuquerque and continued to work with him for years after. Johnny and Maggie built the house that they currently own and it looks as good today as the day they finished construction. Both of them working together were able to build their home for about \$5000.00. They made their own adobes and with Johnnies guidance they did everything themselves. This was the home where they raised their family and even their grandchildren. Through the years, it became a gathering place for family and friends. Johnny was a dedicated and loyal husband, father employee and friend. He was truly the head of his family and in todays world, young married couples could benifit from his example. The world was a better place because of Johnny and he will be missed.

Richard Toledo

Richard Toledo - November 02, 2015 at 08:54 PM