



## Kenneth H. Simonton

May 2, 1937 - February 7, 2023

Kenneth “Kenny” H. Simonton, age 85, a resident of Veguita, NM, passed away on February 7, 2023, after a lengthy battle with COPD. A Celebration of Life will be held on Friday, February 17, 2023, at the Belen Recreation Center at 3:00 p.m. He was born on May 2, 1937, to Odis and Vergie Kemper Simonton in Dalhart, TX. Kenny joined the United States Army in 1961 and served until 1966. He then went to work for BNSF Railway from 1964 to 1997, having retired after 33 years of service. In 1957, Kenny met the love of his life, Carol Butler, and the two were wed on December 27, 1960. They were blessed with their daughter, La Von Da Chevere, who brought them a lifetime of happiness. Kenny retired in 1997, and enjoyed living in the country and tending to his land. He is preceded in death by his parents; and daughter, who recently passed away on April 23, 2022. Kenny is survived by his loving wife, Carol Simonton; sister-in-law, Earlene Clark; nephews, Joel, Mark, and Darrel Bone; niece, Arlene Davis (Darrel); and great niece and nephew, Sunny and Justin McAdams. Please sign Kenny’s online tribute at [www.romerofuneralhome.com](http://www.romerofuneralhome.com) Romero Funeral Home, 609 N. Main St., Belen, NM.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

FEB 17. 3:00 PM (MT)

Belen Recreation Center  
305 Eagle Ln.  
Belen, NM 87002

# Tribute Wall

ML

“ Kenny was always a pleasure to work with, competent, hard working and pleasant to work with,

*MT Lee*

MT Lee - February 22, 2023 at 09:42 PM

BH

“ We were all neighbors in Veguita, we hardly visit, but I knew Kenny from my time at The Bank of Belen - a gentleman and a hard worker. RIP dear.

Belinda J Hadley - February 21, 2023 at 02:41 PM

GM

“ So Sorry to hear of Kenny's passing. My condolences to the family. May he rest in peace! My nickname was Gary Ray! Gary Montoya



Gary Montoya - February 17, 2023 at 09:01 PM

GB

“ Carol, so sorry for your losses. I didn't know Vonnie had passed, also. My deepest condolences. I saw Kenny at Larry's memorial 12/2018. They are walking on those streets of gold!!

*Gloria Boliver* 📍

gloria boliver - February 17, 2023 at 07:04 PM

GE

“ Sorry to hear of Kenny's passing. I worked with Kenny for many years at the railroad. He always had a nick name for many of his fellow workers. He will always be remembered.

Gary Elkins

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**Gary L Elkins** - February 17, 2023 at 02:08 PM

JE

So sorry for your loss Carol, of both Kenny and LaVonda. I met Kenny right after Jim and I married in 1979. I have fond memories of the visits and things Jim and I did with Kenny and Carol.

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**Jim and Roby Elson** - February 20, 2023 at 12:58 PM

DB

“ So sorry for your loss.

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**D Bailey** - February 17, 2023 at 05:49 AM

MR

“ Kenny was one of my favorites a pleasure to work with, good at his job but always kept it light hearted and fun. Kenny was a good guy that I will always have fond memories of.

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**Mickey Rogers** - February 16, 2023 at 11:27 PM