



## Lawrence I. Chavez

July 13, 1932 - April 30, 2024

Lawrence I Chàvez, age 91, a resident of Belen, NM, passed away on April 30, 2024. Services will take place at Our Lady of Belen Catholic Church on Wednesday, May 15, 2024, beginning with a Visitation at 11:00 a.m., followed by a Rosary at 12:00 p.m. with a Funeral Mass to be celebrated at 12:30 p.m. Interment will follow at Our Lady of Belen Memorial Gardens. He is survived by his loving wife, Mary Chàvez; three children, Randy Castillo (Marie), Carolyn Castillo, and Evelyn Brower (Richard); grandchildren, Emily, Elisa, Andrea, Darlene, Jessica, Julie, Jerrin, Kimberly, Richard, Carlos, Kimi, and Lisa, who will all miss their Pop; 15 great-grandchildren; brother, Bill Chàvez (Meta); and many nieces and nephews. Lawrence is preceded in death by his parents, Felix and Ruby King Chàvez; son, Patrick Castillo; and siblings, Frank, Joe, Tommy, and Robert Chàvez and Theresa Toledo. He was a lifelong member of Our Lady of Belen Catholic Church, the VFW, DAV, Elks, and an honorary member of the Knights of Columbus. Lawrence was a Korean War Veteran. He is well known in Belen for starting the Belen Flea Market at ALCO's and later moving it to Hwy 314. Pallbearers will be Elisa and Emily Ashford, Richard Castillo, Darlene Lopez, Andrea Tyson, Kimberly Gallegos, and Carlos Archuleta. Please sign Lawrence's online tribute at [www.romerofuneralhomenm.com](http://www.romerofuneralhomenm.com) Romero Funeral Home, 609 N. Main St., Belen, NM.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 15. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (MT)

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

## Rosary

MAY 15. 12:00 PM - 12:30 PM (MT)

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

## Funeral Mass

MAY 15. 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM (MT)

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

## Interment

MAY 15. 1:30 PM (MT)

Our Lady of Belen Memorial Gardens  
101 N. 10th Street  
Belen, NM 87002

# Tribute Wall

AB

“ *Mary & family...We are so sorry to hear of Lawrence's passing. Praying for all of you, that God will bless you with peace & comfort.* 🙏🙏



*Milton & Annabelle Barela*



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**Annabelle Barela** - May 17, 2024 at 10:38 PM

AS

“ *Arlene Sedillo*  
*Arlene Sedillo*



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**Arlene Sedillo** - May 14, 2024 at 07:21 PM

TS

“ *Dearest Honey, Randy and family. We consider ourselves blessed to have had the pleasure of knowing your husband, dad and grandpa. He was always so nice and interesting to talk to and always very hospitable when you visited him at his home. May the Lord bring you peace and comfort during this time and in the months and years to come that he lived a full life touching so many lives of his family, friends and even acquaintances . Our sincerest condolences- Tarcie and Julian Serrano*

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**tarcilla serrano** - May 13, 2024 at 05:28 PM

CE

“ *Charles Eaton lit a candle in memory of Lawrence I. Chavez*



Charles Eaton - May 10, 2024 at 04:32 PM

RB

“ *Mary and family, I am so sorry to hear about Lawrence's death. My prayers are with all of you during this difficult time.*

Ruth Chavez Baca - May 10, 2024 at 03:27 PM

RG

“ *Chavez and Castillo Family. Mary and family. I Am So sorry to hear of Lawrence's passing. May his soul and the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. Let perpetual light shine upon them.*

*Agnes Sanchez Garcia*

Rose Agnes Garcia - May 10, 2024 at 11:35 AM

SA

“ *Shirley Aragon lit a candle in memory of Lawrence I. Chavez*



Shirley Aragon - May 10, 2024 at 08:36 AM

AS

*Our deepest sympathies  
Alfonso and Cynthia Sanchez y familia, Las Cruces*

alfonso sanchez - May 14, 2024 at 08:23 PM

RG

“ *May he rest in peace.*

*Always,  
Richard and Patricia Garcia*



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**Richard and Patricia Garcia** - May 09, 2024 at 09:52 AM

SC

“ *Uncle Lawrence brought so much joy into my life, and his infectious smile will forever stay in my memories. He was always filled with happiness, and his presence will be greatly missed by everyone who knew and loved him.*

*All my love.*

*Sherry*



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**Sherry Chavez** - May 09, 2024 at 12:24 AM

RA

“ *Rita C Aragon lit a candle in memory of Lawrence I. Chavez*



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**Rita C Aragon** - May 08, 2024 at 08:02 PM

EW

“ Tom and I are so sorry for your loss



Edeina Weathersby - May 08, 2024 at 12:45 PM

EH

“ Eva Hohue lit a candle in memory of  
Lawrence I. Chavez



Eva Hohue - May 07, 2024 at 10:18 PM

DR

“ Debbie Romero lit a candle in memory of  
Lawrence I. Chavez



Debbie Romero - May 07, 2024 at 07:19 PM

BR

“ My condolences to the Castillo Family.



Barbara Rodriguez - May 07, 2024 at 04:20 PM



“ *My condolences to Mary and all the family.  
May Lawrence Rest in Paradise in the arms  
of our Lord.*



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**Lorraine Marquez** - May 07, 2024 at 03:58 PM



“ *Glen & Mary Gabaldon lit a candle in memory  
of Lawrence I. Chavez*



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**Glen & Mary Gabaldon** - May 07, 2024 at 11:22 AM



“ *Max Y Rosemarie Cordova sent a virtual gift in  
memory of Lawrence I. Chavez*



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**Max y Rosemarie Cordova** - May 07, 2024 at 11:22 AM



“ *Donald & Cathy sent a virtual gift in memory of  
Lawrence I. Chavez*



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**Donald & Cathy** - May 07, 2024 at 11:05 AM

RM

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. Condolences to all family and friends. May you are in my prayers 🙏.



REBECCA MARTINEZ - May 07, 2024 at 10:56 AM

RA

“ Rudy & Evelyn Archuleta lit a candle in memory of Lawrence I. Chavez



Rudy & Evelyn Archuleta - May 07, 2024 at 01:07 AM

VG

“ Viola Gabaldon lit a candle in memory of Lawrence I. Chavez



Viola Gabaldon - May 06, 2024 at 11:08 PM

CE

“ Charles Eaton lit a candle in memory of Lawrence I. Chavez



Charles Eaton - May 06, 2024 at 09:25 PM

MK

“ *Marilyn And Robert Kaneshiro lit a candle in memory of Lawrence I. Chavez*



Marilyn and Robert Kaneshiro - May 06, 2024 at 09:17 PM

RV

“ *Richard And Dolores Vigil lit a candle in memory of Lawrence I. Chavez*



Richard and Dolores Vigil - May 06, 2024 at 08:45 PM

MJ

“ *Chavez & Castillo Family,  
Our sincere condolences on your loss, our  
thoughts & prayers are with your family.  
Marty & Beatrice Jojola*



Marty & Beatrice Jojola - May 06, 2024 at 07:19 PM

TG

“ *Tony And Oralia Garcia lit a candle in memory of Lawrence I. Chavez*



Tony and Oralia Garcia - May 06, 2024 at 06:27 PM

LG

*Mary, Evelyn, Randy, Carolyn and Chavez Castillo families, we are truly sorry for the loss of your beloved Lawrence. He was a remarkable man with a deep love of his family and community! He will be sorely missed by all! May you find peace knowing he is with the Lord now but will always live in your hearts! Anthony and Lorraine Sachs Garcia*

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**Lorraine Sachs Garcia** - May 10, 2024 at 01:49 AM