



Lawrence Romero

November 18, 1942 - May 1, 2017

1942-2017

Lawrence Romero, age 74, a resident of Belen, NM, passed away on Monday, May 1, 2017. He was born to Joe and Beatrice Romero in Lemitar, NM.

Lawrence spent 44 years in law enforcement serving the people of Socorro County, Bernalillo County, Valencia County, the City of Belen, Torrance County and the city of Socorro. He held many ranks throughout his career including deputy, undersheriff, detective, chief and sheriff. Lawrence was elected five times as sheriff of Valencia County and ended his career in public service as a Valencia County commissioner, representing District 3. He was a member of the New Mexico Association of Police Chiefs and served as the chairman of the Regional Drug Task Force. Lawrence was the founder of the bible study for police officers, "Cops for Christ." He will be remembered for his love of service, his sense of humor, his compassion for his neighbors and his strong, enduring faith in Christ. Lawrence is preceded in death by his parents; son, Lawrence Romero Jr.; daughter, Lisa Thompson; and sister, Mary Romero. He is survived by his loving wife of 34 years, Carol Romero; son, Patrick Baldonado, and his wife Janie; son in-law, Michael Thompson; daughter, Lawren and son in-law, Lee McConnell; three grandchildren, Jessica Safley, Donovan and Dyllan Baldonado; one great-grandson, Deazel Baldonado. All services will be held at First Baptist Church of Los Chavez with Pastor Boyed Morerod officiating on Saturday, May 6, 2017, with a Visitation beginning at 9:00 a.m. and a Funeral Service at 10:00 a.m. Interment will take place at

Terrace Grove Cemetery following services. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation in tribute of Lawrence to the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research by visiting www.michaeljfox.org/tribute and searching for Lawrence Romero. Please sign Lawrence's online tribute at www.romerofuneralhomenm.com Romero Funeral Home, 609 N. Main St. Belen, NM.

Cemetery Details

Terrace Grove Cemetery

1200 W Aragon Rd
Belen, NM 87002

Previous Events

Public Visitation

MAY 6. 9:00 AM (MT)

First Baptist Church of Los Chavez
9 Los Chavez Park Loop
Belen, NM 87002

Funeral Service

MAY 6. 10:00 AM (MT)

First Baptist Church of Los Chavez
9 Los Chavez Park Loop
Belen, NM 87002

Interment

MAY 6. 11:00 AM (MT)

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Tribute Wall

JK

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Jay King - June 21, 2024 at 09:21 PM

JE

Truth. A real man of God wouldn't have covered up his son's actions.

Jennifer - December 20, 2025 at 08:17 AM

RI

“ *This man doesn't deserve all these condolences after hiding the murder of Tara calico!!!! Evil man!!!!*

riptara - December 10, 2023 at 10:59 PM

JD

“ *Sheriff Romero, you were the best Sheriff Valencia Co ever had. You were a great friend and go to person. You and Deputy Cody helped me so much with Vicki. Thank you. You are so missed. Judy Duncan*

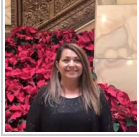


Judy Duncan - November 21, 2020 at 08:02 PM

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Jay King - June 21, 2024 at 09:18 PM



“ Carol, I am so sorry for your loss. I did not know Lawrence well, but my brother did. I had nothing but compliments for him. He said he was a very good guy to work with in the police department.
Sincerely,
Vicky

Vicky Erickson - January 30, 2019 at 08:46 PM



“ Scum bag is to blame for Tara’s disappearance

Ryan Baddgor - September 25, 2018 at 10:58 PM



I agree . This man was a dirty cop and I hope he is paying now for hiding his son’s confession to killing Tara calico. This man was EVIL!!!!

riptara - December 10, 2023 at 10:57 PM



WHERE IS TARA???

Theresa - March 12, 2025 at 09:01 PM



“ We are so sorry for your loss, but our prayers are with you and your family

michael roach - July 02, 2017 at 10:24 AM



“ Carol and family, I am so very sorry for your loss. God bless you...

Beverly Castillo - May 08, 2017 at 08:11 AM

KP

“ *Lawrence you welcomed Barbara and I so warmly, it will always be remembered. I'm sorry I couldn't be there for you and Carol, and your family, but Barbara was there representing our family.
Rest in Peace my friend, you will be missed.
With deep condolences the Peterson family*



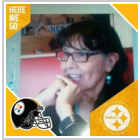
Klaus Peterson - May 06, 2017 at 12:10 PM

RC

“ *Our deepest condolences to Carol and family. Our prayers are with you.*

Ray & Pauline Chavez

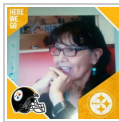
raymond chavez - May 06, 2017 at 10:17 AM



“ *Idamay Ballejos lit a candle in memory of Lawrence Romero*



Idamay Ballejos - May 05, 2017 at 01:42 PM



Rest In Peace Sheriff!!!

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GF

“ *My sincere sympathy with Lawrence's wife Carol, all his children and grandchildren, other family members and family friends. May Lawrence rest in peace.*

Geraldine Feron - May 04, 2017 at 06:34 PM



“ *May the perpetual light shine upon you always Mr. Romero ...it was indeed a pleasure to have made your acquaintance .We are so sorry to hear of the passing of your husband,healing energy from our hearts to you Carol and the family ...May your husband rest in peace .
Margie & Stl Saavedra*



Margie Solis - May 04, 2017 at 03:19 PM

DS

“ *God bless the memory of Mr. Romero. May he rest in peace.
DannySachs*

Daniel Sachs - May 04, 2017 at 02:36 PM

JU

“ *Lawrence was my sergeant at Belen police. He was a very caring and tough. He wanted you to be good at the job. My deepest condolences*

Joe Unick - May 03, 2017 at 11:46 PM

DR

“ *Sympathy to Carol and family. God bless Primo Lawrence. Love
Dolores Romero*

D. Romero - May 03, 2017 at 10:46 PM



“ *Richard Moya lit a candle in memory of Lawrence Romero*



Richard Moya - May 03, 2017 at 03:06 PM



I worked for you back in the early 80s at the VCSO. God bless you my friend see you again one day.RIP

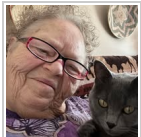
Richard Moya - May 03, 2017 at 03:30 PM

RU

“ *Ramon And Diana Ulibarri lit a candle in memory of Lawrence Romero*



Ramon and Diana Ulibarri - May 03, 2017 at 02:46 PM



“ *My sincere condolences to Carol and the rest of Lawrence's family. Lawrence was a very special guy and I will remember him with love and as a family member always. He always had a smile and a hug for me whenever I saw him, day or night. Rest in peace Lawrence. You will be sincerely missed.*

Bessie Tudor - May 03, 2017 at 01:23 PM

RE

“ So sorry for your loss. Lawrence was amazing. We have fond memories of him. You are in our prayers

Randy and Julie Eakin

Randy & Julie Eakin - May 03, 2017 at 10:22 AM

 Jim Hathaway

“ *Jim Hathaway lit a candle in memory of Lawrence Romero*



Jim Hathaway - May 03, 2017 at 09:55 AM

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Sheriff, Chief, Commissioner...Lawrence had so much commitment to the communities he served. He was a truly dedicated and caring man and will be missed by all. My condolences and prayers for Carol and the family.

Jim Hathaway - May 03, 2017 at 10:22 AM

SV

“ *Another great man has answered that final call. He was a man amongst men. Not many would have walked the path that he walked. I'm sure he will be in heaven serving and protecting and waiting for all of us to join him. Spread your wings and fly high my Friend.*

Shorty & Judy Vaiza

Shorty Vaiza - May 03, 2017 at 09:27 AM

DR

“ *Dicky And Suzanne Romero lit a candle in memory of Lawrence Romero*



Dicky and Suzanne Romero - May 03, 2017 at 08:52 AM

MG

“ *Mildred Gonzalez lit a candle in memory of Lawrence Romero*



Mildred Gonzalez - May 02, 2017 at 09:14 PM

MG

Carol I am so sorry to hear of the loss of Lawrence...May he rest in peace....God bless you and your family.

Mildred Gonzalez - May 02, 2017 at 09:15 PM

LT

“ *Carol,
I am so very sorry to hear of Lawrence's passing. I'm sure that Johnny was there to welcome him!*



Lenise Torres - May 02, 2017 at 08:26 PM

LP

“ *Lenore G Penaq lit a candle in memory of Lawrence Romero*



Lenore G Penaq - May 02, 2017 at 07:51 PM

LT

“ *My condolences to Carol and the rest of the family. It was a pleasure having known him and later appointing him as my Undersheriff. LAWrence didicated his life to serving his community, as Sheriff and Chief of both Socorro and Valencia County's. A God fearing man that through his faith he founded Cops for Christ in both Valencia and Socorro County's. I can go on and on about this man's interest in politics, goes without mention. It saddened me to hear of his passing, but I am blessed for having had Sheriff /Chief LAWrence Romero walk sthrough my door. May he forever Rest in Peace.*

Lesmen L. (Les) Torres - May 02, 2017 at 05:43 PM

RA

“ *Rita C Aragon lit a candle in memory of Lawrence Romero*



Rita C Aragon - May 02, 2017 at 04:48 PM

MW

“ On behalf of the Socorro Police Department I would like to extend our deepest condolences to Carol and the family. It is a as day indeed. Chief Romero was a great peace officer and an even better person. You will be missed Chief.

*Chief Mike Winders
Socorro Police Department*

mike winders - May 02, 2017 at 01:44 PM

AG

“ Angel Garcia lit a candle in memory of Lawrence Romero



Angel Garcia - May 02, 2017 at 12:59 PM

LG

“ Lawrence it so sad to hear of your passing you were a great friend for many years an a great sheriff for Valencia county an Socorro Carol I'm sorry for your loss he was a great person i will never forget him may he RIP with his son

Liz Gonzalez - May 01, 2017 at 09:39 PM

CE

“ Charles D. Eaton lit a candle in memory of Lawrence Romero



Charles D. Eaton - May 01, 2017 at 05:47 PM

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Lesmen L. (Les) Torres - May 01, 2017 at 06:43 PM

RG

Carol and family our heartfelt condolences and prayers. Lawrence was a good friend and will be missed. So sorry for your loss.

Ron and Jan Gentry - May 05, 2017 at 09:05 PM

AB

I am so sorry to here about your passing. You gave me a great opportunity To work with you at the VCSO. Which I am very thankful for. God bless you and your family.

Alan Baca - August 16, 2017 at 12:38 AM

FT

2020 where is Tara?

Find Tara - November 15, 2020 at 04:39 AM

TH

2025 Where is Tara???

Theresa - March 12, 2025 at 09:01 PM