



Leo Gabaldon

November 18, 1938 - June 17, 2014

1938-2014

Leo Gabaldon, age 75, a resident of Belen, NM passed away on Tuesday, June 17, 2014. He was a member of the Chamber of Commerce serving as President in 1978. Leo was a proud franchise owner of Kentucky Fried Chicken in Belen for 27 years. He was employed with the BNSF Railroad as a bill clerk for 16 years of outstanding service and managed Mountain View Motel for 8 years. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Loretta Gabaldon; parents, Preciliano and Andrea Baca Gabaldon; brothers, Edwin, Chris and Leroy Gabaldon; and sisters, Helen Erwin, Julia Pena and Alvina Verguson. Leo is survived by his loving wife of 55 years, Louisa Garcia Gabaldon; children, Velda Lovato and husband, Anthony and James R. Gabaldon and wife, Greta; grandchildren, Jesse Gabaldon, Justin Gabaldon and wife, Denise, Karl Benavidez, Kerissa Rice and husband, Derek, Zachery Lovato and wife, Maricruz and Shane Lovato; great-grandchildren, Lily James Rice, Brock Rice, Landon Antonio Gabaldon, Kerra Bernadette Rasband and Yesenia Aguilar Benavidez; and sisters, Virginia Sanchez, Emillie Subblet and Laura Butler. All services will be held at Our Lady of Belen Catholic Church, on Friday, June 20th beginning with a Viewing at 8:30 a.m. with a Rosary to be recited at 9:30 a.m. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10:00 a.m. with Father Stephen Schultz presiding. Interment will follow at Our Lady of Belen Memorial Gardens. Pallbearers will be Jesse Gabaldon, Justin Gabaldon, Karl Benavidez, Kerrisa Rice Gabaldon, Zachary Lovato and Shane Lovato. Sign

Leo's online tribute at www.romerofuneralhomenm.com Romero Funeral Home, 609 N. Main Street, Belen, NM

Cemetery Details

Our Lady of Belen Memorial Gardens

101 N. 10th Street
Belen, NM 87002

Previous Events

Viewing

JUN 20. 8:30 AM (MT)

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

Rosary

JUN 20. 9:30 AM (MT)

Our Lady of Belen Catholic Church
101 N. 10th Street
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Funeral Mass

JUN 20. 10:00 AM (MT)

Our Lady of Belen Catholic Church
101 N. 10th Street
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Tribute Wall

JJ

“ *Louisa & family: Our sincere condolences go out to all of you and the entire family of Leo's. He was a nice man and very involved in the Valencia County community. Let the good Lord comfort you with the wonderful memories you have of him, God bless you. Sincerely, Juan & Josie Julian*

Juan & Josie Julian - July 15, 2014 at 12:20 AM

LS

“ *Dear Louisa and Family, Our sincerest sympathy goes out to you for your loss. Leo was one of those special friends that was always giving of himself. We will miss him and we will always remember this kind and gentle man. Love, Lloyd and Lucille Sais*

Lloyd and Lucille Sais - June 23, 2014 at 07:43 PM

AV

“ *Dad, thanks for all the good times, love and support , and for being a great grandfather to Zachary and Shane , we love you and will miss you dearly love you always VELDA and ANTHONY. -:)*

Anthony and Velda. - June 21, 2014 at 08:16 PM

GF

“ *Dear Gabaldon Family and Friends,
I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your dear loved one. Please accept my sincere condolences. May it comfort you to know that The Most High God has resurrected humans on Earth before through His son Jesus, and He promises He will do so again very soon. (Psalms 83:18,Acts 24:15,Revelation 21:3,4)*

Greene Family - June 21, 2014 at 11:27 AM

BC

“ Dear Louisa and all the Gabaldon family,

We just wanted to say how very sorry we are for your loss. This is such a sad time and we hope our prayers will help lift you and give you strength through this terrible loss. God bless you all.

Beverly Castillo & Joann Trujeque

Beverly Castillo - June 21, 2014 at 07:40 AM

LI

“ Our Thoughts & Prayers are with you , Thru this time God is Good. Leo your Dad was a special man . Velda & Tony Our Love Goes Your Way.! Al & Linda Sanchez

linda - June 20, 2014 at 09:15 PM

OR

“ Emily,

Our hearts and thoughts are with you and your family over the loss of Leo. Yesterday, today and tomorrow came and passed making Leo's morrows a smooth way to eternal life. We submit our sincere condolences. May time bring solace to your hearts.

Oscar & Sue Ramirez

Oscar S. Ramirez - June 20, 2014 at 06:29 PM



AC

“ *Louisa, Velda, James and extended family---Our deepest sympathy to you and your family during this difficult time. You are in our thoughts and prayers.*

Charles Paiz and Annette E. Chavez

Annette E. Chavez - June 19, 2014 at 04:26 PM

GK

“ *I am so very sorry to hear that Leo has left us. He was a fun guy and will be greatly missed.*

One of his classmates and friend - Georgene K.

Georgene Knecht - June 19, 2014 at 12:36 PM

DC

“ *Velda, so sorry to hear about your loss. Our deepest sympathy goes out to you , your mother and brother and also the rest of the famiy.*

Dolores Contreras - June 19, 2014 at 11:38 AM



“ *We are going to miss you Leo. My parents Jude and Ninfa Torres and I where blessed to have so many special memories throughout the years. Our deepest sympathy to you and your family, Love, The Torres Family*

Marcia Torres-Martinez - June 19, 2014 at 10:42 AM

DS

“ *My sympathies to the family. God Bless.*
Danny Sachs and Family

Daniel Sachs - June 19, 2014 at 10:34 AM

SW

“ *Louisa and family, We pray for peace and comfort during your grief but also celebrate Leo's life that was so rich and full because of the love of family and friends. We know he is celebrating with Jesus in heaven. God bless you!
Love, Sumner and Susan Wells*



Susan Wells - June 19, 2014 at 09:46 AM

VJ

“ *Velda and family, I am so sorry to hear of your dad's passing. I pray that you would take comfort in knowing that when your dad closed his eyes for the final time here on earth...he opened them once again to be in the presence of his "Savior". May you depend on "God's" strength along with your family and friends around you to help you get through your pain and sorrow.
With much love and our deepest sympathy, Bob and Velma Johnston (HUGS & BLESSINGS)*



Vel Johnston - June 19, 2014 at 09:29 AM

TL

“ Dear Louisa and family ~ We are saddened to hear of your loss. We hold you safe in our hearts at this time of sadness. You're in our thoughts every step of the way. Wishing you and your family strength and peace.

With our deepest sympathy and love,
DeLores Lohman

Michael & Terry Lohman-Vigil and Josh Lohman Shainin
Todd Lohman & Kim and Courtney Lohman
(((HUGS)))



Terry Lohman-Vigil - June 18, 2014 at 05:31 PM

RE

“ We are very sorry for your loss. Your family has been a part of our family for so long. Our prayers go out to all of you, Louisa, Velda and Tony, James and all the rest of the family. Your friend, Rhona and family

Rhona Espinoza - June 18, 2014 at 12:23 PM

DH

Sorry about Leo-he was an old friend...I knew him from the old days-I can remember one day on my horse headed for town-I ran into Leo walking also headed for town and I gave him a ride--Good memories with good friends--

Don Hethcoat Clovis N.M.

Don Hethcoat - June 22, 2014 at 09:38 AM