



## Leo A. Otero

March 9, 1944 - January 14, 2017

1944-2017

Our father, Leo A. Otero, born on March 9, 1944, in Tome, New Mexico to Florian and Celina Otero, passed away on Saturday, January 14, 2017, after a three week hospital stay. He was 72 years old and the eldest of 12 children. Leo was an avid hunter and fisherman. He loved his job as a heavy equipment operator with PNM and The Gas Company of NM, where he retired. Our dad loved God, life and his family dearly. He was a lover of people. Leo is preceded in death by his parents, Florian and Celina Otero; brother, Freddie Otero; sister, Margaret Knitz. He is survived by his first wife, Louisa Ramos Otero; children, Theresa Otero Bustamante and husband, Frank, Leona Otero, Lee Otero, Tanya Otero-Villalobos and husband, Tony, Gina "Kathy" Christianson and husband, Rick, Tony Chavez and wife, Pamela; 16 grandchildren; 12 great grandchildren; siblings, Berna Apodaca and husband, Jimmy, Arthur Otero and husband, Jack, David Otero, Margaret Dean and husband, Chris, Julia Lucero and husband, Frank, Melba Vigil, Maria Valenzuela and husband, Joe, Patricia Johnson and husband, Hass, and Leroy Otero; as well as numerous nephews and nieces. All services will be held at Romero Funeral Home Chapel. A visitation will begin at 1:00 p.m., January 27, 2017, with a Celebration of Life to begin at 2:00 p.m. Please sign Leo's online tribute at [romerofuneralhomenm.com](http://romerofuneralhomenm.com) Romero Funeral Home, 609 N. Main St. Belen, NM.



# Previous Events

## Final Visitation

JAN 27. 1:00 PM (MT)

Romero Funeral Home Chapel  
609 N. Main St.  
Belen, NM 87002  
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## Celebration of Life

JAN 27. 2:00 PM (MT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ Brother, I was blessed to be your sister, I love you, you will always be in my heart. I enjoyed the phone conversations, and other times as well. You were called the candy man @ the center, because of your generosity. You will be loved & remembered by many.💕  
Margaret

Margaret Dean - January 27, 2017 at 07:29 AM

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“ My daddy you will always be on my heart i miss you and forever love you my april and jayde sammy and amyah have you in their hearts and love you. Bye my daddy.

Leona Oteto - January 25, 2017 at 07:13 PM

Terry  
Otero-  
Bustaman

“ Terry Otero-Bustamante sent a virtual gift in memory of Leo A. Otero



Terry Otero-Bustamante - January 18, 2017 at 08:49 PM



“ *Dad... Always such a strong man. Extremely hard working and LOVED LIFE! You were loved deeply by many. Dad you loved us your children with all that you are. You thanked me daily for caring for you. I will remember you*  
*As a Lover of People, you loved living life, fishing and hunting. You loved your job as a heavy equipment operator. Dad you loved your family with all of your heart. Now you are free... Fly with the Angels my daddy. ❤️Love you for Always❤️*

Terry Otero-Bustamante - January 18, 2017 at 08:42 PM



*Love you mama you made me cry with your beautiful words*

Liz Ortega - January 26, 2017 at 12:34 PM



“ *Rest In Peace Dad. You will always be in my thoughts and in my heart!*



Kathy Christianson - January 18, 2017 at 04:04 PM



“ *Dicky And Suzanne Romero lit a candle in memory of Leo A. Otero*



Dicky and Suzanne Romero - January 18, 2017 at 12:45 PM



*My big brother Leo we love you and miss you man but we know you're with Jesus Christ Our Lord and Savior and you'll be watching over us with all the other angels love you brother from your baby brother*

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**Leroy Otero** - January 24, 2017 at 07:41 PM