



Leroy Benjamin Otero

April 1, 1947 - August 11, 2014

1947-2014

Leroy Benjamin Otero, age 67, a resident of Adelino, NM passed away on Monday, August 11, 2014 surrounded by his loving family. He was a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Tome, NM. Leroy was an adult server and an active member of his church. He and his wife, Lucille were Mayordomos of the 5:30 p.m. mass and served on other church committees throughout the years. Leroy was a talented artist. By hand he built many homes, walls and restored and built many church structures with adobe, throughout the Rio Grande Valley. Leroy was also a well-known hay broker for many ranchers and dairymen. He made friends where ever he went and teased with love and affection whenever he had the chance. Leroy loved to watch boxing or any sport that his children or grandchildren participated in. He was very competitive and enjoyed pushing himself to his limits. They all loved their grandpa! He was preceded in death by his parents, Simon and Angelica Perea Otero; brothers, Manuel and Sotero Otero; sister, Betty Martinez; father and mother-in-law, Fermin and Maria Vallejos. Leroy is survived by his loving wife of 47 years, Lucille Vallejos Otero; son, Joseph and wife, Jennifer; daughters, Leona and husband, Shawn Herrell and Rebecca and husband, Jeremy Granger; son, Nicolas and wife, Karisa; grandchildren, Jocelyn, Justine and Janessa Otero, Alexis and Casey Herrell, JoLee, Lucas and Marcas Granger and Loraina and Leroy Otero; sisters, Albeta Mireles, MaryLou Luna and husband, Richard, Phyllis Gallegos and husband, Pete

and Florence Lovato and husband, Arthur; brother, Felipe Otero and wife, Ramona; sisters-in-law, Angie Holona and companion, Dan Odowel and Viola Torres; and brother-in-law, Felix Vallejos. He is also survived by many special nephews, nieces, and friends that loved him very much. He will be missed by all that knew him. All services will be held at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, on Thursday, August 14th beginning with a Viewing at 5:00 p.m. with a Rosary to be recited at 6:00 p.m. A Final Visitation will be held on Friday, August 15th at 10:30 a.m. with a Funeral Mass to be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. with Father Jose Hernandez presiding. Interment will follow at the Tome Catholic Cemetery. Pallbearers will be sons Joseph, Nicolas, son-in-laws Shawn Herrell, and Jeremy Granger, brother Felipe, nephew Ricky Luna. Sign Leroy's online tribute at www.romerofuneralhomenm.com Romero Funeral Home, 609 N. Main Street, Belen, NM

Cemetery Details

Tome Catholic Cemetery

Tome, NM 87060

Previous Events

Viewing

AUG 14. 5:00 PM (MT)

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church
7 Church Loop
Tome, NM 87060

Rosary

AUG 14. 6:00 PM (MT)

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church
7 Church Loop
Tome, NM 87060

Final Viewing

AUG 15. 10:30 AM (MT)

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church
7 Church Loop
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Funeral Mass

AUG 15. 11:00 AM (MT)

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church
7 Church Loop
Tome, NM 87060

Tribute Wall

FL

“ Lucille, Our deepest condolences to you and your family. What a wonderful example Leroy was to our community and to everyone his short life touched. His presence was felt where ever he was and his spirit of joy did spread throughout his life. He will be waiting for us in the "Garden of Angles" with Our Father where we too will be.

Fermin y Angie Lopez - August 27, 2014 at 06:06 PM

BS

“ Dear Otero Family and Friends,
I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your dear loved one. Please accept my family's sincere condolences. May it comfort you to know that our creator hears our cries, empathizes with our broken hearts. God will soon act to rid us of this last enemy, death, forever. (Revelation 4:11; Psalms 34:18; 1 Corinthians 15:26; Acts 24:15)
King Family

bible Student - August 25, 2014 at 03:44 PM

EM

“ Please accept my condolences on the loss of your dear loved one. Take comfort in knowing that our heavenly Creator well soon remove all pain, sorrow, and death forever! May this promise as recorded in Revelation 21 : 3,4 help you gain the strength and inner peace to cope with the days ahead. Philippians 4 : 13. jw.org

Emanuel - August 20, 2014 at 02:36 PM

TC

“ Just found out and am deeply saddened at the loss of Mr. Otero. As his most recent Physical Therapist I only knew him and his wife, son and sister for a short time. He was such a pleasure to work with and always gave his all when he was working with me. I am fortunate to have had the blessing to work with such a beautiful man. My heartfelt condolences to all his family and friends. May the Lord comfort you as only he can.

*Teriann Chavez, PT
Lovelace Rehab Outpatient*

Teriann Chavez - August 18, 2014 at 04:29 PM

VP

“ Our family will be praying for all of your families during this time of missing Leroy. Leroy was a good friend and always fair in business dealings that we had with him in real-estate and adobes. His adobe work was high quality and Virgil always enjoyed business dealings with Leroy.

*The Proctor family
Virgil & Ramina and children (Faith, Hesston, Caleb and Brice)*

Virgil Proctor - August 17, 2014 at 06:25 PM

SD

“ Our thoughts & prayers are with you all...we will miss the way Leroy would light up a room with his smile and laughter. We love you guys!!



Sammy & Dave - August 15, 2014 at 10:09 PM

KG

“ *Lucille and Family,
I am so sorry to hear about the loss of Leroy. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this time. Kathy Giron & Jeremy Olguin and family*

Kathy Giron - August 15, 2014 at 05:21 PM

PL

“ *Otero Family, I am so sorry to learn of your loss. I am sure the many wonderful memories you have of Leroy will help sustain you through this difficult time. Know that each of you are in my prayers as you deal with your loss. I was unable to attend Leroy's services due to a prior commitment, but know that you are being thought of in prayer. Blessings to each of you. Paul T. Luna.*

Paul T. Luna - August 15, 2014 at 02:48 PM

TF

“ *Travis, Carlina Harris and family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Leroy Benjamin Otero.*



Travis, Carlina Harris and family - August 15, 2014 at 09:01 AM

EM

“ *Lucilla and family, our deepest heart felt condolences go out to you and your family. Our prayers and thoughts are with all of you. Leroy was such a wonderful man and always so friendly and caring. He will be missed by all. Love and prayers, Elias and Carla Maez*

Elias and Carla Maez - August 15, 2014 at 12:05 AM

CH

“ Dearest Lucille and family, heartfelt condolences to you all at this difficult time. May happy memories of your time together sustain you.

Candy Hodoba - August 14, 2014 at 10:40 PM

SR

“ Joe, Jennifer and family we want you to know we are keeping you all in our prayers send you our love. If you need anything please don't hesitate to call. Slade Robinson family

Slade Robinson - August 14, 2014 at 07:21 PM

CA

“ Steve, Carol and Family Aunty Lucy our thoughts n prayers go out to all of u, my uncle Leroy is in heaven now with my dad, May the Lord give u strength in this difficult time, he will be missed by all!!



Carol Archibeque - August 14, 2014 at 07:01 PM

CA

“ Carol Archibeque lit a candle in memory of Leroy Benjamin Otero



Carol Archibeque - August 14, 2014 at 06:34 PM

EP

“ *Eugenia Vigil Pena lit a candle in memory of Leroy Benjamin Otero*



Eugenia Vigil Pena - August 14, 2014 at 09:56 AM

YE

“ *Your family at Rio Grande Elementary purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Leroy Benjamin Otero.*



Your family at Rio Grande Elementary - August 13, 2014 at 05:16 PM



“ *A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Leroy Benjamin Otero.*



August 13, 2014 at 03:37 PM

DC

“ Dearest Lucille, Joseph, Jennifer, Leona, Shawn, Rebecca, Jeremy, Nicolas, Karisa and family, My heart is heavy and I am at a loss for words. My deepest condolences go out to all of you. I pray that God shower you all with His loving peace and comfort. Your family has always been an inspiration and has always been such a positive role model for all families. My love goes out to each of you.

Diane Chávez

Diane Chávez - August 13, 2014 at 03:28 PM

HS

“ Lucillie, Joseph, Leona, Rebecca and Nicoles and the rest of the Otero family,

Our deepest condolences for the loss of Leroy. We pray that God continue to guide and bless you through this time and always.

Sincerely.

Henry, Mary Lou Serafin and family

Henry & Mary Serafin - August 13, 2014 at 02:32 PM



“ Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Leroy Benjamin Otero.



August 13, 2014 at 01:46 PM

GG

“ Our deepest condolences go out to the Otero family. Our prayers and thoughts are with you. Joe, Georgia, and the Garcia Family.

Georgia L. Garcia - August 13, 2014 at 10:52 AM

LI

“ Mrs Otero, Nick, Karissa, Leona, - and all the Otero family - May the Lord strengthen you at your time of sorrow! Our sincerest condolences to the family.

Gabe and Liz Marquez

Liz - August 13, 2014 at 09:49 AM

AR

“ Uncle Leroy I just want to thank you for all the thing's you have done for our family. I also want to thank you for showing my brother and myself how to be men while growing up. I will truly miss you for all the hard work and joking around you did with us. Love you uncle!
Your nephew Arnie

arnold - August 13, 2014 at 02:21 AM

RH

“ I am so very sorry to the Otero family... We Leroy lived next to us growing up, I always thought his look was deceiving because he looked angry then he would smile and he really the sweetest man ever.... I just loved that whole family and sad such a sweet loving man is gone. Hugs and kisses to you all. God bless you all<3

Renee Otero Haynes - August 12, 2014 at 11:53 PM

CS

“ *Leroy was a decent, honest and hard working man, who instilled those very traits in his children. I loved always hearing his laughter when we'd see one another. I think that is a common memory most will have of him...His laughter and smile. Leroy made a positive and lasting impression on our little community of Adelino...one that will live on through his loving family.*
Please accept our sincerest condolences in his untimely passing.

Carolyn Serafin-Abeyta and Family

Carolyn SERAFIN-ABEYTA - August 12, 2014 at 11:48 PM

VT

“ *My brother in law, I will miss you dearly, who will remind me that I am over weight . Who will laugh at me and with me. My dear dear family, I love each and everyone of you. I wish I could take your pain away. My sister, I love you so much, I want you to always remember that I will always be here for you. God bless each and everyone of you. Love always*
Aunti V



Viola Torrez - August 12, 2014 at 11:39 PM

VH

“ *I am very sorrow about the passing of Leroy. I really enjoyed his sense of humor when he landscaped my lawn. My heart goes out to you all. Velma Hardesty*

Velma Hardesty - August 12, 2014 at 10:42 PM

CA

“ *The Paul Aragon family would like to send our deepest condolences for your loss. Leroy was a wonderful person. May God bless all of you at this time.*

Cynthia Aragon - August 12, 2014 at 09:55 PM

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Cynthia Aragon - August 12, 2014 at 09:55 PM

TH

“ *My deepest condolences to the Otero family for your loss...There are very few people in the world that are as easy to respect and admire, Leroy was the perfect example of what it means to be a Gentleman, friend and overall a great man, I feel honored and blessed to have known him. RIP Leroy.*



Teri Herrell - August 12, 2014 at 08:44 PM

KK

“ *Joe, Jennifer, and your daughters, how deeply you must grieve just now. Father and grandfather no longer to answer your greeting, an absence in the room, at the table. But love endures. Love does not need the physical person. You will continue to love, and you will continue to be loved. The darkness lightens, call on us as long as you grieve, we are here and carry you in our hearts. Joe, extend this affection to your mother and siblings. They are part of you and so a part of us.*

Ked Kirkham - August 12, 2014 at 07:02 PM

CS

“ Our Community of Tome/Adelino has had a devastating loss....the passing of Leroy Otero.

Leroy was a gentleman's gentleman, a hard working man with a heart of gold and a jovial personality to go with it. His beautiful smile that he shared with everyone will forever be missed.

Our sincere condolences to his wife Lucile and their children, Leona, Rebecca, Nicolas and Joseph. Your father was one of a kind and very few will follow. I have no doubt that he has the Angels in Heaven doubled over in laughter!!!

Rest in Peace Leroy, you will be greatly missed!

Clarita and Gilbert Serafin

Clara Serafin - August 12, 2014 at 06:57 PM

MP

“ *Marlene Pino lit a candle in memory of Leroy Benjamin Otero*



Marlene Pino - August 12, 2014 at 05:16 PM

MP

Lucille, Leona, Nick & Family,

I'm so sorry to hear about your loss. Our prayers and thoughts are with you. Love, Marlene, David, & Jacob Pino

Marlene Pino - August 12, 2014 at 05:18 PM

AS

“ *“Lit a candle in memory of Leroy Benjamin Otero”*

*Lucille & Family,
We'd like to extend our most sincere
condolences on your loss of Leroy. May God Bless all of the Family
at this most difficult time. May Leroy Rest in Peace.*

*Sincerely,
Adam & Ruby Salas & Family
Bosque, N.M.*



Adam & Ruby Salas - August 12, 2014 at 04:29 PM

MV

“ *May The Lord give you all the strength
needed to deal with your loss. You are a
perfect example of what a loving family is and
that will help getting through this hard time in
your lives, God bless you all. Leroy is now
with our father living in peace and pain free,*



marie varela - August 12, 2014 at 08:59 AM

BC

“ Otero family,

My heart hurts for each of you. Try to find peace in knowing Mr. Otero is in the arms of our Lord and is no longer suffering. You all are in my prayers.

Eternal rest grant unto Mr. Otero oh, Lord and may perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen

*God bless you all,
Bernice Montoya y Chavez
Casa Colorada*



Bernice Montoya y Chavez - August 11, 2014 at 06:06 PM

LS

May our Lord comfort and strengthen you in your time of sorrow. Our prayers are with you and your family

LeRoy & Cecilia Sanchez - August 12, 2014 at 09:46 AM