



Lupe Perales Herrera

December 12, 1927 - March 14, 2025

1927-2025

Lupe Perales Herrera, age 97, a resident of Valencia County, passed away on March 14, 2025. Services will take place at Our Lady of Belen Catholic Church on Wednesday, March 26, 2025, beginning with a Visitation at 8:30 a.m. Rosary at 9:30 a.m. with a Funeral Mass to be celebrated at 10:00 a.m. Interment will take place in Hondo, NM. He is survived by his wife, Maria D. Herrera, his children, Guadalupe, Joseph Herrera, Dina Bonilla, Maria Valenzuela, Anna Garcia and his grandchildren. Lupe is preceded in death by his parents, Filimon and Placita Perales Herrera. He was a member of Our Lady of Belen Catholic Church. Pallbearers are Jesse Diaz, Jesse JR Diaz, Fidel Mirabal, Israel Diaz, Jose Hernandez and Francisco Lopez Chavira. Please sign Lupe's online tribute at www.romerofuneralhomenm.com Romero Funeral Home, 609 N. Main St., Belen, NM.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 26. 8:30 AM (MT)

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

Rosary

MAR 26. 9:30 AM (MT)

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Funeral Mass

MAR 26. 10:00 AM (MT)

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Tribute Wall

“ Eulogy

My name is Isela Diaz I am here to talk to you about Lupe Perales Herrera. We are gathered today to celebrate the life of Lupe. He was born on December 12, 1927, to Filimon Herrera and Placita Perales in Saltor, TX. Lupe was a man of few words but when he did speak everyone listened. He told us about his childhood and how at the age of 10 he started working to provide for his mother and siblings. Lupe was a hard worker, self-taught in all areas and experienced in different trades. Lupe had many accomplishments in his life, but most treasured was his family and friends. He was devoted to teaching his skills, tools and the love of the game of pool. He was a rancher, he cared for sheep, he was an amazing pool instructor and pool champion. Lupe had his own ranch in Datil and that was his joy. Lupe was a loving, kindhearted man who we had the privilege of getting to know and call our family.

As I stand before you today, I am honored to pay tribute to our beloved Lupe who was a man of positivity, kindness and always willing to help where needed. Lupe had a positive outlook on life, provided words of encouragement and always had a way of making you feel good even when things were going bad.

Never once did he complain, give up hope or faith in living his life. Lupe has always been one for adventure, moving to new places, meeting new people and constantly learning new things. He was a go getter and at his age even found love again with Maria and lived life with great joy. Lupe enjoyed playing pool, fishing, traveling, going to the Senior Citizen Center, dancing and learning new things.

Lupe has played a major role in all our lives whether he was your son, brother, father, husband, father-in-law, uncle, cousin, or friend. We are truly blessed to have had a man like Lupe. Lupe would tell us to think positively, have faith and not only with your words but in your actions. If you knew Lupe, you knew he was very proud of his son, three daughters, many grandchildren, nieces/nephews and his

wife.

A quote that comes to mind is "You may not always see the results of your kindness, but every drop of positive energy you ever put out, changes the world for everyone."

Lupe will be dearly missed for his joy of life, positive energy and his hard work ethic. He always found something to do, fix, learn or teach. Lupe lived for 97 years and with that came, wisdom, patience and forgiveness.

John 11:25-26:

"Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die."

Isela Diaz - March 26, 2025 at 05:51 PM



My name is Lupe C. Herrera I am half brother of Lupe..., me and my wife Mariana live in Ft. Worth Texas...today is the 26th of Marsh...,my Sister Linda Rothman from San Antonio called me a hour ago..I feel so sad not been able to see my Brother again as I was planning on going to see him

this year as soon as Mariana was well enough to travel after a broken leg incident...she is 94 and I am 85.... Lupe and I were born December 12(12 years apart) "El Dia De La Virgin de Guadalupe"...

.. I thought my Dad Filomeno was born in San Patricio near the Mescalero Indian Reservation...Reyes(God rest his soul) Herrera my other Brother told me San Patricio was nothing but Herrera in that community..... Although I am heartbroken I still wanna go to my Dad's birthplace...our address here I 9956 Runnymede Place Ft. Worth Texas 76108., out phone number is 817 888 5183..it'd be nice ,...maybe a Family Reunion..God bless YOU ALL and THANKS for taking care of my also BELOVED BROTHER....

Lupe Herrera - March 26, 2025 at 07:34 PM

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“ To Enedina, Lupito, Nena, and Ruthie. Primos Im so sorry your Daddy had to leave us. He was the most amazing man ive ever known. He lives on in you and all of us through the amazing things he taught us and the fun stories he told. Cindy and i were so blessed to have learned so much from him. She and Tio were my 2 little minions. I made sure neither could go anywhere without the other. That was the plan anyway. They passed within 7 weeks of each other. I guess they were still following that rule. He still had so much zest for life till the very end. This was and has been a very hard time for us, losing him twice. He knows that we did everything we could. And we WILL celebrate his life together, the way he wanted us to. Through us, he lives on. I love you, Sweetpea!! 🌹❤️

Tammy - March 22, 2025 at 12:52 PM

YH

“ Yolanda J. Herrera lit a candle in memory of Lupe Perales Herrera



Yolanda J. Herrera - March 21, 2025 at 01:45 PM

“First my deepest condolences to Tio Lupe's children, grandchildren, his nieces, nephews, & all his family & friends. Tio Lupe was such a blessing to me & my daughter & to spend time with him was a gift to us. Tio wasn't a big eater, but he loved gravy, & a cup of coffee. We learned to play pool - Tio was a pool shark he taught a lot of people at the Senior Center he used to go to & they gave Tio a Certificate indicating he was a "Professor of Pool", we played Domino's - Tio might not have gone to college but he sure was smart. Tio was an excellent dancer we loved dancing/singing with him especially when me & Tammy danced with him it made him so happy - I can imagine him dancing with the Lord & singing DeColores with my Dad. Tio had a beautiful yard it was fun working in his yard with him, spending Holidays with him, especially his Bday which he mostly liked celebrating to eat his cake with ice cream. We learned how to build things - Tio help me & my daughter to build tables for my garage for storage & we all signed/dated 1 of the tables - I will cherish that. Tio was funny lots of times & could be a bit of a jokester. Tio Lupe taught us a lot of things, we loved to listen to all his old family stories, especially about him & my Dad Reyes. When my Dad Reyes passed away in 2007, Tio filled that void I had, it was so wonderful to be able to hug, kiss him on the forehead, laugh, sing, learn things, share stories with Tio, it made me feel that my Dad was right there with us. Tio Lupe had so many same traits as my Dad & sometimes Tio would say something that my Dad used to say, which was amazing. Tio was such a hard worker, lived a long hard & beautiful life, he did what he liked most keeping busy building things & working on his house/yard. Tio was such a handsome man - those baby blue eyes & his smile, he deeply cared for his family in his own way, he might have been a bit stubborn, but he was friendly & always willing to help out family & friends. Sometimes I had wished I was retired just so I could spend more days with Tio, the last couple of times Tio was hospitalized & really sick & though he might not make it, his will power & Faith pulled him thru. Tio loved the Lord with all his heart, & I know Tio is right now with our Lord Jesus in eternal Glory & with his Mama & my Dad & no longer in pain. Tio is now one of our Guardian Angels & will

always be remembered in our hearts & thoughts with so many wonderful memories even though our heart aches. God Rest Your Soul Tio, we Love you so much, your niece Jolie & Audra Rae Herrera - God Bless & keep y'all safe.

Yolanda J. Herrera - March 21, 2025 at 01:39 PM

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Oh Jolie, how our hearts ache for losing him. He was the most amazing man i had ever known. Im so grateful for the little time i had with him. Finally, hes free to laugh, dance and sing with the angels in heaven and in his Mamas waiting arms.

Tammy - March 22, 2025 at 12:39 PM

NH

“ *My condolences to my primos, my Tio was such a joy to be around, have great memories when we were kids and he lived in by us in Roswell, he will be missed. Your primo Nando Herrera*

Nando Herrera - March 20, 2025 at 07:09 PM

ML

“ *Mark And Crissie Leyba lit a candle in memory of Lupe Perales Herrera*



Mark and Crissie Leyba - March 19, 2025 at 11:16 PM