



## Marcel Gilberto Abeyta

November 19, 1933 - February 1, 2022

1933 – 2022

Marcelo Gilberto Abeyta, age 88, a resident of La Joya, NM, passed away on February 1, 2022. His battle with cancer in recent years showed his courage in facing life's challenges with a smile. Despite the pain, Marcelo was a hero and stayed strong until the end. He was born on November 19, 1933, in Veguita, NM, to Marcel and Amparo Rubio Abeyta. Marcelo is preceded in death by his loving wife of 49 years, Edwina Abeyta; brothers, Norberto, Eusebio, Vences, and Victoriano; and sister, Josephine. He is survived by his sons, Andrew (Lilly), Thomas (Lorraine), and Tim; daughters, Bernadette Sinclair (Ronnie) and Mary Chavira (Henry); grandchildren, Robert (Sarah) and Roy Sinclair, Ronda Sanchez (Emilio), Derek (Amber), Adrian (Sarah), and Sydney Abeyta, Henry Chavira Jr., Celina Garcia (Juan), Lorena Baca (Tristin), Loretta Chavira, Cody (Asia), Crystal, and Angela Smith; brothers, Abran (Sally), Ines, Miguel (Ollie), Refugio (Cathy) and Beltran (Adela) Abeyta; sisters-in-law, Fidelma Romero, Emma Griego, Carol Chavez; brother-in-law Rodney Helms and several great children and one great-great grandson.

Marcelo served his country in the US Army and was an original native of Veguita in his early years and a resident of La Joya for most of his life. He was a founding member of the La Joya Acequia Association and was instrumental in reestablishing the acequia irrigation system, the La Joya Community Development Association, the La Joya Charitable, Educational, and

Assistance Organization and the La Joya Mutual Domestic Water Cooperative Association. Marcelo was also active in the El Camino Housing Authority. In addition to his work in the community, Marcelo was an Hermano of the Nuestro Padre Jesus Nazareno Morada. He was truly an icon of the community on many levels. Before retiring, Marcelo ran a successful bookkeeping and tax service in Belen, NM. He was a great gentleman and lived a full and eventful life. Marcelo touched so many people along the way and impacted so many lives. He was a true treasure and a very wise man who always offered good advice. Marcelo's motto was "Keep your eyes and ears open and your mouth shut." As an active member of Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, he and his wife served as mayordomos many times. Marcelo loved the Lord and showed it by his great acts of faith, service, love, and hope. Many a time he counseled others in times of distress with his faithful words "Do not let your heart be troubled." Marcelo's parting words were always "Adios, Adiosito." A viewing will be held at San Juan Catholic Church in Veguita, NM on Monday, February 7, 2022 at 9:00 a.m., with a rosary to be recited at 10:00 a.m. A funeral mass will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. Interment will follow at La Joya Catholic Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Adrian, Daniel, and Derek Abeyta, Henry E. Chavira Jr., Patrick Griego, Anthony Lopez, Al Romero, and Robert John Sinclair. Angela Smith will be an honorary pallbearer. Good night, dad! Please sign Marcelo's online tribute at [www.romerofuneralhomenm.com](http://www.romerofuneralhomenm.com) Romero Funeral Home, 609 N. Main St., Belen, NM.

# Previous Events

## Viewing

FEB 7. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (MT)

San Juan Catholic Church  
1317 Highway 304  
Veguita, NM 87062

## Rosary

FEB 7. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (MT)

San Juan Catholic Church  
1317 Highway 304  
Veguita, NM 87062

## Funeral Mass

FEB 7. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (MT)

San Juan Catholic Church  
1317 Highway 304  
Veguita, NM 87062

## Interment

FEB 7. 11:30 AM (MT)

La Joya Catholic Cemetery  
La Joya, NM

# Tribute Wall

RL

“ *Ruth Lucero lit a candle in memory of Marcel Gilberto Abeyta*



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**Ruth Lucero** - February 08, 2022 at 12:09 PM

DS

“ *Condolences and blessings to the entire family.*

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**Daniel y Loretta Sachs** - February 08, 2022 at 11:36 AM

TH

“ *Chavira, losing a parent is one of the deepest sorrows a heart can know. Nothing ever prepares you for saying good-bye to your father who's always been part of your life. My condolences.*

*TC Haynes*

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**TC Haynes** - February 07, 2022 at 11:42 AM

PB

“ To Bernadette, Andrew, Chicky, Tom and Tim. My deepest sympathy for the loss of your dad. The last time I saw him was at Confession at Our Lady of Belen some years ago. I was happy to see him. I had missed taking my taxes to him and asking how you all were doing. May God Bless all of you and send you peace during this sorrowful time and Blessed Mother pray for all of you and Mr. Abeyta. Eternal Rest Grant unto him Oh Lord and Let Perpetual Light Shine Upon him. May he Rest in Peace. Amen.



Patricia Baldonado - February 07, 2022 at 08:21 AM

ET

“ So sorry for your loss.. May he RIP  
Eloisa Tabet

Eloisa Tabet - February 06, 2022 at 05:07 PM



“ My sincere condolences...Bernadette & family I am so very sorry for your loss, he has been a family friend all my life. Always visited & checked on my mom...Rest in peace Marcel...



Bernadette Moya - February 06, 2022 at 04:16 PM



“ Classic Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Marcel Gilberto Abeyta.



February 06, 2022 at 10:38 AM

KJ

“*Kate Jaramillo lit a candle in memory of Marcel Gilberto Abeyta*



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**Kate Jaramillo** - February 06, 2022 at 12:32 AM

TG

“*Ttony And Oralia Garcia lit a candle in memory of Marcel Gilberto Abeyta*



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**Ttony and Oralia Garcia** - February 05, 2022 at 05:00 PM

LR

“*Lauren L. Ruff lit a candle in memory of Marcel Gilberto Abeyta*



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**Lauren L. Ruff** - February 05, 2022 at 02:25 PM

RS

“*"Lit a candle in Memory of Marcel Gilberto Abeyta."*

*Sincerely,  
Ruby Salas*



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**Ruby Salas** - February 05, 2022 at 12:17 PM



“ *Red, White & Blue Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Marcel Gilberto Abeyta.*



February 05, 2022 at 11:21 AM



“ *Healing Tears - All Pink was purchased for the family of Marcel Gilberto Abeyta.*



February 04, 2022 at 11:40 PM



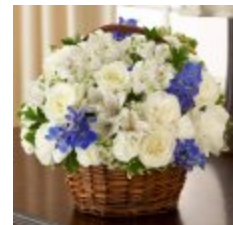
“ *Rest In Peace Marcel*



**Anthony Jaramillo** - February 04, 2022 at 08:29 PM



“ *FBI Albuquerque Legal Squad purchased the Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White for the family of Marcel Gilberto Abeyta.*



**FBI Albuquerque Legal Squad** - February 04, 2022 at 07:36 PM

TF

“ Tony F Padilla Family lit a candle in memory of Marcel Gilberto Abeyta



Tony F Padilla Family - February 04, 2022 at 06:51 PM

GG

“ Glen & Mary Gabaldon lit a candle in memory of Marcel Gilberto Abeyta



Glen & Mary Gabaldon - February 04, 2022 at 06:50 PM

YF

“ Your Albuquerque FBI Family purchased the Red & White Sympathy Standing Spray for the family of Marcel Gilberto Abeyta.



Your Albuquerque FBI Family - February 04, 2022 at 06:21 PM



“ Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Marcel Gilberto Abeyta.



February 04, 2022 at 04:42 PM

AN

“ *Our sincere condolences to Marcel’s family. May our dear Lord wrap his arms around you and comfort you in your time of sorrow.*

*Benji and Angie Torres*

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**Angie** - February 04, 2022 at 02:35 PM

MG

“ *To the Abeyta's, my deepest condolences on the loss of your father Marcel. I enjoyed our visits very much. Marcel Abeyta was such an interesting person to talk to on any topic but especially about his knowledge of La Joya. Marcel was also intelligent and wise in his advice and counsel to all of us in need. His kindness is an inspiration to us all. Michael Griego*

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**Michael Griego** - February 04, 2022 at 02:06 PM

VM

*My condolences to Marcel Abeyta family.  
May his Soul, through the Merry Of God, Rest In Peace.*

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**Vina Mendoza** - February 06, 2022 at 03:16 PM

MS

“ *Maxine Barela Schmock sent a virtual gift in memory of Marcel Gilberto Abeyta*



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**Maxine Barela Schmock** - February 04, 2022 at 11:43 AM

DO

“ *Dominic lit a candle in memory of Marcel Gilberto Abeyta*



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**Dominic** - February 04, 2022 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ *Mary Jane Carrejo lit a candle in memory of Marcel Gilberto Abeyta*



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**Mary Jane Carrejo** - February 03, 2022 at 11:48 PM

CG

“ *Charles And Yolanda Gabaldon lit a candle in memory of Marcel Gilberto Abeyta*



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**Charles and Yolanda Gabaldon** - February 03, 2022 at 11:47 PM

EG

“ *Evelyn Griego lit a candle in memory of Marcel Gilberto Abeyta*



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**Evelyn Griego** - February 03, 2022 at 11:12 PM

EG

“ *Emma Griego lit a candle in memory of Marcel Gilberto Abeyta*



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**Emma Griego** - February 03, 2022 at 11:11 PM

KG

“ *Bernadette, Andrew, Chickey, Tom and Tim, my sincere condolences on the loss of your dad. Marcel was one of the nicest man I knew. He loved his family and He was La Joja. The de-facto Mayor of La Joja will be missed by all who had the opportunity to know him. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

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**Kenny Griego** - February 03, 2022 at 09:04 PM

MM

“ *My deepest sympathies to you Mary Chavira and to your family. May God Bless you all during this time.*

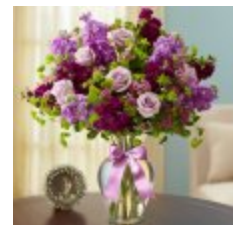
*With Love,  
Michelle Martinez*



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**Michelle Martinez** - February 03, 2022 at 08:31 PM



“ *Shades of Purple was purchased for the family of Marcel Gilberto Abeyta.*



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February 03, 2022 at 07:49 PM

MB

“ Our condolences to the Abeyta family. Marcel was a good friend to our family and in particular to our dad John Carangelo and our mom Martha Carangelo during their lives in La Joya. We are ourselves grateful and honored to have known Marcel, shared stories, and joyous times. We remember that Marcel visited our Mom when she had moved from La Joya to Albuquerque and the comfort that he gave to her with his visits. There is so much that could be said. Marcel was a great part of La Joya and so many good memories. We send our deep sympathy to your family and the community for your loss.

*Martha Gail Balogh, Soquel California  
Paul Carangelo, Corpus Christi Texas  
Jack Carangelo, Albuquerque New Mexico*

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**Martha Gail Balogh** - February 03, 2022 at 07:44 PM

AC

“ Our condolences to the Abeyta family, may Macel Gilberto Abeytas memories ease the hurt that you're going through.and may his soul rest in peace.

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**Albert & Alice Chavez** - February 03, 2022 at 03:31 PM

CL

“ Dear Don Marcel’s family. We send our sincere sympathies and condolences to each and everyone of you. We are sorry for your loss. Our Parish lost a great example of a man who humbled himself before our Lord Jesus Christ. May God grant you all the strength and comfort you need for as long as you need it. What truly impressed me about him was he loved your Mom so much he consistently paid for Masses for her. Now that is true love. I know he loves you all very much too. We too will miss him. May he be resting in Christ’s Peace. 🙏💕🙏  
Sincerely, Mark and Crissie Leyba



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**Crissie Leyba** - February 03, 2022 at 01:14 PM

DE

“ Our condolences to Mr. Abeyta's family, our thoughts are prayers are with you all. May he rest in peace.  
Ortiz and Eads Families



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**Diana Eads** - February 03, 2022 at 11:55 AM

CT

“ *Abeyta Family,  
Our deepest condolences on the loss of your  
beloved father. He had a wonderful friendship  
with my father, one he truly valued. Our  
thoughts and prayers are with you all.*



*"Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord and let perpetual light shine  
upon them.*

*May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God,  
rest in peace"*

*Tom & Carmella Tharnish*

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**Carmella Tharnish** - February 03, 2022 at 11:09 AM

DA

“ *Bernadette, Andrew, Chickey, Tom and Tim, my  
heartfelt condolences, your dad was a good  
man, my dad and him enjoyed their visits and  
your dad continued to check on my mom and  
her him. I just know our dad's are catching up  
in heaven 🙏❤️🙏*



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**Dolores (Dodo) Abeyta** - February 02, 2022 at 10:50 PM

JG

“ *Johnny Josephine Gutierrez lit a candle in  
memory of Marcel Gilberto Abeyta*



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**Johnny Josephine Gutierrez** - February 02, 2022 at 10:27 PM

MJ

“ *Abeyta Family,  
Our condolences on the loss of your father,  
prayers for all of you during this difficult time  
and the years ahead.*



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**Marty & Beatrice Jojola** - February 02, 2022 at 09:15 PM

DC

“ *Donald & Catherine sent a virtual gift in  
memory of Marcel Gilberto Abeyta*



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**Donald & Catherine** - February 02, 2022 at 08:10 PM

MB

“ *Chickey, Bernadette, Andrew, Tim and Tom  
and all other members of Marcel's family. We  
are very sorry to hear about Marcello, he was  
daddy's friend. Our thoughts and prayers are  
with him and all his family. Eternal rest grant  
unto him and may perpetual light shine upon him may he rest in  
peace. Martin and Antoinette Baca*



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**Martin and Antoinette Baca** - February 02, 2022 at 07:58 PM

SS

“ *Bernadette, Andrew, Chicky, Tom and Tim. Sorry to hear about your dads passing, May he Rest In Peace in the arms of our God and savior Jesus Christ. God bless you all and give you all the comfort and peace during this difficult time.* 🙏🙏



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**Shirley B Schmock** - February 02, 2022 at 07:35 PM

CE

“ *Charles Eaton lit a candle in memory of Marcel Gilberto Abeyta*



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**Charles Eaton** - February 02, 2022 at 07:23 PM