



## Maria B. Mendoza

April 30, 2012

~Maria B. Mendoza, age 80, a lifelong resident of Belen, went home to be at peace with the Lord on Saturday, April 28, 2012. She was loved by everyone who knew her and will be greatly missed by all her family and many friends. She loved to go play Bingo and lit up every time she saw her grandchildren. Maria was a loving mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She was preceded in death by her husband, Ernesto Mendoza; parents, Raymundo and Petra Fajardo Baldonado; and siblings, Juan Baldonado and Manuelita Jiron. Maria is survived by her eight loving children, Tina Tafoya, Rose Santillanes and husband, Manuel, Lillian Garley and husband, Bobby, Ernesto F. Mendoza Jr. and wife, Debbie, Maria Lucia Cole and husband, Harrison, Janet Baca and husband, Danny, Lorraine Mendoza and fianc?, Leo Ortega and Moncia I. Baldonado; 13 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; two brothers, Placido Baldonado and wife, Jennie, Ray Baldonado and wife, Carmen; sister, Ursula Peralta; sister-in-law, Lydia Romero; and two brothers-in-law, Daniel Mendoza and wife, Maggie and Adolpho Mendoza. She is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews. A viewing will be held at Romero Funeral Home Chapel on Wednesday, May 2, at 5:30 p.m. with a rosary to be recited at 6:00 p.m. A final visitation will be held at Our Lady of Belen Catholic Church on Thursday, May 3, at 11:30 a.m. with a Funeral Mass to be celebrated at 12:00 p.m. Interment will follow at Our Lady of Belen Memorial Gardens. Sign Maria's online register book at [www.romerofuneralhome.com](http://www.romerofuneralhome.com). Romero Funeral Home, 609 N. Main St., Belen, NM.