



Marilyn V. Torres Baca

May 15, 1940 - January 23, 2026

Marilyn V. (Torres) Baca

1940-2026

It is with great sorrow that we announce the passing of our beloved mother, Marilyn V. (Torres) Baca, age 85, of Belen, on Friday, Jan. 23, 2026, at the Albuquerque home of her eldest daughter, where she happily resided for her last two years.

She was surrounded by her loving children and we are comforted in knowing that Marilyn received her Last Rites by Fr. Mike J. Shea and Deacon Rivera, of Prince of Peace Catholic Church, as she began her final journey to meet our Lord.

Marilyn was born in Belen to parents, Pete and Cecilia (Cordova) Torres. She was one of seven children. As a child, she enjoyed being a Girl Scout and participating in 4-H.

In high school, she was in band as both a twirler and a trumpeter, Government Club and Future Homemakers of America. She graduated from Belen High School in 1958 with lifelong fond memories of her school days and school friends.

Marilyn then worked at Dr. Radcliff's office in Belen and later volunteered at St. Mary's Catholic School as an administrative secretary.

Marilyn married Olmedo (OJ) Baca in 1960 at Our Lady of Belen Catholic Church. They were members of the Jaycees, and Marilyn was in service to the Catholic Daughters of America.

Marilyn had a fond love of the arts and music, especially trumpet music that she listened to daily, as well as inspiring the family's love of live theater. It was her strong value of higher education that inspired her four children to pursue college studies, of which she was so proud.

Marilyn was a homemaker, always with a kind and gentle demeanor. She was delighted to become a grandmother, and she was adored by her loving grandchildren, who spent much time with her and lifted her spirits until her very last days.

Marilyn is survived by her four children, Steve Baca, of Los Lunas, Gerald Baca and wife, Victoria (Vicky), of Albuquerque, Jolene Baca Esparza, of Albuquerque, and Valerie Baca and husband, Stephen Drewelow, of Lakewood, Colo.; five grandchildren, Katelyn, Madison and Andrew Esparza, and their father, Del Esparza; and Noah and Annabelle Drewelow; sister, Virgie Brindamour and husband, Don, of Fontana, Calif.; sister-in-law, Virginia Baca, of Belen; and many loving nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her loving husband of 50 years, Olmedo Baca; parents, Pete and Cecelia Torres; in-laws, Antonio and Alicia Baca; sister, Frances Cavalier Abeyta; brothers, Robert (Bobby) Cavalier, Joe Cavalier, Jimmy Cavalier and Alvin Torres; in-laws, Cipriana and Gillie Sanchez, Carmen and Earl Waid, Marci and Dinah Baca, Antonio Jr. and Amy Baca, Ruben and Lucille Baca and Doroteo (Joty) Baca. We have faith that she will also reunite with her unborn grandchildren of Gerald and Vicky.

The family would like to thank Marilyn's caregivers over the past few years, with special recognition of our amazing sister, Jolene, who provided loving care for many years, as well as our precious sister-in-law, Vicky, for her caregiving and spiritual guidance, especially during Marilyn's last months and last moments.

Romero Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. For Flowers please contact Davis Floral (505) 864-8722

Cemetery Details

Our Lady of Belen Memorial Gardens

101 N. 10th Street
Belen, NM 87002

Previous Events

Visitation, Rosary & Eulogy

FEB 2. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (MT)

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

Funeral Mass

FEB 2. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (MT)

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Graveside Service

FEB 2. 12:00 PM (MT)

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Tribute Wall

EG

“ To all the Baca family my sincere sympathy. May our Lord grant you peace and comfort in this time of loss of your beautiful mother. What a beautiful obit. Eileen Gabaldon (Dominic's mother)

Eileen Gabaldon - February 02 at 07:14 PM



“ So sorry for your loss, Baca family. May our Lord guide you through the sorrow with faith and strength as your beloved mother is now in peace.

Sylvia Dias Medina - February 02 at 04:50 PM

FP

“ My deepest Condolences To The Bacas , Gerald Your Mom Our Vecina De Adelino Was So Kind Hearted and Full Of Love, Life and Generous!

fred Peralta - February 02 at 09:49 AM

CS

“ Our sincere condolences to Valerie, Jolene, Steve and Gerald on the passing of their beloved Mother.
May God grant you all joy and peace in knowing your Mother was well cared for! 🤔
Our thoughts and prayers are with the family! 🙏

Clara & Gilbert Serafin - February 01 at 06:30 PM

JM

“ To the Baca Family,
Please accept my sincere condolences during
this difficult time in your lives!
Sincerely,
Juanita Mitchell



Juanita Mitchell - January 30 at 03:48 PM

RO

“ Ron&Debbie Ortega lit a candle in memory of
Marilyn V. Torres Baca



Ron&Debbie Ortega - January 30 at 12:14 PM

BT

“ Billie Alice Sanchez Torres sent a virtual gift in
memory of Marilyn V. Torres Baca



Billie Alice Sanchez Torres - January 30 at 07:59 AM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Valerie Baca - January 29 at 04:15 PM



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Valerie Baca - January 29 at 04:09 PM



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Valerie Baca - January 29 at 03:11 PM



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Valerie Baca - January 29 at 03:06 PM



“ Cindy Carabajal sent a virtual gift in memory of Marilyn V. Torres Baca



Cindy Carabajal - January 29 at 01:16 PM

CC

Dear beautiful Auntie Marilyn, may you rest in eternal peace in the loving arms of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Please give my Mom and Dad a big hug for me! You were a precious lady with such a peaceful and demure air about you. I was inspired by you as a child. My cousins, I'm so sorry about your profound loss, but I know you have so many beautiful memories of your Mom! Love you all! ~ Cindy
**ps...Floyd sends his love, too!*

Cindy Carabajal - January 29 at 01:20 PM