



## Deacon Michael Montoya

June 16, 1967 - July 11, 2023

1967-2023

Deacon Michael Alexander Montoya, age 56, a resident of Belen, NM, passed away on July 11, 2023. Services will be held on Wednesday, July 19, 2023, at Our Lady of Belen Catholic Church, beginning with a Visitation at 9:00 a.m., Rosary at 10:00 a.m. and followed by a Funeral Mass at 10:30 a.m. Interment will follow at Our Lady of Belen Memorial Gardens. He is survived by his daughter, Abigail Montoya; father, Percy Montoya; sister, Michelle (Steve) Aragon; nephews, Korey Robles, Adrian Montoya, Anthony DeAnda; nieces, Theresa Robles, and Loren DeAnda; great niece, Alyssa Montoya; sister in law, Josephine Gallegos; and several loving aunts, uncles, cousins and friends. Deacon Michael is preceded in death by his loving wife of 15 years, Brenda Montoya; mother, Barbara Santillanez-Montoya; brother, Mathew Montoya; and in laws, Lorenzo and Gertrude Gallegos. Deacon Michael grew up in Albuquerque and was raised by his parents. He was a Deacon at Our Lady of Belen Catholic Church and served his community faithfully for 12 years. Deacon Michael was also employed at New Mexico Orthopedics. Pallbearers are Franco Padilla, Rex Sanchez, Robert Kaneshiro, Anthony Sanchez, Wayne Gallegos, Mario Baldonado, Frank Ortega, Fernando Sisneros, Phillip Sisneros and Florian Sanchez. Please sign Deacon Michael's online tribute at [www.romerofuneralhomenm.com](http://www.romerofuneralhomenm.com) Romero Funeral Home, 609 N. Main St., Belen, NM.



# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 19. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (MT)

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

## Rosary

JUL 19. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (MT)

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

## Funeral Mass

JUL 19. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (MT)

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

## Interment

JUL 19. 11:30 AM (MT)

Our Lady of Belen Memorial Gardens  
101 N. 10th Street  
Belen, NM 87002

# Tribute Wall

JJ

“ Jennifer Jaramillo lit a candle in memory of Deacon Michael Montoya



Jennifer Jaramillo - August 01, 2023 at 11:05 AM

DR

“ DICKY ROMERO lit a candle in memory of Deacon Michael Montoya



DICKY ROMERO - July 28, 2023 at 01:34 PM

LB

“ My condolences to the Montoya family. Deacon Michael used to have interesting homilies, he always had a story. May God watch over Abby and your family during this time.



Laura Baca

Laura Baca - July 26, 2023 at 08:50 AM

BF

“ *Betty Sanchez & Family lit a candle in memory of Deacon Michael Montoya*



**Betty Sanchez & Family** - July 20, 2023 at 02:58 PM

KF

“ *Ken, Shirley Garcia & Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Deacon Michael Montoya*



**Ken, Shirley Garcia & Family** - July 19, 2023 at 12:38 PM

BM

“ *Bonnie Montoya lit a candle in memory of Deacon Michael Montoya*



**Bonnie Montoya** - July 18, 2023 at 11:26 PM

SM

*Deacon you were always so kind. We will miss you. RIP. May the Lord give your family strength. We love you Abby. Max, Bonnie and Edie Montoya*

**Sylvia Bonnie Montoya** - July 18, 2023 at 11:26 PM

G(

“ Gwen S. (CDA) & Jenell J. (JCDA) lit a candle  
in memory of Deacon Michael Montoya



Gwen S. (CDA) & Jenell J. (JCDA) - July 18, 2023 at 09:49 PM

MS

“ P.J, Michelle, Abbie, n other family members,  
Sorry for your loss, may he r.i.p fly high with  
the angels Deacon Micheal  
Sally Silva



maria silva - July 18, 2023 at 06:58 PM

MB

“ Maria Bolivar lit a candle in memory of  
Deacon Michael Montoya



Maria Bolivar - July 18, 2023 at 06:54 PM



“ Gloria Kelly lit a candle in memory of Deacon  
Michael Montoya



Gloria Kelly - July 18, 2023 at 06:28 PM

CM

“ *Cindy L Maestas sent a virtual gift in memory of Deacon Michael Montoya*



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**Cindy L Maestas** - July 18, 2023 at 08:44 AM

GG

“ *George And Gloria Griego lit a candle in memory of Deacon Michael Montoya*



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**George and Gloria Griego** - July 17, 2023 at 09:33 PM

DR

“ *Don & Aurora Rollin lit a candle in memory of Deacon Michael Montoya*



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**Don & Aurora Rollin** - July 17, 2023 at 09:04 PM

MJ

“ *Marty & Beatrice Jojola sent a virtual gift in memory of Deacon Michael Montoya*



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**Marty & Beatrice Jojola** - July 17, 2023 at 07:28 PM

SA

“ Michael words can never express How very much I will miss you. I never imagined all the years. We spoke on the phone that we would become such close friends. Even when your stubbornness made me So mad I would vow to never speak to you again! I could only stand a couple days until I had to hear your voice. I know you're holding Brenda in your arms And are both finally at peace in the kingdom of our lord.

Sandy - July 17, 2023 at 07:00 PM

RL

“ Ruth Lucero lit a candle in memory of Deacon Michael Montoya



Ruth Lucero - July 17, 2023 at 04:21 PM

BZ

“ Abby, Josephine, Michelle, Korey, and all of the Montoya, Mascarena, and Gallegos family

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I want to express my deepest condolences for your loss.. Deacon Micheal is forever in our hearts, such a beautiful soul, and wonderful friend. I will miss his amazing Homilies, his soft spoken voice, gave Hope and his strong Faith and Love for his family always shined through..

“I know this is a difficult time, please know my thoughts and prayers with you (Abby)and your family as you grieve.”

May God Grant him Eternal Rest and Peace, May Our Lords Perpetual Light Shine On Him 🙏



Bernadette Zamora - July 17, 2023 at 03:12 PM



“ *Donna Rivera-Trujillo lit a candle in memory of Deacon Michael Montoya*



Donna Rivera-Trujillo - July 17, 2023 at 12:11 PM



*Our deepest condolences, Dan & Donna Trujillo*

Donna Rivera-Trujillo - July 17, 2023 at 12:12 PM

CT

“ *Corine Trujeque lit a candle in memory of Deacon Michael Montoya*



Corine Trujeque - July 17, 2023 at 11:34 AM

AC

“ *My heartfelt condolences thoughts and prayers are with Abby Josie jennie Bryan Stephanie and all their families God's Blessings. Deacon Michael will be greatly missed 🙏❤️*



Aimee Delano Chavez - July 17, 2023 at 10:39 AM

RB

“ *Condolances to the Montoya family for their loss. We will miss Deacon Michael very much.*



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**Ruth Baca** - July 17, 2023 at 10:24 AM

BB

“ *Bill And Jeanne Britton lit a candle in memory of Deacon Michael Montoya*



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**Bill and Jeanne Britton** - July 17, 2023 at 07:30 AM

TR

“ *Theresa Robles lit a candle in memory of Deacon Michael Montoya*



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**Theresa Robles** - July 16, 2023 at 11:47 PM

AC

“ *Albert & Alice Chavez lit a candle in memory of Deacon Michael Montoya*



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**Albert & Alice Chavez** - July 16, 2023 at 05:52 PM

LR

“ *Lori Rivera lit a candle in memory of Deacon Michael Montoya*



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**Lori Rivera** - July 16, 2023 at 04:30 PM

LE

“ *Lenore lit a candle in memory of Deacon Michael Montoya*



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**Lenore** - July 16, 2023 at 03:15 PM

MP

“ *Rest In Peace Deacon Michael* 🙏🙏

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**min presley** - July 16, 2023 at 12:26 PM

TG

“ *Tony And Oralia Garcia lit a candle in memory of Deacon Michael Montoya*



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**Tony and Oralia Garcia** - July 16, 2023 at 10:49 AM

BM

“ *Abby and family,*

*May Deacon Montoya Rest in Peace.  
Eternal rest grant onto him oh Lord and may  
perpetual light shine upon him. God bless you  
all and give you much needed strength at this difficult time. 🙏*

*His baptisms will greatly be missed!*

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**Bernice Montoya** - July 16, 2023 at 02:25 AM



LB

“ *Leroy Baca lit a candle in memory of Deacon  
Michael Montoya*

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**Leroy Baca** - July 15, 2023 at 10:36 PM



FR

“ *Frederica lit a candle in memory of Deacon  
Michael Montoya*

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**frederica** - July 15, 2023 at 10:13 PM



CM

“ *Loved Deacon Michael, he and his wife and daughter were always so kind to all of us! He will always be remembered and missed. May he continue to pray for us and may he rest in peace. Condolances to his daughter and family!  
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**Cathy McCartney** - July 15, 2023 at 05:56 PM

ML

“ *We are praying for the loved ones of Deacon Michael for God's Peace, Comfort, and Strength for as long as each of you needs it. Our Lady of Belen was extremely blessed to have Deacon Michael. He touched our lives in a very special way. He will be greatly missed. He will still come to every Mass during the Consecration of our Lord Jesus Christ.*



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**Mark and Crissie Leyba** - July 15, 2023 at 04:12 PM

DB

“ *Michael, Bella & I were so lucky to be able to visit with you in your final days. We miss you & we are so happy that you are reunited with Brenda in heaven. We will always be there for Abby.*



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**Darlene Baca** - July 15, 2023 at 03:32 PM

AS

“ Abby, Josephine and family I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. God bless and comfort you at this most difficult time 🙏



Adela Sanchez - July 15, 2023 at 03:29 PM

MA

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Michelle montoya aragon - July 15, 2023 at 11:49 AM

MA

This is michelle aragon I m Michael's sister this is a picture of Michael at age three I'm the baby and our beautiful mom Barbara montoya I love you (coco ) Michael

Michelle montoya aragon - July 17, 2023 at 01:04 PM

DS

“ My most Deepest Sympathy goes out to his daughter Abbey 🙏 May The Lord bring you comfort & Peace & NEVER FORGET, You & Your Parents will Always be “THE 3 MUSKETEERS “100 □□□



Dorothy Sedillo - July 15, 2023 at 02:50 AM

LR

“ *Lorraine Romero lit a candle in memory of Deacon Michael Montoya*



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**Lorraine Romero** - July 14, 2023 at 10:08 PM

AC

“ *Abby, Josephine and family-I am so sorry for your loss. Know you are in my thoughts and prayers. I am here for you if you need anything.*  
*Annette E. Chavez*

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**Annette E. Chavez** - July 14, 2023 at 09:24 PM



“ *Caroline Garcia lit a candle in memory of Deacon Michael Montoya*



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**Caroline Garcia** - July 14, 2023 at 09:18 PM

BS

“ *Betty Sanchez sent a virtual gift in memory of Deacon Michael Montoya*



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**Betty Sanchez** - July 14, 2023 at 08:17 PM

TS

“ Theresa Sanchez lit a candle in memory of Deacon Michael Montoya



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**Theresa Sanchez** - July 14, 2023 at 08:16 PM

RG

“ Abby, Josephine and family. My sincerest condolences to your families upon Michael's passing. I considered Michael and Brenda friends since we attended the Marriage Enrichment Program for many years. May Michael rest in peace and let perpetual light shine upon him.



*Rose Agnes Garcia*

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**Rose Agnes Garcia** - July 14, 2023 at 07:47 PM

GG

“ Glen & Mary Gabaldon lit a candle in memory of Deacon Michael Montoya



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**Glen & Mary Gabaldon** - July 14, 2023 at 06:46 PM