



Miguel "Daniel" Mendoza

October 2, 2012

Miguel "Daniel" Mendoza, age 80, a former resident of Belen, peacefully passed away on September 29, 2012 surrounded by his loving family at Presbyterian Anna Kaseman Hospital after a short illness. Mr. Mendoza was born July 5, 1932, in McNarry, Arizona, to Ignacio and Maria Ponce Mendoza. Daniel was a determined person that once he set his mind to do something, he was sure to accomplish anything. At the age of 16, he started working for the railroad and decided to make it a career and worked for the AT&SF Railroad until he retired at the age of 62. Daniel lived in Belen most of his life. In 1953 he married his childhood sweetheart, Magdalena Torres. They have lived a blessed life all these years raising their children, Jose and Vicky. Daniel enjoyed watching the Dallas Cowboys, wrestling, especially WWE, and he loved his tools and shopping at Sears. Daniel is survived by his loving wife of 59 years, Magdalena; daughter, Vicky Cox and husband, Brian; son, Jose Mendoza and wife, Gaylean; grandchildren, Lawrence Chavez and wife, Cristalle, Beverly Armour and husband, Daniel, Michael, Gabrielle, and Jaclynn Mendoza, Anthony and Joseph Jaramillo; five great-grandchildren, Shane, Bianca, Dominic, Dane, and Brock Chavez; sister, Lydia Romero; and brother, Adolfo Mendoza. All services will be held at Our Lady of Belen Catholic Church, on Wednesday, October 3, beginning with a viewing at 11:00 a.m. with a rosary to be recited at 11:30 a.m. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 12:00 p.m. Interment will follow at Our Lady of Belen Memorial Gardens.