



## Odelio F. Baca

November 23, 1917 - February 18, 2014

1917-2014

Odelio F. Baca, age 96, a resident of Tome, NM passed away on Tuesday, February 18, 2014. Odelio was born and raised in the Tome and Adelino area. Odelio was a WWII veteran and was awarded the Purple Heart for the critical wounds he endured during the invasion in Normandy. When he returned home from the service, Odelio attended college under the GI Bill. He received his Bachelors of Science in Agriculture from NMSU. He was employed by the NM Extension Service as County Agent in Guadalupe and San Miguel County and later as State Extension Supervisor until his retirement. After retirement he returned to Adelino to farming and ranching which he enjoyed until his death. He was preceded in death by his parents, Doroteo and Ramoncita Vigil Baca; seven brothers and sisters, Manuel, Luis, Crestino, Antonio, Juan, Maria and Frank; two sisters, Chona Torres and Tillie Baca. Odelio is survived by his loving wife of 66 years, Emilia Lopez Baca; two daughters, Vicky Baca and Bernadette Pumper and husband, Charles Pumper; one granddaughter "The Apple of his Eyes", Vanessa Callahan; and two special nephews, Ramon Torres and wife, Ana and Angelo Torres and wife, Rhonda. He is also survived by his brother-in-law, Tane Lopez; sister-in-law, Rita Sessy, Paulette Lopez, Onecima Duran. The Baca family would like to acknowledge his caretakers, Yuri and Edwin Ramos who provided love and care during his later years. All services will be held at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Tome, beginning with a Viewing on Sunday, February 23rd at 2:30 p.m. with a

Rosary to be recited at 3:00 p.m. A Final Visitation will be held on Monday, February 24th at 9:30 a.m. with a Funeral Mass to be celebrated at 10:00 a.m. with Father Jose Hernandez presiding. Interment will be held at the Santa Fe National Cemetery on Tuesday, February 25th at 10:30 a.m. Sign Odelio's online tribute at [www.romerofuneralhomenm.com](http://www.romerofuneralhomenm.com) Romero Funeral Home, 609 N. Main St., Belen, NM

# Cemetery Details

## Santa Fe National Cemetery

501 N. Guadalupe Street  
Santa Fe, NM 87501

# Previous Events

## Viewing

FEB 23. 2:30 PM (MT)

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church  
7 Church Loop  
Tome, NM 87060

## Rosary

FEB 23. 3:00 PM (MT)

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church  
7 Church Loop  
Tome, NM 87060

## Final Visitation

FEB 24. 9:30 AM (MT)

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church  
7 Church Loop  
Tome, NM 87060

## Funeral Mass

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FEB **24**. 10:00 AM (MT)

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church  
7 Church Loop  
Tome, NM 87060

# Tribute Wall

LB

“ *Louie & Debbie Baca lit a candle in memory of Odelio F. Baca*



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**Louie & Debbie Baca** - September 24, 2015 at 07:23 PM

AA

“ *Le acompaño en su sentimiento, y comprendo por lo que está pasando, por muy desagradable que sea la muerte es algo que sucede día a día, pero hay una promesa según Revelación 21: 3,4, Juan 5: 28,29, Hechos 24: 15. En dichos textos está la maravillosa promesa de la resurrección. Estos textos me ayudaron a mí en momentos tan difíciles como por los que están pasando en estos momentos. Para aprender de esta promesa solo tiene que seguir el consejo de Juan 17: 3. Con este pensamiento en mente le invito a que visite el siguiente enlace, <http://www.JW.org/es/publicaciones>. Con /libros/tratado-muertos-volver-a-vivir/ Ahí encontrara un artículo que habla más al respecto.*

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**aak** - March 15, 2014 at 05:41 AM

DC

“ *Dearest Emilia and family,*

*I am so sorry for your loss! I just now learned of Odelio's death and my heart and prayers go out to all of you! I am at a loss for words so I pray God grant you the peace and comfort you will all need. Much love!*

*Diane Chávez*

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**Diane Chavez** - March 03, 2014 at 03:00 PM

MM

“ *Hola Baca family:*

*I miss his laughter, his wit and most of all, his rapport about the Republicans verses the Democrats! He has his own forum in Heaven and he discuss politics anytime!*

*Every time I watch, "Saving Private Ryan" with Tom Hanks I think of my beloved uncle, O.F. he was actually there for the "Invasion of Normandy". (chills run through my body..what an honor to have known someone who was actually there!) Thanks, Uncle for fighting so courageous for the United States. Today I honor and salute you!!*

*Again ..I observed every time there was a military funeral in Santa Fe, New Mexico my uncle would salute all the veteran's coffins.*

*Again..thanks for being so kind and gracious to my beloved parents, Amalia and Jose J. Martinez.*

*You are now in Heaven and earth!*

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**Molly B. Martinez** - February 27, 2014 at 05:31 PM

MP

“ *Dearest Aunt Emelia, cousins Bernadette, Vicky and Charlie, Brooks and I offer our deepest condolences for the passing of Uncle Odelio. I will always remember his patience and trust he shared with me when he let me ride one of his horses. I went to Tome and back. I was stiff for a week. I always enjoyed visiting you and Uncle. He sure had a full life. God bless you all.*

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**Magdalen Pettigrew** - February 26, 2014 at 07:53 PM

LS

“ *Emilia and Family, We are so sorry for your loss. We send our sincerest sympathy. God Bless you. Lloyd and Lucille Sais*

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**Lloyd and Lucille Sais** - February 26, 2014 at 08:51 AM

EM

“ *Dear Emilia, Vicky, Bernadette and Charlie,*

*My sincere condolence for the loss of your admirable husband, father and father-in-law.*

*I look forward to seeing you at mass on Monday.*

*My cousin, Molly called to let me know that her uncle passed away. She was so pleased that her Aunt Emilia called her. We are both impressed that Odelio fought at Normandy during World War II.*

*With sympathy,  
Estella A. Martinez*

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**Estella Martinez** - February 23, 2014 at 09:24 PM

CS

“ *I had the honor of meeting and going to work for Mr. and Mrs. Baca in 1972 when I moved to Albuquerque to attend UNM. The kindness extended by the Bacas and the time I spent on the farm and ranch were therapeutic and I truly believe it allowed me to graduate. Mr. Baca was quick with a smile, even when I stuck the tractor in the front yard or when we set the bosque on fire while burning ditches. My deepest condolences to the Baca Family. I will always remember Mr. Baca.*

*Robert "Chip" Snapp*

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**Chip Snapp** - February 23, 2014 at 04:01 PM

J(

“ *My sincere sympathy goes to the O. F. Baca Family. I had the privilege of working with O. F for the Coooperative Extension Service of New Mexico State Universiy. He was a great friend and supervisor. I have many warm and fond memories of him during our years of work for the Extension Service. He will be truley missed. Jim Sais*

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**James R Sais (Jim)** - February 23, 2014 at 01:01 PM

LN

“ *Dear Aunt Emilia and Cousins Vicky and Bernadette:  
My deepest sympathy to all for the loss of your beloved husband, precious dad and my favorite uncle. I have such fond memories of Tio..I will always remember the times we used to dance the Polka and now he is dancing in streets of gold. To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord. May God's peace and comfort be with you all during this time. Cherish the memories. He was a "gentle" giant, always with a smile. He will be missed by many. Love you all.*

*Loretta Baca Narrell*

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**Loretta Narrell** - February 22, 2014 at 08:40 AM

PS

“ *To dear Emilia, Vicky and Bernadette, our thoughts and prayers are with you all. O. F. was an amazing man--so brilliant, kind and respectful of others. I know it will be so hard to face each day without his dynamic presence. May God be with you all to comfort and provide peace as he welcomes Odelio into heaven. I have such fond memories of your whole family as a kid....and playing with your dog, Bo-Bo. Tom and Pat Skrinar / Andrew, Emilia and Mara*

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**Pat Skrinar** - February 21, 2014 at 11:01 PM

BD

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the family. We thought so much of O. F. He was a good friend and Co-worker. My Daddy (W. G. Vinzant) thought a lot of O. F. when they both worked for NMSU Extension. Billy enjoyed O. F. a lot while they both worked for Extension. He was always happy and so good natured. We truly will miss him. May God hold the family close and he will be close to you always because of the many sweet memories you will have.

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**Bobby Ann & Billy Dictson** - February 21, 2014 at 10:33 PM



“ To Odelio's Family, My prayers and heart felt sympathy are with you this time. May God Grant you the peace to carry you through this time of sorrow! Odelio will be greatly missed. A memory for me was Odelio gave my daughter a little Saddle, and she still has it, and made good use of it. So many good memories will be cherished.

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**Rhea Flannery** - February 21, 2014 at 08:31 AM

RC

“ Rhea Chavez lit a candle in memory of Odelio F. Baca



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**Rhea Chavez** - February 21, 2014 at 08:24 AM

JF

“ I'm so glad we got to visit with Del-la-lo last spring! It had been years since I had been back in Tome and I was amazed at how much he came to resemble Papa (Luis)! He was a wonderful man and always had a smile and kind word! That mixed with just a little mischief made him one of my favorites. I will cherish those memories! My daughter Cassie remembers him telling her to go and see the Ghost up in the attic room! She wanted me to tell you she had fun visiting and is really glad she got to meet him! Our thoughts and prayers are with you all!

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**Janet Ferrera** - February 20, 2014 at 08:34 PM

 Dawn  
Green  
Halfacre

*Fondest memories as a kid being at my their house going up the spiral staircase to see the ghost and for the Lopez Family Reunion playing on the farm and loving every minute with all of my family!*

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**Dawn Green Halfacre** - February 21, 2014 at 12:21 PM