



Onesimo Bustamante

April 19, 1923 - August 12, 2020

1923 -2020

Nobody was more surprised than Onesimo Bustamante that he lived to a vital 97 years of age. But he was happy to make full use of the opportunity. He was born in April of 1923, to Dionicio and Marquitos Bustamante in La Fragua, NM and passed to finally join Josie Griego, his wife of 71 years, on August 12, 2020. In between he helped his father in his farming and general store businesses, worked in the coal operations in Raton, joined the CCC service using his older brother's identity because he was too young to join, worked in Denver and San Francisco and generally sowed wild oats. Onesimo came home in 1945, married Josie in 1947, and settled down to create and raise a family. He worked the fluorspar mines in the Zuni Mountains and then started working in the burgeoning uranium industry in and around Grants, NM. After 10 years of working for "the other guy," he opened a gas and service station in Grants. That little business fed and educated his six children because of his and Josie's unmatched work ethic and frugality. His six children all finished college educations because of the opportunity they provided. Upon retiring, he and Josie moved to Belen, NM, where he once again started farming. Onesimo was rightly proud of and happy with his garden, producing excellent chile, corn, melons and squash. He took wonderful care of Josie as she approached her end two years ago.

Onesimo leaves behind six children: Michael, Margaret (Tim), Veronica, Clara (Greg), Edward and Richard; nine grandchildren who had the privilege of knowing him into their adulthood; seven great-grandchildren and one “bun in the oven.” We will miss him terribly for his youthful outlook, repeated stories, guidance, generosity and mentorship. Services will take place on Monday, August 17, 2020, beginning with a Visitation at 10:00 AM at Romero Funeral Home Chapel and a Graveside Service next to Josie will occur immediately after at Our Lady of Belen Memorial Gardens. Because of COVID concerns, there will be no reception. The family would like to thank the staff at Woodmark Uptown for the wonderful care they provided in his final days. Please sign Onesimo’s online tribute at www.romerofuneralhomenm.com
Romero Funeral Home, 609 N. Main St., Belen, NM

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 17. 10:00 AM (MT)

Romero Funeral Home Chapel
609 N. Main St.
Belen, NM 87002
(505) 864-8501
romerofuneralhome@comcast.net
<https://www.romerofuneralhomenm.com>

Interment

AUG 17. 11:00 AM (MT)

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

Tribute Wall

PJ

“ I just found out today that my cousin Onesimo passed away. I always enjoyed my visits with him and Josie. They both talked about the old days and filled in the blanks that I had when I was researching the geonology. I could never leave without eating a bowl of beans and chili and Onesimo folding a tortilla and handing it to me.

Pete Bustamante Jr - August 26, 2020 at 07:55 PM

JM

“ I would to extend my condolences to the family. Onesimo was my friend. May he rest in peace. With sincere sympathy, Julia Madrid.

Julia Madrid - August 19, 2020 at 01:41 PM

AZ

“ We send our heartfelt sympathy on the loss of Onesimo to his family. My mother sincerely enjoyed his wonderful company at The Woodmark over the last year, and we were so pleased to have met him ourselves. Our thoughts and prayers remain with you as you mourn his passing - we hope you take much comfort in knowing he is now with Josie and his Savior.
Anne and Joel Zupfer, and Peggy Johnson

anne zupfer - August 17, 2020 at 09:48 PM

RG

“ I'm so sorry to hear about the passing of Uncle Onesimo. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

Robert & Tina Griego

Robert Griego - August 17, 2020 at 03:34 PM

CS

“ Our sincere condolences to the Bustamante siblings. We enjoyed Onesimo.

Our Love & Prayers. Tom & Carla Steiner

Carla Steiner - August 17, 2020 at 01:11 PM

CJ

“ Onesimo was one of the last members of the great generation I was fortunate enough to know him and his family well. He will leave a lasting impression on me as he and Josie built a strong foundation for their family and friends to enjoy and flourish in. Save me a fishing pole my friend.

chuck jackson - August 17, 2020 at 09:29 AM

MB

“ Please accept my condolences on Mr. Bustamante's passing. I still have fond memories of talking with him when I bought gas at his station in Grants back in the late 70s.

Max Beck - August 16, 2020 at 02:27 PM

FP

“ Fred and Corrine Padilla purchased the Classic Sympathy Dish Garden for the family of Onesimo Bustamante.



Fred and Corrine Padilla - August 15, 2020 at 01:44 PM

VB

“ Vangie and Phil Bustamante purchased the Lavender & White Standing Spray for the family of Onesimo Bustamante.



Vangie and Phil Bustamante - August 15, 2020 at 01:23 PM

DS

“ Bless the memory of Mr. Bustamante. Condolences to the family.

Danny y Loretta Sachs - August 15, 2020 at 10:36 AM

BS

I felt that I knew Me bustamante because of the many stories from michael. What a wonderful set of memories! My condolences to the family. Bill snead

bill snead - August 16, 2020 at 09:13 AM

JM

I wish to offer my condolences to the family. Onesimo was my friend and I will miss him. Wish sincere sympathy, Julia Madrid.

Julia Madrid - August 16, 2020 at 10:46 AM

MH

With sincere condolences and prayers to the Bustamante family during this time of loss.

Lovingly and sincerely, The Santa Fe Hemperley Family...Skip, Billie, and Michelle

Michael "Skip" Hemperley - August 16, 2020 at 01:36 PM

MB

My condolences on Mr. Busamante's passing. I still have fond memories of talking with him when I bought gas at his station in Grants back in late 70s.

Max Beck - August 16, 2020 at 02:30 PM

JB

My condolences to his children and grand children. It is very sad for the ones left behind but he is at peace now. I pray for peace and comfort for all of the family! Julie Bustamante

Julie Bustamante - August 16, 2020 at 03:13 PM

SG

We are so sorry for your loss. Onesimo was a very peaceful, gentleman, a great family man and business man. I was fortunate to have him as my very first boss in life. He and my mother, the last two of their generation of the Griego family. Blessings and comfort to you all. Steve, Dianne, and Jason Griego

Steve Griego - August 17, 2020 at 10:48 AM

KH

“ Our sincere sympathy to the Bustamante Family on the loss of our Great Uncle Onesimo. I will always remember his kind smile and gentle manner, may he Rest In Peace in heaven as he unites once again with Great Aunt Josie. Sincerely, The Heck Family, John, Kathy & Kendra

Kathy Heck - August 14, 2020 at 05:18 PM



“ Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White was purchased for the family of Onesimo Bustamante.



August 14, 2020 at 03:55 PM

AB

“ It is with heartfelt sadness to hear of the passing of my uncle *Onesimo Bustamante* . God bless all his family as he is now at home in Jesus arms. May he Rest In Peace .Always Arthur and Lillian Bustamante and family.

Arthur Bustamante - August 13, 2020 at 08:47 PM

DR

“ Dicky And Suzanne Romero lit a candle in memory of *Onesimo Bustamante*



Dicky and Suzanne Romero - August 13, 2020 at 07:08 PM