



Rafaelita Silva

August 26, 2010

Rafaelita Silva, age 85, a resident of Belen, NM, passed away on Wednesday, Aug. 25, peacefully at home surrounded by her loving family.~ She was a strong woman who lived with love, peace and joy and went with dignity and grace.~ She was preceded in death by her beloved husband of 64 years, Eduardo "Lalo" Silva; her parents, Enrique and Felicita Sandoval; her son, Robert; sister, Tillie Auge and brothers, Albert, Henry, Jimmy and Ernest.~ Rafaelita is survived by her sisters, Mary Atencio and Esther Flores; brothers, Eloy and Danny Sandoval; five loving daughters, Sister Eva Silva OP, Victoria Wilger and husband, Jack, Felice Cervantes and husband, Jose, Gloria Ortiz and husband, Michael and Angela Baum and husband, Fred; loving grandchildren, Robert, Trinidad, Sonya, Jason, Rosa Isela, Marisol, Rocio, Jose, Jesus, Cristina, Juanita, Jessica, Micah, Matthew and Ian and 16 great-grandchildren.~ She is also survived by her special friend and caretaker, Mary Baca.~ All services will take place at Our Lady of Belen Catholic Church, beginning with a viewing at 6:15 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 27, with a rosary to be recited at 7:00 p.m. A final visitation will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 28, with a Funeral Mass to be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. Interment will follow at Our Lady of Belen Memorial Gardens. Sign Rafaelita's online register book at www.romerofuneralhomenm.com.~ Romero Funeral Home, 609 N. Main St., Belen, NM.