



## Raquel Castro Davila

September 13, 1931 - May 10, 2026

Raquel Castro Davila, age 94, of Albuquerque passed away May 10, 2026. Raquel was born on September 13, 1931, in La Paz, Baja California, Mexico. Raquel was the youngest child of Jose and Laura Castro. Her siblings were Raul, Cesar, and Celia.

The Castros were a musical family. All the children played the piano and their mother performed at the concert level. Playing the piano and other instruments was commonplace in La Paz. In the evening friends and family would stroll through the neighborhood, greeting people on their front porches. Parties in the neighborhood were frequent. And of course, everybody knew everybody. This close, loving, and supportive community made for a wonderful childhood.

Raquel did well in school. After graduating from high school, she traveled to Los Angeles where she completed a certificate program in kindergarten education. Raquel did not have the opportunity to teach, however, because a charming young man, Edward Davila, swept her off her feet and they married.

Edward was a graduate of New Mexico State University in Las Cruces with a degree in Agricultural education, and he had been hired by Burpee Seed Company to work at their crop development farm in Los Planes near La Paz. One weekend, Edward was invited to a wedding reception at the home of Mr.

Rios, the landowner of the farm. At the reception, Edward noticed four young ladies having a grand time playing with someone's hat. The girls, including Raquel, his future wife, were laughing, trying on the hat. As Edward approached they laughed and said, "That gringo doesn't know Spanish." So, when Mr. Rios came out and asked him if he wanted to leave, Edward said yes and turned to the girls asking in perfect Spanish, "Please may I have my hat?"

Edward and Raquel married on July 15, 1954. Edward moved his family to Los Lunas, New Mexico in the fall of 1959.

Raquel was preceded in death by her husband Edward, and son Edward Jr.; her parents Jose and Laura Castro, siblings Raul, Cesar, and Celia. She is survived by her daughter Dilia Maria Davila de Castro and many relatives and friends. Raquel will be greatly missed for her grace and wisdom.

## Cemetery Details

### Los Lentes Catholic Cemetery

Los Lunas, NM 87031

## Previous Events

### Graveside Service

MAY 18. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM.

Los Lentes Catholic Cemetery

# Tribute Wall

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“ I wish I would have known of her passing earlier I would have gone to the service and brought my mother Katherine Lang her cousin. I always found Raquel to be a very elegant kind lady. She was one of my favorite relatives to visit with. She always had good stories to tell and I loved her accent. Eddie and Raquel always looked very happy and now they will be together again. Praying that everyone has wonderful memories to get them through the heartache of loosing her. She will be remembered fondly by me.

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**Linda K Lang** - May 18 at 07:49 PM

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“ Eddie Davila was my cousin, closest in age to me, so we were always close. I remember when I first met Raquel, a lovely bride, when they first came home to New Mexico. And Raquel made a lovely home in Albuquerque. I remember parties, always fun and good food, in their home. They both will be remembered and missed.  
**PATSY TONDRE PETERSON**

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**Patsy Tondre Peterson** - May 18 at 04:27 PM

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“ Albert & Alice Chavez lit a candle in memory of Raquel Castro Davila



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**Albert & Alice Chavez** - May 15 at 05:28 PM