



## Richard Baldonado

October 19, 1959 - April 27, 2023

Richard “Dickie” Baldonado, age 63, a resident of Belen, NM, passed away on April 27, 2023. A Visitation will be held on Monday, May 22, 2023, at Romero Funeral Home Chapel at 5:00 p.m. followed by a Rosary at 6:00 p.m. A Final Visitation will take place on Tuesday, May 23, 2023, at Our Lady of Belen Catholic Church at 9:00 a.m., followed by a Funeral Mass at 10:00 a.m. Interment will follow at Our Lady of Belen Memorial Gardens. He was a member of Our Lady of Belen Catholic Church, Belen Moose Lodge, and Secundino Baldonado American Legion Post 81. Richard is survived by his significant other, Debbie Siow; sons, Jacob and Brian Baldonado (Sara Velasquez-Baldonado); daughters, Jessica and Brandy Baldonado (Irvin Chacon); sisters, Elizabeth Ortega (Eddie), Kathy Carrillo and Mary Ann Baldonado; grandsons, Jacob, Jayce, and Jesse Baldonado; granddaughters, Maya and Ariana Trujillo; great-granddaughters, Mattison and Samantha Baldonado; and many beloved nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family, and new and lifelong friends. He is preceded in death by his parents, Juan and Laura Baldonado; and sister, Joann Trujillo. Richard was a devoted son, brother, father, grandfather, uncle, and friend. He lived a life of service that started from an early age working at Gil’s Bakery. Richard loved working in the food industry and owned his own restaurants and catering businesses off and on throughout his life. He worked as a corrections officer for several years in the 80s in Los Lunas. Richard worked construction off and on his entire life as well. In 1994, he started his career with the City of Belen and began working

as the Parks and Recreation Supervisor and the Community Services Director where he was able to make a positive impact on his hometown. Richard loved helping members of the community and making a difference in the lives of others. Upon his retirement in 2006, he continued being of service to the community and helping others. Richard could often be seen catering at weddings, funerals, and birthday parties. He volunteered for all of his grandchildren's fundraisers, school projects, and field trips and became an honorary uncle or "Papo" to everyone. One of Richard's greatest joys was sitting on the sidelines of their games telling people that his grandkids were playing, and he rarely missed a game, traveling great distances to watch them. If he wasn't watching his grandkids, nieces, or nephews play, he could be seen cheering for his beloved Dodgers, Lakers, and Cowboys. Richard could also be seen campaigning for issues and people he strongly believed in or greeting people wherever he went with a hug, smile, and a friendly handshake. He had a way of making people laugh, come out of their shells, and have the best time. No one was a stranger or felt left out when in Richard's presence. He left a legacy for his family and all that had the privilege of meeting him to know what kindness, compassion, giving, humbleness, acceptance, selflessness, service, and fun really looked like. Richard was an unforgettable person that touched the lives of everyone he met whether it was for a moment, or a lifetime and he will be forever missed. Pallbearers will be John and Juan Carrillo, Andrew and Aidan Rodriguez, Brandon Siow, Irvin Chacon, and Robert Trujillo. Please sign Richard's online tribute at [www.romerofuneralhomenm.com](http://www.romerofuneralhomenm.com) Romero Funeral Home, 609 N. Main St., Belen, NM.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY **22**. 5:00 PM (MT)

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

## Rosary

MAY **22**. 6:00 PM (MT)

Romero Funeral Home Chapel  
609 N. Main St.  
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## Final Visitation

MAY **23**. 9:00 AM (MT)

Our Lady of Belen Catholic Church  
101 N. 10th Street  
Belen, NM 87002

## Funeral Mass

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MAY **23**. 10:00 AM (MT)

Our Lady of Belen Catholic Church  
101 N. 10th Street  
Belen, NM 87002

## Interment

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MAY **23**. 11:00 AM (MT)

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

# Tribute Wall

DR

“ *Dicky Romero lit a candle in memory of Richard Baldonado*



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**Dicky Romero** - June 20, 2023 at 05:30 PM

JS

“ *Joe A Silva lit a candle in memory of Richard Baldonado*



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**Joe A Silva** - June 03, 2023 at 02:53 PM

KC

“ *Our little brother was a wonderful person. He loved his kids more than anyone and he shared everything with his kids. His kids went into debt to bring him home and to bury him.*

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**kathy carrillo** - May 26, 2023 at 09:57 PM

JN

“ *Joe And Tina Nunez lit a candle in memory of Richard Baldonado*



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**Joe and Tina Nunez** - May 25, 2023 at 01:42 PM

AF

“ Our deepest condolences to the family. We will miss him so much and his "interesting" talks.



Apodaca Family - May 22, 2023 at 09:03 AM

LM

“ My love prayers, & condolences go out to the family at this difficult time 🙏 I am going out of town so I won't be able to attend the services but would like you to know the family will be in my thoughts & prayers. Take comfort in knowing that he was a special person to many.



Lora Marez

Lora Marez - May 18, 2023 at 11:41 AM

LU

“ May he fly high just like a butterfly

Luciano - May 18, 2023 at 11:18 AM

RL

“ My deepest sympathy to all of Richard's family.  
May he Rest In Peace 🙏



Ruth Lucero - May 16, 2023 at 07:18 PM

BC

“ *Beverly Castillo lit a candle in memory of Richard Baldonado*



**Beverly Castillo** - May 16, 2023 at 01:40 PM

AC

“ *Brotherman was an excellent chef! We shared a kitchen at the American Legion! Great ideas and great memories! Rest well brother! Iiiinteresting, he would say! Love you and miss you lots!*

**Arnold Conejo** - May 12, 2023 at 03:42 PM

VE

“ *Valentina Edwards lit a candle in memory of Richard Baldonado*



**Valentina Edwards** - May 11, 2023 at 06:57 PM

RT

“ *Reyna Tapia lit a candle in memory of Richard Baldonado*



**Reyna Tapia** - May 09, 2023 at 10:41 PM

BM

“ *Bryan And Stephanie Mascarena lit a candle in memory of Richard Baldonado*



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**Bryan and Stephanie Mascarena** - May 08, 2023 at 03:22 PM

MS

“ *Maxine Barela Schmock lit a candle in memory of Richard Baldonado*



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**Maxine Barela Schmock** - May 07, 2023 at 09:08 PM

JS

“ *Joy Sanchez lit a candle in memory of Richard Baldonado*



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**Joy Sanchez** - May 07, 2023 at 02:44 PM

CR

“ *Chris Rael lit a candle in memory of Richard Baldonado*



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**Chris Rael** - May 06, 2023 at 01:45 PM

KR

“ *Richard had a contagious laugh and smile and was a kind hearted man always willing to lend a hand and make you smile with him. Constantly bragged about his children and grandchildren. My condolences go out to you all. He will be missed!!*



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**kristi** - May 06, 2023 at 10:56 AM

KT

“ *I'm praying for your rest in paradise the Lord has your place to rest for eternity Richard you were a wonderful and caring father figure for my 3 kids when they were small they looked up too you You were their baseball coach you were their recreational director you took them on. Many vacations as children I am Very grateful for that time thank you for treating my kids as your own back in the 80's And Keeping in touch with Mark all these years your going to be missed and we're a mentor to so many God bless your next chapter Karen*

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**Karen Pino Trujillo** - May 06, 2023 at 10:51 AM

MD

“ *Michael Duran lit a candle in memory of Richard Baldonado*



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**Michael Duran** - May 06, 2023 at 10:28 AM

MD

“ *Michael Duran lit a candle in memory of Richard Baldonado*



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**Michael Duran** - May 06, 2023 at 10:25 AM

LI

“ *Oh little brother we will miss you so much. Your loving support. Always there to take care of your family. Your silly smile and you mischievous ways. There are no words. I'm glad you are not suffering anymore. Give mom and dad a hug for us. We'll see you some day. All my love sister*

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**liz** - May 05, 2023 at 05:12 PM

AS

“ *Adela Sanchez lit a candle in memory of Richard Baldonado*



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**Adela Sanchez** - May 05, 2023 at 01:54 PM

GF

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you Jessica and your family. So sorry for your loss. RIP Dickie.*



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**Gwen Sanchez and family** - May 05, 2023 at 12:54 PM

LP

“ *Lenore Pena lit a candle in memory of Richard Baldonado*



Lenore Pena - May 05, 2023 at 01:06 AM

RC

“ *Ramon Chavez lit a candle in memory of Richard Baldonado*



Ramon Chavez - May 04, 2023 at 08:59 PM

BL

“ *Knew Richard for many years n as the years went by lost contact but if I was to see him out n about always got a hug. Richard had a heart of gold. You will be missed Rest in Peace my friend  
Berna*



BERNADETTE LOPEZ/MOYA - May 04, 2023 at 05:22 PM

BR

“ *Barbara Rodriguez lit a candle in memory of Richard Baldonado*



Barbara Rodriguez - May 03, 2023 at 04:57 PM

BR

“ Love and miss you so so much dad. Thank you for being the best. You were everything I could ever ask for in an amazing father.

Brandy - May 03, 2023 at 02:24 PM

RS

“ Baldonado Family,

Richard was a good person, a caring man and a great friend. He will never be forgotten. Our sincerest sympathy.

Rick and Marianna Sandoval - May 03, 2023 at 11:38 AM

YS

“ Our deepest condolences to the family of Richard. I remember meeting him at the Belen Softball fields and my husband and I hung out with him at our friends house.

Gino & Yvonne (Moya)Storey

Yvonne Storey - May 03, 2023 at 10:44 AM



EP

“ Our deepest condolences sent... You're all in our thoughts and prayers 🙏 I will forever cherish his friendship...

Emma Saiz Pena - May 03, 2023 at 09:43 AM



BM

“ Jess & family,

*I am so sorry to learn your wonderful daddy has passed away. Dicky truly, truly was an incredible man. I cannot remember a time he wasn't smiling. I cannot even fathom the loss you all are feeling because he meant so much to you. May Dicky Rest in Peace. Eternal rest grant onto him oh Lord and may perpetual light shine upon him. God bless you all and give you much needed strength at this difficult time. 🙏*



**Bernice Montoya** - May 03, 2023 at 06:55 AM

MP

“ Marie & Gilbert Pino lit a candle in memory of Richard Baldonado



**Marie & Gilbert Pino** - May 02, 2023 at 11:26 PM

MP

*Sending our deepest condolences to the Baldonado family. May God give you comfort and peace at this very sad time. Dicky always had a genuine smile on his face. Rest in peace with our Lord And Savior Jesus Christ.*

**Marie & Gilbert Pino** - May 03, 2023 at 09:20 AM

MJ

“ Marty & Beatrice Jojola lit a candle in memory of Richard Baldonado



**Marty & Beatrice Jojola** - May 02, 2023 at 08:49 PM

JT

“ *John & Donnita Thompson lit a candle in memory of Richard Baldonado*



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**John & Donnita Thompson** - May 02, 2023 at 07:45 PM

DE

“ *I have a lifetime of memories spent with you, from me hiding from you as a child and crying to you telling my kids about the La Llorona and making them cry! My biggest memory will be of you always being there for Kage and Lilly supporting them in their sports. You never missed any of their games. You never missed anything even when I'd call you and say Robert cooked come eat you would make your way to our house. We're heartbroken without you and will miss you so much! I'm so thankful I had such an amazing person like you in my life, my kids life and Roberts. I love you so much uncle Dick.*  
-Desi

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**Desi** - May 02, 2023 at 07:15 PM

DF

“ *Davrie Flores lit a candle in memory of Richard Baldonado*



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**Davrie Flores** - May 02, 2023 at 06:52 PM

JG

“ *Our deepest condolences and prayers. The Garcia Family (Joe and Georgia)* ”



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**Joe and Georgia** - May 02, 2023 at 06:44 PM

LB

“ *Leroy Baca lit a candle in memory of Richard Baldonado* ”



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**Leroy Baca** - May 02, 2023 at 06:10 PM

CB

“ *Our Condolences to the Baldonado Family! May Dickie Rest In Peace, Baca Family* ”

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**Celestina Baca** - May 02, 2023 at 05:52 PM

YH

*Our condolences, may Dickie rest in peace. Yvonne and Terry Hunter*

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**Yvonne Hunter** - May 06, 2023 at 08:50 AM

RA

“ *Rita C Aragon lit a candle in memory of Richard Baldonado* ”



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**Rita C Aragon** - May 02, 2023 at 04:38 PM

BE

“ *The best cook, the best of friend's you would ever want to encounter will be missed...though it had been a few years since we been in contact. Rich you will have always no matter where we seen each other always picked up where we left off...prayers for the Baldonado family...*



BERNADETTE - May 02, 2023 at 04:22 PM

AC

“ *Our heartfelt thoughts prayers and condolences are with the baldonado family. The Chavez family*



Aimee Delano Chavez - May 02, 2023 at 02:01 PM

AS

“ *Adela Sanchez lit a candle in memory of Richard Baldonado*



Adela Sanchez - May 02, 2023 at 01:50 PM

AC

“ *Annette E. Chavez lit a candle in memory of Richard Baldonado*



Annette E. Chavez - May 02, 2023 at 01:39 PM

KG

“ *Condolences to the Baldonado extended Family...I worked along side Dicky many years ago at the CNMCF. He was an outstanding employee where ever he was employed at. He had that contagious laugh and smile that you couldn't help but laugh and enjoy. I had not been in contact with him for so many years now. But I will always cherish the fond memories of my Brother and Friend Richard...  
God Bless...*



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**Ken J. Garcia** - May 02, 2023 at 01:29 PM

GG

“ *Glen & Mary Gabaldon lit a candle in memory of Richard Baldonado*



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**Glen & Mary Gabaldon** - May 02, 2023 at 01:05 PM

LM

“ *My condolences to Richard's family during this difficult time. Richard always had a smile and a hug for everyone!, he will definitely be missed. Fly with the Angels my friend & rest in the arms of Our Lord* 🍷🙏😭😇🙏



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**Lorraine Marquez** - May 02, 2023 at 11:50 AM

YS

“ Sincere condolences to the Baldonado family. May God Bless you and see you through this most difficult time and always!



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**Yvonne Steininger** - May 02, 2023 at 11:09 AM

MW

“ My heart goes out to the Baldonado Family. I pray for God's Peace and Comfort. God Bless You All.

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**Mary Frances Wells** - May 02, 2023 at 10:22 AM

CT

“ My deepest condolences to the Baldonado family. My thoughts and prayers are with the family.



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**Corine Trujeque** - May 02, 2023 at 09:33 AM

AN

“ My heart is saddened by Dicky's passing! He sure was one of a kind and had a heart of gold. So many memories, good times and bad times. He was loved by all who knew him. Condolences to Jessica, Jacob, his sisters, Liz, Kathy, MaryAnn, and all the rest of his family. May God give you strength through this difficult time. Praying for all of you 🙏  
Benji and Angie Torres

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**Angie** - May 01, 2023 at 10:51 PM

MA

“ *Marta Romero Artiaga lit a candle in memory of Richard Baldonado*



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**Marta Romero Artiaga** - May 01, 2023 at 10:42 PM

DU

“ *Diana Phillips Ulibarri lit a candle in memory of Richard Baldonado*



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**Diana Phillips Ulibarri** - May 01, 2023 at 09:39 PM

LH

“ *My deepest condolences to the Baldonado family. What a Great man Richard (Dicky) was to everyone.*



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**Loretta Hanson** - May 01, 2023 at 09:24 PM

JM

“ *Jennie Mascarena lit a candle in memory of Richard Baldonado*



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**Jennie Mascarena** - May 01, 2023 at 07:51 PM

CE

“ Charles D. Eaton lit a candle in memory of Richard Baldonado



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Charles D. Eaton - May 01, 2023 at 07:29 PM

RO

“ This is a tough loss as we grew up together living across the street from each other on 6th street. Lots of great memories throughout the decades that will not be forgotten as we all treated each other like brothers. Belen will be a lesser place without that great smile. Condolences to the family.  
Ron and Debbie Ortega



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ron ortega - May 01, 2023 at 06:45 PM

SB

“ SYLVIA BALDONADO lit a candle in memory of Richard Baldonado



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SYLVIA BALDONADO - May 01, 2023 at 06:40 PM