



Richard A. "Dick" Carbajal

May 5, 1935 - June 18, 2025

1935 - 2025

Richard A. "Dick" Carbajal, age 90, a resident of Albuquerque, NM, passed away peacefully on June 18, 2025. Services will be held at Our Lady of Belen Catholic Church on Thursday, July 10, 2025, beginning with a Visitation at 9:00 a.m., a Rosary and Eulogy at 9:30 a.m., and a Funeral Mass to be celebrated at 10:00 a.m. Dick will be laid to rest at Santa Fe National Cemetery on Friday, July 11, 2025, at 9:30 a.m. He is preceded in death by his loving wife, Lois F. "Lara" Wilson Carbajal; sons, Richard Jr. and Donnie; parents, Barney Sr. and Emily "Reina" Baca Carbajal; and siblings, Barney Jr., Corinne, and Ray. Dick is survived by his children, Francine, David, and Brian; grandchildren, BreAnna Grace, Dylan Justice, and Daniel Jacob; sister-in-law, Della Dancer; brother-in-law, Don Shea (Bonnie); life-long friends, Benny and Mary Ellen Hodges, and Rose Ellen Guillen; and many nieces and nephews. Dick was born in 1935 (Cinco de Mayo) in Belen, NM. He met his wife, Lois "Lara" Wilson at the time, while attending Highlands University in Las Vegas, NM. They were attracted to one another through the bond of music. She, a song-bird and pianist, and he, a stunning tenor saxophone player. Dick fell in love with not only a talented singer, but a beauty-pageant queen, becoming "Miss Hobbs" and representing New Mexico in the 1958 "Miss America Pageant." In their early years, Dick and Lara performed throughout New Mexico, singing and playing music together at many local venues. He was fortunate to marry Lara twice in his lifetime, and together they raised four

beautiful and talented children. As a proud veteran, Dick served honorably in the US Army from June 17, 1955, to June 16, 1963. Following his military service, he continued a life of civic duty, serving as a New Mexico State Representative for Valencia County for eight years. Dick was widely recognized as a member of the “Mama Lucy Gang,” a group of progressive lawmakers who helped shape New Mexico’s future. In addition, he contributed to the education system through his long-standing service on the Belen Schoolboard. Before Dick’s political and business career as a State Farm insurance agent for 50 years, he began teaching music as a band-leader in Socorro, NM. Music remained a lifelong passion, deeply woven into the Carbajal family. Dick also had a deep love of football, serving on the sideline, “chain gang” for Belen High School Eagles for many years. “Go Irish!” If you knew Dick then you know that he never missed watching a game on TV, and was fortunate to attend a few live games. He was thrilled when they made the college football championship playoffs in 2025. The Carbajal family extends a very special thank you to his caregiver, Clara Ortega and the caring staff at Good Life Senior Living and Amber Care of NM, namely Amanda and Brittany. Please sign Dick’s online tribute at www.romerofuneralhomenm.com Romero Funeral Home, 609 N. Main St., Belen, NM.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 10. 9:00 AM (MT)

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

Rosary

JUL 10. 9:30 AM (MT)

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101 N. 10th Street
Belen, NM 87002

Funeral Mass

JUL 10. 10:00 AM (MT)

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101 N. 10th Street
Belen, NM 87002

Interment

JUL 11. 9:30 AM (MT)

Santa Fe National Cemetery
501 N. Guadalupe Street
Santa Fe, NM 87501

Tribute Wall

MK

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Dick was a good friend to our family for many years. We will miss him greatly. Corine & Jim Knecht

Mr. & Mrs. James Knecht - July 29, 2025 at 09:33 AM

DS

“ Blessings and Condolences to the family.

Danny and Loretta Sachs - July 10, 2025 at 09:54 AM

BL

“ Condolences to the entire family. May your memories bring you peace.
Bill and Berlinda Lawson

Berlinda Lawson - July 10, 2025 at 12:00 AM

BL

“ Dick became a great friend when I became a State Farm Agent in 1983! We remained friends ever since and say Peace To All His Family And Friends.



Bob Lamphier - July 06, 2025 at 07:37 PM

AB

“ We send our sincere condolences to all of Dick's family. It was always fun getting together with your Mom and Dad during our Jaycee days. They were both such friendly and wonderful people. May Dick rest in peace, and may God bless all of you today and always!! 🙏



Milton & Annabelle Barela



Annabelle Barela - June 30, 2025 at 01:40 PM

RS

“ richard started bank of belen in the 60's it evolved into my bank and then joined united business bank



Raymond Sinkew - June 28, 2025 at 04:21 PM

ML

“ Mark And Crissie Leyba lit a candle in memory of Richard A. "Dick" Carbajal



Mark and Crissie Leyba - June 25, 2025 at 01:59 AM

TF

“ Tony F Padilla Family lit a candle in memory of Richard A. "Dick" Carbajal



Tony F Padilla Family - June 24, 2025 at 03:05 PM



“ Dad you'll be missed I love you thanks Pop for everything.



Brian James - June 24, 2025 at 01:01 PM

FS

My most heartfelt condolences on the los of your father. He gave me my first step into the business world. He promoted me from baby sitter (Dickie and Donnie) to secretary. I retired from NM State Government 2007 and made a special trip to his office to thank him because it was my job experience with State Farm which qualified me for the position of Licensing Manager. May the Lord wrap His comforting arms around you and your family.

Fedelina Saiz - June 24, 2025 at 03:26 PM

RT

“ Renee Tabet lit a candle in memory of Richard A. "Dick" Carbajal



Renee Tabet - June 24, 2025 at 01:25 AM

RT

“ *My sincere condolences to Francine, David and Brian. Your father was such a good friend to my Dad for many years. I certainly miss your Mom as well. She was my beloved teacher and mentor. May perpetual light shine upon him and may you find peace in your memories of wonderful parents.* ❤️

Renee Tabet - June 24, 2025 at 01:24 AM