



Robert Baca

December 10, 1926 - March 21, 2023

Robert Baca, age 96, a lifelong resident of Belen, NM, left this world to be with his beloved Lord on Tuesday, March 21, 2023, at home surrounded by his loving family. A Visitation will take place on Wednesday, April 12, 2023, at Romero Funeral Home Chapel at 5:00 p.m., followed by a Rosary at 6:00 p.m. A Final Visitation will be held on Thursday, April 13, 2023, at Our Lady of Belen Catholic Church at 9:30 a.m. with a Funeral Mass to be celebrated at 10:00 a.m. Interment will follow at Our Lady of Belen Memorial Gardens. He lived a long, healthy, and loving life. Robert was born December 10, 1926, to Filimon and Avelina Baca in Bosque, NM, where he grew up. He was the eldest of five siblings, Tony, Jose Ramon, Vangie, and Dolores. Robert was drafted one month after he enlisted into the US Army to serve in World War II a few months before he would have graduated from Belen High School. After his three-year service in the US Army, he returned to Belen, where he finished high school and married Fidelia (Fillie) Carrillo Baca. Robert loved Fillie dearly and they enjoyed 73 wonderful years of marriage. Together, they raised four children, Corine Knecht, and Robert, Louie, and Paul Baca. He retired from AT&SF Railroad in Belen after 40 years of employment, known as the cookie monster because he always had cookies for lunch. Robert enjoyed listening to and praying the holy rosary several times a day. His devotion to the Lord was genuine, as was his love for his family. Robert enjoyed spending time with family, camping, playing bingo, ushering at the Belen Catholic Church, being a member of the Knights of Columbus, and serving on the supervisory

committee for the Belen Railway Credit Union for 20-plus years. He had a very kind heart, was friends with so many people, and enjoyed having conversations and sharing stories with everyone that would listen. Robert enjoyed playing dominoes and bingo at the Belen Senior Center. He was recently awarded a Certificate of Honor for being a World War II Veteran. Even though, at times, he would fall asleep just sitting in a chair, he would never pass up a cookie, Snicker's Bar, or a Root Beer. Robert is preceded in death by his parents; stepmom, Millie Baca; brothers, Tony and Jose Ramon Baca; sister, Vangie Baca; brothers-in-law, Alex Cordova, Manual Peters, and Santiago, Celso, and Max Carrillo; sisters-in-law, Jennie Cordova, and Frances, Neph, and Trinie Carrillo; and great-granddaughter, Lucy Rowe. He is survived by his loving wife, Fillie Baca; children, Corine Knecht (Jim), Robert (Donna), Louie (Cathy), and Paul Baca (Mary Jo); sister, Dolores Rodriguez (Freddie); 13 grandchildren, Vangie Bender (Jack), Julie Tyrrell (Robert), James and Chris Knecht (Jessica), Elizabeth, Paul Baca (Agne), Leonor Watkins (Jon), Mary Peacock (Jacob), Cathryn Bridges (Brian), Veronica Bautista (Pedro), Rose Smitham (Frank), Paulette Rowe (Stephen), and Joseph Baca (Miranda). 21 great-grandchildren, Jonathan, Matthew, Jason, Luke, Emma, Ava, Ethan, Parker, Brooklyn, Eleanor, Adyline, Birdie, James, Luiza, Millie, Sally, Lily, Mateo, Olivia, August, and Cecilia; brother-in-law, Barney Carrillo; sister-in-law, Mary Peters; and several nephews, nieces, and long-time friends. Robert will be greatly missed by all that knew him, especially by his loving wife, Fillie. Robert is at rest now peacefully in the hands of our Lord and Father in Heaven. Pallbearers will be his grandchildren, Evangeline Bender, James Knecht, Julianne Tyrrell, Leonor Watkins, Paulette Rowe, and Joseph Baca. Honorary Pallbearers will be his grandchildren, Christopher Knecht, Paul and Elizabeth Baca, Mary Peacock, Cathryn Bridges, Veronica Bautista, and Rose Smitham, great-grandchildren, Jonathan and Matthew Tyrrell, and Jason and Luke Bender, and nephews, Anthony Sedillo, Joseph Baca, and Tommy Peters. Please sign Robert's online tribute at www.romerofuneralhomenm.com Romero Funeral Home, 609

N. Main St., Belen, NM.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 12. 5:00 PM (MT)

Romero Funeral Home Chapel
609 N. Main St.
Belen, NM 87002
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Rosary

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APR 13. 9:30 AM (MT)

Our Lady of Belen Catholic Church
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Funeral Mass

APR 13. 10:00 AM (MT)

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Interment

APR 13. 11:00 AM (MT)

Our Lady of Belen Memorial Gardens
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Tribute Wall

BS

“*Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen*
Bernardine Baca and Dave Spiers”



Bernardine Baca Spiers - April 11, 2023 at 09:48 AM

RS

“*Lit a candle in Memory of Robert Baca.*”

*Fillie & Family,
Our most sincere condolences on your Loss of Robert. May God Bless all of the Family at this most difficult time.*

*Sincerely,
Ruby Salas & Family* 🌸🦋🌹



Ruby Salas - April 09, 2023 at 08:07 PM

MM

“*Our deepest condolences on the passing of Robert. May his soul rest in peace!*
Gary & Estefana Montoya”



Michael Gary Montoya - April 05, 2023 at 09:23 AM

OG

“ *My Sincerest Condolences to the Baca Family.
My Heart goes out to y'all during this time.
God Bless the Baca Family.*



Our Lady Of Belen Memorial Gardens - April 03, 2023 at 03:32 PM

RB

“ *My condolences to the family. May his soul
rest in peace in his heavenly home.*



Romy Baca - April 01, 2023 at 05:02 PM

TS

“ *Theresa Sanchez*



Theresa Sanchez - March 29, 2023 at 08:09 PM

AS

“ *Dear Fillie and family, we were so saddened to hear of the passing
of your beloved Robert. Fillies and Robert so loved my Mom & Dad
and they loved you. I am sure all the Bacas are in heaven having a
Baca reunion reminiscing about the good old days in there beloved
Bosque. Prayer and condolences for you. Sincerely Ray Sanchez,
Sandra Armijo & Andrew Sanchez.*

Andrew Sanchez - March 29, 2023 at 07:47 PM

LS

“ *Fillie and family, We extend our sincerest sympathy for the loss of Mr. Baca. He was the truest example of a "gentle man" and we will surely miss him. He would share stories of our families that were from his heart and we appreciated always learning from him. He could bring smiles to everyone and was a joy to be around. May God bless you and help you get through these difficult times. Lloyd and Lucille Sais*

Lloyd & Lucille Sais - March 29, 2023 at 05:56 PM

BF

“ *8 files added to the album Grandpa Baca*



Bertha M Flores - March 29, 2023 at 04:42 PM

PP

“ *Robert will be miss I will sure miss all the stories of all family Robert was my mom first cousin and my second. Lorraine Padilla*

Preme and Lorraine Padilla - March 27, 2023 at 07:26 PM

PP

“ *Preme And Lorraine Padilla lit a candle in memory of Robert Baca*



Preme and Lorraine Padilla - March 27, 2023 at 07:23 PM

MW

“ *Dear Robert's Family, please accept my deepest condolences. He was a GREAT MAN of GOD. He will surely be missed. God Bless You All.
Always, David and Frances Wells*

Mary Frances Wells - March 27, 2023 at 05:25 PM

BF

“ *Grandpa I am going to miss your smile and hugs and our talks, I am so heart broken , be happy that you were part of my life. Grandma Fillie I am here for you always, RIP Grandpa you take part of my heart with you....*



Bertha M Flores - March 27, 2023 at 03:59 PM

AC

“ *Albert & Alice Chavez lit a candle in memory of Robert Baca*



Albert & Alice Chavez - March 26, 2023 at 10:25 PM