



Rosendo Alfonso Santistevan

March 26, 1941 - May 25, 2026

1941- 2026

Rosendo Santistevan, affectionately known as "Al", age 85, born on March 26, 1941 in Taos, NM, passed away on May 25, 2026 surrounded by his loved ones after a courageous battle with ALS. Al is survived by his Loving wife of 36 years, Mary Santistevan, known to Al as "Sweetie"; daughters, Valerie Santistevan (Brandy), Katherine Velasquez (Mike), Amanda Guajardo, sons, Conrad and Michael Guajardo; his cherished grandchildren, Cecilia Chavez, Vincent and Roman Velasquez, and Sela Guajardo; siblings, Dolores Montoya, Bob and Ora Santistevan and Helen Trujillo; and many nieces and nephews on the Santistevan, Montoya, Torrez and Guajardos sides, all whom he loved very much. Al is preceded in death by his parents, Melchor and Laura Santistevan; his beloved first wife, Cecilia Santistevan and brothers, Henry and Lee Santistevan. Rosendo was born to Melchor and Laura Santistevan and lived a life deeply rooted in family, faith and community. Al was a member of the New Mexico National Guard for 6 years. He was a proud member of the US Army and also was a member of La Gran Pastorela. He was known for his strong spirit, generous heart and unwavering devotion to God. He was a man of great talent and craftsmanship. Al was especially gifted in Spanish Colonial carving and furniture, creating beautiful work that reflected both his creativity and patience. Throughout his life. Al touched many people with his kindness, wisdom and quiet strength, his faith guided him through life's joys and challenges and remained a source of comfort and inspiration to

his family and friends. Pallbearers will be, Rick Santistevan, Andy Trujillo, Dale Santistevan, Alcario Torrez, Tommy Duran and Mark Mondragon. Honorary Pallbearers will be, Michael Santistevan, Ted Medina and Thomas Towles his god son who is deployed in the Middle East. Please sign Al's online tribute at www.romerofuneralhomenm.com Romero Funeral Home, 609 N. Main St., Belen, NM.

Cemetery Details

Our Lady of Belen Memorial Gardens

101 N. 10th Street
Belen, NM 87002

Upcoming Events

Visitation

JUN 11. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (MT)

Our Lady of Belen Catholic Church
101-A N 10th St
Belen, NM 87002

Rosary

JUN 11. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (MT)

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Funeral Mass

JUN 11. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (MT)

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Graveside Service

JUN 11. 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM.

Our Lady of Belen Memorial Gardens

Reception

JUN 11. 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM (MT)

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Belen, NM 87002

Tribute Wall

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“ *Our condolences to Mary and the family. May the Lord give you strength.* ”

Bonnie - 24 minutes ago

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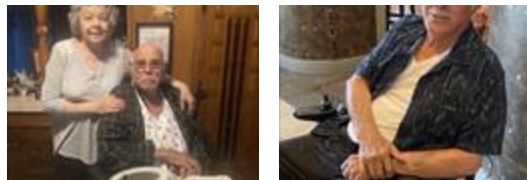
“ *My condolences, love & prayers go out to the family at this difficult time* ”



Lora Marez - 51 minutes ago

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“ *My uncle was the most loving and kind hearted man. No matter what battle he was fighting he always had a smile on his face and would get through it I will never forget him everytime I would call he would always answer the phone and say hi comadre and always had a story to tell me and at the end of our conversation he would say love you and god bless. May god continue to give my family the strength to get through there lose love you all* ”



Marlene Towles - 1 hour ago

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“ *Frank & Dolores Marquez lit a candle in memory of Rosendo Alfonso Santistevan* ”



Frank & Dolores Marquez - 1 hour ago