



Ross Tafoya

May 21, 1931 - January 5, 2016

1931-2016

Ross Tafoya, age 84, passed away on Tuesday, January 5, 2016. He was born in Belen, NM, to Polito and Florencia Tafoya in 1931. Ross proudly served his country as a Marine in the Korean War. He is preceded in death by his parents, Polito and Florencia Tafoya; and brothers, Herman and Eloy Tafoya. Ross is survived by his loving wife of 64 years, Emma Tafoya; children, Jake Tafoya and his wife, Lee, Mildred Garley, and John Rey Tafoya, as well as their companions, Karla and Leonard; sister, Lorena; and brothers, Max, John and his wife, Margaret, and Gilbert and his wife, Jane. He is also survived by 7 grandchildren, and 12 great-grandchildren. All services will be held at Our Lady of Belen Catholic Church on Friday, January 8, 2016. A viewing will begin at 8:30 a.m., with a rosary to be recited at 9:30 a.m., and a funeral mass to be celebrated at 10:00 a.m. Interment will follow at Our Lady of Belen Memorial Gardens. In lieu of flowers please send donations to the American Heart Association or the American Diabetes Association. Please sign Ross'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

Previous Events

Viewing

JAN 8. 8:30 AM (MT)

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

Rosary

JAN 8. 9:30 AM (MT)

Our Lady of Belen Catholic Church
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Funeral Mass

JAN 8. 10:00 AM (MT)

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Tribute Wall

RR

“ Emma,

It is hard to lose your partner in life. I lost a brother a mother and father and it hurt but losing your partner hurts hurts. They say time heals but you just never get over it We only hope in our leaving this earth we will be united.

Emma, I remember Ross as a very kind and good person as we went to school, I also remember when you and I worked at the drug store as if it was yesterday. Hope you and family find peace and may the Lord bless you and family.

Rambert

Rambert Rivera - January 11, 2016 at 02:10 PM

SR

“ *Dear Emma, Mildred and Tafoya Family, I am very sorry to hear of the loss of your husband and father. God bless and watch over all of you at this very sad time.*

Paul and Susan Romero

Susan Romero - January 08, 2016 at 08:52 AM



“ *My condolences Mildred and family. It is hard to find the right words in this time of sorrow, but I know that his spirit is save with our Heavenly Father and that gives us comfort, we belong to the Lord !*

Ute Erika - January 07, 2016 at 05:53 PM

KV

“ *Kathy Vigil lit a candle in memory of Ross Tafoya*



Kathy Vigil - January 07, 2016 at 01:54 PM

KV

So sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of the Tafoya family.

Kathy Vigil - January 07, 2016 at 01:58 PM

LS

“ *Loretta Sanchez lit a candle in memory of Ross Tafoya*



Loretta Sanchez - January 06, 2016 at 06:53 PM

LS

I am so sorry for your loss. May he be at peace in heaven. Prayers for him and for all of the family.

Loretta Sanchez - January 06, 2016 at 06:54 PM

OR

“ Emma & Family,

I have fond memories of those days when Ross and I were students at Belen High School. We were young and the world was our own. Life was like the fresh breath of spring. Now as people like Ross depart, we all suffer that loss as nothing is hidden from eternity. Ross who remained true to his life, family and friends is now receiving eternal grace. May the warmth in his soul cloak him in the vast grandeur which he has now entered. Rest in peace, friend!

Our sincere condolences on behalf of Sue, our family and myself.

Oscar S. Ramirez



Oscar S. Ramirez - January 06, 2016 at 06:42 PM

MW

“ Dear Tafoya Family, Our thoughts and Prayers are with you all. Ross was such a kind man with a great smile. He will truly be missed. There is great consolation knowing that he is in the arms of Our Loving and Caring Lord. God Bless you all.....Frances Wells and David

Mary Frances Wells - January 06, 2016 at 05:47 PM

DR

“ Dicky And Suzanne Romero lit a candle in memory of Ross Tafoya



Dicky and Suzanne Romero - January 06, 2016 at 03:51 PM

ET

“ *Eloy & Deborah Tafoya lit a candle in memory of Ross Tafoya*



Eloy & Deborah Tafoya - January 06, 2016 at 11:43 AM

AC

“ *Emma, Jake, Mildred, John Ray and family---Our deepest sympathy to your family during this difficult time. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers and let us know if we can help in anyway. God Bless You All*

Charles Paiz and Annette E. Chavez

Annette E. Chavez - January 06, 2016 at 07:44 AM

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“ *To the greatest Uncle who always spoiled me when I was little and didn't want to eat the home made food. He would always go buy me my favorite hamburger and french fries. All my love to the Tafoya Family.*



Sharon (Barreras) Knigge

Sharon (Barreras)Knigge - January 05, 2016 at 09:16 PM

ST

“ *Sally Tafoya lit a candle in memory of Ross Tafoya*



Sally Tafoya - January 05, 2016 at 08:44 PM

JO

“ *Josina lit a candle in memory of Ross Tafoya*



Josina - January 05, 2016 at 08:15 PM

JO

“ *Uncle spent an entire day driving me around Albuquerque in 1980 so that I could look for a job. And by golly, I got a job that day. I will always remember his kindness, but most of all his gentleness. Peace be with the entire Tafoya family!*

Josina - January 05, 2016 at 08:14 PM

PA

“ *Rest in peace Uncle Ross! Until we meet again.....Pam*

Pam - January 05, 2016 at 07:50 PM

PC

“ Pam & John Chavez lit a candle in memory of Ross Tafoya



Pam & John Chavez - January 05, 2016 at 07:45 PM



“ Rest in peace Uncle Ross. Thank you for being so good to my Mom and buying my first 45 record and when my brother broke it buying me another. "Daydream Believer". ~ Jeanie

Jinx Da Angel - January 05, 2016 at 07:39 PM



Bernardine
Baca
Spiers

“ His master said to him, 'Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master's joy.' Matthew 25:23

One of the best men I have ever known. In the hands of our Lord may you rest in peace, Uncle.

Love you,
Dave, Bernardine and
your Koko



Bernardine Baca Spiers - January 05, 2016 at 07:23 PM



“ *Bernardine Baca Spiers lit a candle in memory of Ross Tafoya*



Bernardine Baca Spiers - January 05, 2016 at 07:06 PM