



## Ruben Baca

February 27, 2018

1935-2018

Ruben Albert Baca, age 82, husband of Barbara Baca, was called to be with the Lord following a brave five year battle with cancer. He was born in 1935, in Belen, New Mexico, to the late Macedonio and Angelina Baca. Ruben was a lifelong member of Our Lady of Belen Catholic Church where, in 1976, he and his wife served as Padrinos Del Santo Nino. He attended Saint Mary's Catholic School and Belen High School. Ruben proudly served in the U. S. Air National Guard. He was a long-time auto dealer in Belen and Mountainair, New Mexico and was a founding member of the General Motors Minority Association in Detroit. He worked with his father and brothers at Baca Oil Co. and Baca Auto Sales. Later his wife Barbara and his two sons, John and Rodney, joined him at Baca Chevrolet and Baca Pontiac in Rio Communities. Together with his family, Ruben was active in his community. He was one of the founding organizers for the Bank of Belen. Ruben sponsored the First Annual Saint Patrick's Day Balloon Fiesta and the first Hispano Chamber Matanza. He delighted in donating automobiles to Our Lady of Belen Fiesta Raffle, Our Lady of Belen Spanish Choir Organ Raffle, the Jerusalem Church and Community, New Mexico Lobos and the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta. Ruben also enjoyed a successful career in real estate where he was an agent at Exit Altura in Los Lunas. His dedication to the community and outstanding business ethics were recognized when he was the recipient of several awards including, Time Magazine Quality Dealer Award, Top 100

Hispanic Businessmen in the US, and Citizen of the Year-Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. Ruben's keen work ethic was only rivaled by his positive spirit and his notable gift to make people smile either by a well told joke or with his infectious smile, blessings, kisses and hugs. Ruben enjoyed drag racing, motorcycles, hot air balloons and flying airplanes. He was an avid reader and especially enjoyed time with family and friends. Ruben was a deeply devoted family man and, despite his illness, made it a priority to pray for everyone around him. We are ever so thankful that God blessed us with such an extraordinarily loving, hardworking and positive-spirited husband, father, grandfather, brother, son, uncle and friend. His favorite philosophy is to, "Glorify God, To Glorify God's Creations, To Love and Be Loved and To Be True to One's Self." Ruben may have had "just a little bit of cancer" but he never let it get him down and he fought it with all of his heart. We will miss him greatly and forever embrace his love. We love you dad. Ruben is preceded in death by his loving parents, Macedonio and Angelina Baca; and his brothers-in-law, Joe Sanchez, Mike Baca, and Marty Sachs. He is survived by his devoted and loving wife of 62 years, Barbara Baca; their three loving children, John Baca and fiancée, Grace Flores, Rodney Baca and wife, Yolanda, and Franciene Baca and husband, Joseph; his four grandchildren, Crystal, Danielle, Christine and Juli; his three great-grandchildren, Emma Rose, Malia and Bentley; his loving siblings, Jane Sanchez, Elsie Baca Sachs, LeRoy Baca and wife, Sylvia, Margaret Baca and husband, Ned, Tina Baca, and Mac Baca and wife, Anita; and all of his loving nieces and nephews. A Viewing will take place on Tuesday, March 6, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. with a Rosary to be recited at 6:00 p.m. at Romero Funeral Home Chapel officiated by Mr. and Mrs. James Sanchez. Visitation will begin at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, March 7, 2018 at Our Lady of Belen Catholic Church with a Funeral Mass to be celebrated at 11:30 a.m. officiated by Father Nigel Clement. Interment will follow at Our Lady of Belen Memorial Gardens. Pallbearers will be Danny Sachs, and Andrew, Phillip, Michael, Roberto, Paul and Mark Baca. Honorary pallbearers will be Danny Salazar, Diego Castillo, Ruben Marquez and

Raymond Getman. Readers will be Rhona Espinosa, Renee Chavez and Kristi Sanchez, along with honored alter server Marcus Rimorin. Please sign Ruben's online tribute at [www.romerofuneralhomenm.com](http://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

MAR 6. 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

MAR 6. 6:00 PM (MT)

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## Final Viewing

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MAR 7. 10:30 AM (MT)

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

## Funeral Mass

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MAR 7. 11:30 AM (MT)

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

## Interment

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MAR 7 (MT)

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

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Barbara, Mary Jane and Family,*

*I am at a loss over the passing of Ruben. He journey on earth has ended and he now rests in the eternal garden free from pain and in the arms of his creator. He now rests in silence enjoying eternity.*

*Please accept my sincere condolences. May time bring solace to your hearts.*

*Oscar S. Ramirez*



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**Oscar S. Ramirez** - March 09, 2018 at 03:03 PM

ME

“ *Heartfelt condolences to Mr. Baca's family and host of friends. May your memories sustain you until you meet again.*

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**Michelle Ethridge** - March 09, 2018 at 10:34 AM

JD

“ *Condolences to the Baca family. Rod, we're saddened to hear of your loss. May God bless you all and may he RIP.*

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**Joe and Linda Duran** - March 08, 2018 at 05:39 PM

KJ

“ I remember back when i was 17 yrs young (1982) how i was trusted to open the dealership and would have the show room business office Rubens office and the meeting room open before anyone got there coffee ready juice out TV's going 100% ready for there sales meeting at 8:15 ... Then i would go for a joy ride in a Trans am up Manzano Express Way LOL :)

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**Kent Johnson** - March 06, 2018 at 02:28 PM

KJ

“ Kent Johnson lit a candle in memory of Ruben Baca



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**Kent Johnson** - March 06, 2018 at 02:21 PM

BM

“ Bernadette Moya lit a candle in memory of Ruben Baca



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**Bernadette Moya** - March 06, 2018 at 01:12 PM

AP

“ To the loving family of Ruben,  
Ruben was so special. Any time that he entered our restaurant, he  
seemed to light up  
the room. He did this with his sincere smile and his "over the top"  
friendliness. It was  
always clear that Ruben had many friends...he would often be  
greeted by a friendly handshake and a kind word when he and  
Barbara entered to have lunch or supper  
at Pete's. We will miss you Mr. Baca!  
Alfred & Theresa Padilla

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**Alfred & Theresa Padilla** - March 06, 2018 at 11:07 AM

RL

“ Ruth Lucero lit a candle in memory of Ruben  
Baca



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**Ruth Lucero** - March 06, 2018 at 12:34 AM

FM

“ Franciscos Marble lit a candle in memory of  
Ruben Baca



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**Franciscos Marble** - March 05, 2018 at 05:21 PM

FS

“ *FranciscoandMercy Santacruz lit a candle in memory of Ruben Baca*



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**FranciscoandMercy Santacruz** - March 05, 2018 at 05:20 PM

BC

“ *Beverly Castillo lit a candle in memory of Ruben Baca*



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**Beverly Castillo** - March 05, 2018 at 12:30 PM

JT

“ *John Allen & Donnita Thompson lit a candle in memory of Ruben Baca*



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**John Allen & Donnita Thompson** - March 05, 2018 at 11:59 AM

MY

“ *MyBank purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Ruben Baca.*



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**MyBank** - March 05, 2018 at 11:23 AM

MR

“ *Marcus Rimorin lit a candle in memory of Ruben Baca*



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**marcus rimorin** - March 04, 2018 at 11:31 PM

DD

“ *Condolences to Mrs. Barbara Baca and Family! Ruben and our dad were always very good friends and colleagues. We hope they are having a cup of coffee together. God Bless you all! The DeBaca Family*

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**Diana Y. DeBaca** - March 04, 2018 at 10:52 PM

DD

“ *Diana Y. DeBaca lit a candle in memory of Ruben Baca*



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**Diana Y. DeBaca** - March 04, 2018 at 10:48 PM



“ *Garden of Serenity Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ruben Baca.*



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March 04, 2018 at 07:34 PM

CG

“ *Ruben was a wonderful person. Ruben and I attended St. Mary's and were in the New Mexico Air National Guard. . I remember purchasing a car from Ruben in 1962 at the Auto Auction in Amarillo, TX. It was a 1955 Ford,white, two door sedan. Ruben and five of us had driven to Amarillo. He bought the car at auction for \$300 and only charged me \$50 over cost, what a deal. What a Guy. We drove back in convoy the next day. That car was a love of mine for years. Thanks to Ruben for that great memory. I often talk about that incident to my friends here in California. My condolences and prayers for Ruben and Family. God Bless y Adios Amigo ! .*  
*Charles Gonzales San Jose, Calif.*

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**Charles Gonzales** - March 04, 2018 at 06:36 PM

AS

“ *Adam & Ruby Salas & Family lit a candle in memory of Ruben Albert Baca.*”



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**Adam & Ruby Salas** - March 04, 2018 at 04:27 PM

SA

“ I am Ruben's niece. My father is Auntie Barbara's brother Ron. My most favorite memory of my uncle was when we were visiting during the time my grandfather (Papa) was nearing his entry to Heaven. I was about 11 or 12 years old. For whatever reason, it was just Uncle Ruben and me at the house. He always made me smile, and was always so kind and loving. He seemed to tune into my worry about my Papa, his father in law. He said, "Hey, watch this!" Then he took off his shoes and in his socks made a running start and slid down the hallway, nearly crashing at the end. I will never forget that moment. I will never forget being a little girl in the presence of such a silly, loving and caring uncle. Although we are geographically so far from one another, he and his family are always in my heart. I love them dearly. May God bless us with love, kindness, comfort, and those times of silliness. We love you Uncle Ruben. Thank you for being there and sharing your spirit with me.

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**Shelby Amador** - March 04, 2018 at 12:47 AM

LS

“ My deepest condolences to dear Rueben's family. Reuben, I will miss knowing you are not in Belen, but I know that you are with our Divine Mercy Jesus Christ. You have had the strength and love of our Lord through your journey. How happy our Lord was to see you, Reuben. I'm sure you are wrapped in his arms. Thank you for being such a kind and loving friend to so many people. Via con Dios. Love and prayers.



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**Loretta Sanchez** - March 03, 2018 at 06:23 PM



“ *Lorraine Marquez lit a candle in memory of Ruben Baca*



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**Lorraine Marquez** - March 03, 2018 at 04:06 PM

AB

“ *Deepest Sympathy to all of your family.*

*Adam B Baca  
Bosque Farms, New Mexico*

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**Adam B Baca** - March 03, 2018 at 02:52 PM

LN

“ *Liz Najar sent a virtual gift in memory of Ruben Baca*



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**Liz Najar** - March 03, 2018 at 11:10 AM

MB

“ *We were very sorry to hear about Ruben. Our thoughts and prayers are with him and his whole family.  
Martin and Antoinette Baca(Abenicio Tafoya's daughter)*



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**martin & Antoinette Baca** - March 02, 2018 at 06:21 PM

LM

“ Lydia Maldonado lit a candle in memory of Ruben Baca



Lydia Maldonado - March 02, 2018 at 04:19 PM

MM

“ Maria Mowrer lit a candle in memory of Ruben Baca



Maria Mowrer - March 02, 2018 at 03:35 PM

MM

“ Ruben is still and always will be a light in my life. Always remember, always loved.

Maria Mowrer - March 02, 2018 at 03:33 PM

ME

“ Heartfelt condolences to Mr. Baca's children, family and friends. May your memories sustain you until you meet again. En los amorosos brazos de Jesús ahora.



Michelle Ethridge - March 02, 2018 at 11:25 AM

BM

“ *Bryan Mascarena lit a candle in memory of Ruben Baca*



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**Bryan Mascarena** - March 01, 2018 at 10:37 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ruben Baca.*



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March 01, 2018 at 09:34 PM

AT

“ *Anna Torres lit a candle in memory of Ruben Baca*



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**Anna Torres** - March 01, 2018 at 08:11 PM

GR

“ *Gilbert And Beverly Romero lit a candle in memory of Ruben Baca*



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**Gilbert And Beverly Romero** - March 01, 2018 at 11:46 AM

LP

“ *Lenore G Pena lit a candle in memory of  
Ruben Baca*



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**Lenore G Pena** - March 01, 2018 at 11:03 AM

DA

“ *Is today the last  
El tiempo vuela  
But now minutes  
Act as hours*



*The floods de lágrimas  
Come before la primavera  
To give life  
To that is left*

*Friend of all  
Comes to kiss  
Comes to hold  
This quivering hand*

*Hay miedo  
Pero contigo  
Estoy listo  
Adiós*

*-David A Garcia Sachs*

*Send love to the Baca family from the Garcia and Sachs clans*

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**David** - March 01, 2018 at 02:17 AM

MY

“ *Mark And Gina Young lit a candle in memory of Ruben Baca*



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**Mark and Gina Young** - March 01, 2018 at 12:33 AM

DR

“ *Dicky And Suzanne Romero lit a candle in memory of Ruben Baca*



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**Dicky and Suzanne Romero** - February 28, 2018 at 10:22 PM

TR

“ *My memory of Ruben is his kindness and love he had every time I saw him at Walmart I was so happy to see him I will bless him on the forehead and he would bless me back with a kiss on my fore head I will miss this great loving man*



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**Theresa RomeroChavez** - February 28, 2018 at 10:02 PM

DW

“ *Donald Chavez & Catherine Walker lit a candle in memory of Ruben Baca*



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**Donald Chavez & Catherine Walker** - February 28, 2018 at 06:28 PM

RG

“ *Richard And Patricia Garcia lit a candle in memory of Ruben Baca*



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**Richard and Patricia Garcia** - February 28, 2018 at 09:42 AM

MS

*Dear Barbara and family, my deepest condolences for your loss. My prayers are with you. It was an honor taking communion to you Ruben. God bless.*

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**Mary Lee Serna** - February 28, 2018 at 11:16 AM

BE

*Hawk Racing would like to express appreciation for, friendship sponsorship and extended family. Its with a heavy heart we express our condolences. God bless you Ruben and family.*

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**Benito** - March 03, 2018 at 12:15 PM

TA

*My deepest condolences for your loss. Prayers to the family*

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**Treena Allen-Saavedra** - March 08, 2018 at 08:14 PM