



Rudy J. Sena

May 6, 1935 - December 22, 2018

1935-2019

Rudy J. Sena, age 83, a resident of Galisteo, NM, passed away on December 22, 2018. He was the founding Father and President of Rodeo de Galisteo, which he established in 1970 and ran until 2014. Rudy enjoyed fishing and was always on the go. He loved to be surrounded by family and friends. Rudy is preceded in death by his parents, Natividad and Sarah Pena Sena; his 9 siblings, sisters, Juanita Montoya, Inez Montoya and Socorro Montano; brothers, Tony, Ernesto, Eloy, Solomon, Alfonso and Eddie Sena. He is survived by his 5 loving children; Kenneth Carrillo, Audra (Hilario) Baca, Amy (Herman) Gallegos, Clint (Kem) Sena and Michael Sena; 4 loving granddaughters, Callie Rogers, Sierra, Shelby and Sydney Baca; and many loving cousins, nieces, nephews, as well as grand-nieces, grand-nephews and friends. Visitation will be held on February 9, 2019, at the Iglesia Nuestra Senora de Los Remedios Catholic Church in Galisteo, NM, beginning at 11:30 and a Funeral Mass to be celebrated at 12:00 PM, with Interment to follow at Galisteo Catholic Cemetery. A Reception will take place at the Galisteo Community Center following Rudy's Services. Please sign Rudy's online tribute at www.romerofuneralhomenm.com Romero Funeral Home, 609 N. Main St. Belen, NM

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 9. 11:30 AM (MT)

Iglesia Nuestra Senora de Los Remedios Catholic Church
Galisteo, NM

Funeral Mass

FEB 9. 12:00 PM (MT)

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Galisteo, NM

Interment

FEB 9. 1:00 PM (MT)

Galisteo Catholic Cemetery
Galisteo, NM

Tribute Wall



“ *Dejame un buen caballo en el otro lado, companero, entonces montamos otro vez juntos. Su amigo eternal. ~ Franklin Spencer* ”

Frank Spencer - February 03, 2019 at 02:41 AM

MT

“ Rudy was authentic. There is no better word I can think of to describe my friend. He had a wonderful combination of thunder and grace. I'm sure grace may not have been a word he would have used for himself but it was there. He'd get that special twinkle in his eye and that mischievous smile on certain occasions: when around a pretty woman (usually at least 20 years younger, giving someone a hard time or laughing with his brothers at the rodeo. Rudy was raw and unapologetic and I loved that. You always knew where you stood and in a disingenuous and shallow world, it was a welcome change.

In the 10 years of my involvement with the rodeo, Rudy gave me and my boys a gift we would have never had. Quality time doing meaningful work under the Galisteo skies with an extended family that accepted us unconditionally. They are grown now but we still talk of those days. He taught me to mend a fence, He taught me to never waste a resource or a moment. He gave me a powerful connection with a piece of land that will remain in my soul till the day I die.

The world won't be the same without Rudy. He's one of the last true cowboys. This picture of him is absolutely perfect. True grit. Even John Wayne couldn't equal that image.

I will miss this man for a hundred reasons. I know that every time I sit by a fire and hear a harmonica, I'll hear his laughter. I know that if I ever want to feel his presence all I have to do is head out to Galisteo and his spirit will be everywhere. I know that I will NEVER know another man like that for the rest of my life.

That makes me both sad and grateful.

Valle con Dios Rudy. Ride on.

Mark Trimmer - January 26, 2019 at 10:55 AM

PM

“ Rudy was a true original. Who else could star in his own western world full of movie people, rodeo people and live off grid on his place in Galisteo NM.
RIP Rudy

Paul Marcus - January 01, 2019 at 02:55 PM

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“ Dicky And Suzanne Romero lit a candle in memory of Rudy J. Sena



Dicky and Suzanne Romero - December 27, 2018 at 12:53 PM