



Thomas Leyba

October 2, 2012

Thomas Leyba, age 87, a resident of Belen passed away on Monday, October 1, 2012. He was raised in Clayton, NM then moved to California after serving in the Navy where he met the love of his life. He retired from Martin Meritta Corporation and moved back to New Mexico in 1986 to be closer to his family. He joins in death his wife, Lugarda, his parents, Sarah and Gregorio Leyba, his siblings, Esther Svalina, Vivian Leyba, Susan Martinez, Leonard Leyba, Adel Tupper, and Selma Harris. Thomas leaves behind his children, Freddie Martinez and wife, Theresa and Hilda Hidalgo and husband Joe; ~siblings, Samuel Leyba, David Leyba, Irene Shirley and Ernestine Stauffer; seven grandchildren, Roberta Valencia, JoAnna Gonzales, Jerald Hidalgo, Charlene Trujillo, Kenny Martinez, Tommy Martinez, and Jessica Chavez; 14 great-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild. He is also survived by many loving nieces, nephews, family and friends. ~All Services will be held at Our Lady of Belen Catholic Church on Saturday, October 6 beginning with a visitation at 9:00 a.m. 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. ~Pallbearers will be Kenny Martinez, Jerald Hidalgo, Tommy Martinez and Robert Valencia.