



Tommy F. Dils

November 26, 1932 - November 27, 2018

1932-2018

Tommy Fred Dils, age 86, of Belen, NM passed on Nov 27, 2018. He was born in Belen on Nov 26, 1932. Tommy graduated from Belen High School in 1950 and then earned a BS in Architectural Engineering from UNM in 1955. At UNM, he entered the Naval ROTC program and graduated a commissioned Naval Officer. Tommy trained at Chase Field Naval Air Station in Beeville, TX and received his Gold Wings at the Corpus Christi Naval Air Station. He served as a US Navy jet fighter/attack carrier pilot on tours with the Naval Squadron VA-151 on the US Navy carriers Bennington and Ticonderoga in the West Pacific. Tommy left the Navy in 1960 and returned to Albuquerque but he continued to fly for the Naval Reserve based in Dallas, Texas. After working for a local construction company, he formed Dils Construction Co. in Belen in 1961. In September of 1964, Tommy married a long-time friend, Joan "Joann" Keith. While Tommy & Joan raised their family of three sons, Cliff, Loren and Alan and their niece, Geri Lynn, Tommy also served as Assistant Chief Engineer for the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District (1967-1970) and was an officer at the First National Bank of Belen (1988-1995). Tommy continued to fly aircraft throughout his life. Over the years the Dils traveled, hunted, fished, played tennis and explored. They enjoyed getting together with family and friends. In the past few years, Tommy enjoyed keeping up with his grandchildren, often attending their soccer and

tennis matches. He was involved in his community, loved to tell stories, and was known as an all-around nice guy. Tommy had faith in God and was a member and officer of the Presbyterian Church in Belen. He was preceded in death by his loving wife, Joan Dils; parents, Fred & Corra Dils; father & mother-in-law, Clifford "Coach" & Marybelle Keith; sister, Ruth Ellen & husband, Fred Huning; sister-in-law, Rosemary Keith Davis; and brothers-in-law, Charles Roehrig and Steve Keith. Tommy is survived by his sister Frances Roehrig & family; sons, Cliff Dils, US Forest Service, & spouse Connie Fulwyler; Loren Dils, UNM Athletics; Alan Dils, UNM Athletics, & spouse Dawn Myers; Tommy & Joan's grandchildren, Brenyn, Tanner, Ayla & Connor; niece, Geri Lynn & spouse, Gerald Sanchez & family; niece, Dena Davis & family; sister-in-law, Karen Keith & family; the Ruth Ellen & Fred Huning family and, many other valued family and friends. A Visitation will be held on Saturday, December 8, 2018, at 10:00 AM with services at 11:00 AM at the Romero Funeral Home Chapel in Belen. In lieu of flowers, Tommy requested that memorial contributions be made to the Loren Dils Donation Fund, directly to Alan Dils or at any Wells Fargo Bank Branch. Please visit our online register book for Tommy Dils at www.romerofuneralhomenm.com. Romero Funeral Home, 609 N Main St, Belen, NM, 505-864-8501. <https://www.tributeslides.com/tributes/show/JL25SX2XXYXG4KR3>

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 8. 10:00 AM (MT)

Romero Funeral Home Chapel
609 N. Main St.
Belen, NM 87002
(505) 864-8501
romerofuneralhome@comcast.net
<https://www.romerofuneralhomenm.com>

Celebration of Life

DEC 8. 11:00 AM (MT)

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Interment

DEC 8. 12:00 PM (MT)

Terrace Grove Cemetery
1200 W Aragon Rd
Belen, NM 87002

Tribute Wall



“ Romero Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Tommy F. Dils



Romero Funeral Home - December 04, 2018 at 10:44 AM

GF

“ Please accept my family’s heartfelt condolences on the loss of your dear loved one, Mr. Dils. May you find comfort in fond memories of him, and hope in God’s promise to restore those asleep in death to perfect life on a paradise Earth, fulfilling his original purpose for humans.

Greene Family - December 07, 2018 at 10:47 AM

CH

“ Carol Holmes lit a candle in memory of Tommy F. Dils



Carol Holmes - December 05, 2018 at 03:47 PM

CH

Sending my condolences to the Dils Family.

Carol Holmes - December 05, 2018 at 02:51 PM

CH

R.I.P TOMMY DILS

Carol Holmes - December 05, 2018 at 03:50 PM

LG

“ *My deepest sympathy and prayers go out to the Dils family. It was an honor working with your father and grandfather at the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District. He was a well respected gentleman and a joyful man who was very proud of his family.*

Lucy Tapia Gonzales

Lucy Tapia Gonzales - December 05, 2018 at 10:14 AM

AM

“ *My condolences on the death of your father.*

You are in my prayers

Alice Mehlberg

Alice Mehlberg - December 05, 2018 at 08:06 AM

GG

“ *Tommy was a great example, a wonderful family man and a good friend. Few could tell a story with as much enthusiasm. Tommy displayed much wisdom and knowledge about many subjects from life, engineering design, and hunting. We have lost a very good man here, I will treasure the memories that I have of him and his three sons. I am grateful for the influence that you have shared. Sincere condolences to all family members. Wishing you peace and acceptance.*

Gilbert Garcia - December 04, 2018 at 10:25 PM

TJ

“ We took tea with Joan and Tommy when our son Max was in the UNM tennis team. They were a delightful couple and welcomed us into their home. It was fascinating to learn that Joan’s grandparents came to NM by wagon train, and Tommy’s flying and war experiences were inspiring. A lovely couple, sadly missed. Trevor and Andrea Jones, England

Trevor and Andrea Jones - December 04, 2018 at 05:07 PM

GH

“ I'll never forget playing tennis across the street from the Dils home ... and writing a story on one of the boys going off to tennis camp in Texas, with Tommy posting a "room for rent" sign on the front porch ... a campy photo he and Joan went along with.

Gary Herron - December 04, 2018 at 03:19 PM

LM

“ My heartfelt condolences to all of you. I had the pleasure of meeting both Mr. and Mrs. Dils a couple of times and what a pleasure! My wish for all three of you is that you share the best memories of your dad and mom with your children so they can share with their families. Much love, Linda Pino-MacEachen

Linda C MacEachen - December 04, 2018 at 03:09 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



December 04, 2018 at 02:18 PM

HW

“ Tommy never forget our flight to Roswell and your friendship to our family

Hollis Wilson - December 03, 2018 at 07:41 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Tommy F. Dils.



December 02, 2018 at 11:05 AM

FT

“ Dils Family; Tommy left,a great mark as a gentle and respectful Person. My salute to to my former dorm mate at U.N.M. Tom was honored by the Naval R.O.T.C and was very popular, and he had lots fun in college except when The Newman Club beat his Naval R.O.T.C.FOOTBALL team for the campus championship. Tommy finished the race of LIFE, as a Winner. I am sure we will see him again in Heaven. God Bless Tommy's family. Fidel Tabet family

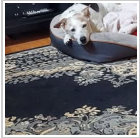
Fidel TabetFIDDLETAB@ - November 30, 2018 at 03:42 PM

CM

“ I’ve known Tommy for as long as I’ve known Alan and Loren. He was such a kind man, with the nicest smile and best laugh. He will always be in my heart, and be missed dearly. My Deepest condolences to the Dils brothers. You are in my heart and I pray for you to find comfort and strength during this difficult time.

Love,
Cynthia Martin

Cynthia Martin - November 29, 2018 at 11:31 AM



“ I knew Tommy for many years through the law office I worked in in Belen. He was a true gentleman, never too busy to stop and ask how I was and to chat for a minute. My condolences to his family.

Wendy Dunford - November 29, 2018 at 10:08 AM

DS

“ God Bless Mr. Dill's memory. Condolences to the family.
Danny & Loretta Sachs

Danny Sachs - November 29, 2018 at 09:14 AM

RS

“ Our sincere sympathy to all the family,
Rudy and Margaret Sachs

Rudy Sachs - November 29, 2018 at 07:44 AM

CE

“ Charles D. Eaton lit a candle in memory of Tommy F. Dils



Charles D. Eaton - November 29, 2018 at 01:25 AM

DR

“ Dicky And Suzanne Romero sent a virtual gift in memory of Tommy F. Dils



Dicky and Suzanne Romero - November 28, 2018 at 01:52 PM