



## Ermilo Barrera Montoya

June 19, 1932 - April 13, 2024

Ermilo Montoya, 91, passed away peacefully on Saturday, April 13, 2024, in Roswell, New Mexico. Please take a moment and share a kind thought or memory with Ermilo's family at [www.andersonbethany.com](http://www.andersonbethany.com).

There will be a Rosary at St. Johns on Wednesday, April 17, 2024, at 9:30 am, and a Funeral Mass will begin at 10:00 am. Interment will follow at South Park Cemetery.

Ermilo Barrera Montoya was born on June 19, 1932, to Manuel and Juanita Montoya in Arabela, New Mexico. He married Irene Romero on June 16, 1952. Ermilo and Irene had nine children: daughters: Maria E. Kepford, Cecilia Aguirre, Sylvia Aguirre, Olivia Velos (husband Fred), Lydia Montoya, Cynthia Garcia (husband Wally); sons: Manuel Montoya, Ermilo Montoya Jr., and Thomas Montoya; 19 grandchildren, 33 greatgrandchildren, and 6 great-great grandchildren.

Ermilo started as a ranch hand and ranched for many years. He then moved his family to Roswell where he worked for the schools in (RISD) for many years before retiring. He then went to work for the Hondo Schools as an activity bus driver. After leaving Hondo Schools he went to work part time for Culligan Water as a clerk/attendant where he worked and eventually retired from, after 22 years.

Ermilo was a very social person, he loved conversations with others. He had many friends and family and loved to tell them stories of his past experiences in Arabela and Lincoln County.

Ermilo is preceded in death by his parents: Manuel and Juanita Montoya; daughter, Lydia Montoya; son-in-law; Wayne Kepford; grandchildren: Daniel Aguirre, Juan Enrique Rodriguez, and Izaak Rodriguez.

Blessed to be chosen as Honorary Pallbearers are Manuel Montoya, Ermilo Montoya Jr, Fred Velos, Kevin Jackson, Josh Jackson, and Manuel Monarrez Jr.

Honored to serve as Pallbearers are Matt Romero, John Aguirre, Aaron Montoya, Patrick Montoya, Miguel Hernandez, and Elijah Montoya.

Ermilo's tribute was lovingly written by his family.

# Tribute Wall



“ 1 file added to the album Memorial video



Anderson - Bethany Funeral Home and Crematory - March 31, 2025 at 12:41 PM

MP

“ I was in shock to see this Obituary; he was such a joy to be around always with a joke or saying something crazy and then I followed, he had a nickname my mother gave him, but I will not or do not know how to spell it, but it was a joy to have gotten to know him and will always remember him. R.I.P.

Merlinda Padilla and Orlando Padilla - July 19, 2024 at 01:06 PM

MM

“ Manuel Barbara Miranda lit a candle in memory of Ermilo Montoya



Manuel and Barbara Miranda - April 24, 2024 at 07:43 PM

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“ Praying for strength to the entire Montoya family during this time. I have very fond memories of Mr & Mrs Montoya through all the years. Always loved waving hello & sharing a quick conversation. RIP Mr Montoya. Sending love to all.

Dora - April 17, 2024 at 07:10 PM

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“ *R.I.P Grampz, forever in our heart!! No more hurt, no more pain. My deepest condolences to all my family.*



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**Adela Rodriguez** - April 17, 2024 at 04:32 PM

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“ *Our prayers & condolences to the Montoya family. We bought our homesite in Arabela from Ermilo. Thank you, Ermilo for our piece of heaven!! You will be greatly missed by us. RIP my friend!*

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**Rosalee & Johnny Patterson** - April 17, 2024 at 01:26 PM

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“ *My condolences to the Montoya family. May he rest in peace as he was loved by so many.*  
*Terri Hankston*

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**Terri Hankston** - April 16, 2024 at 10:21 PM