



Edwin "Candy" Candelaria

July 2, 1932 - March 9, 2015

Edwin "Candy" Candelaria, age 82, passed away this past weekend. He was born in Brooklyn, NY and served 20 years with the US Air Force. His life was his family. He was a tireless volunteer with AARP, was a Gray Panther, helped with Senior Affairs, Bingo at Manzano Mesa Center and lobbied for Senior Affairs. His hobbies were traveling, volunteering, music, and reading. Candy is survived by his daughters, Marina and husband, Jim Brooks and Monica Baker; grandchildren, Alexandra Baker and Daniel and wife, Amie Brooks and their son, Shane; doggie, Susie; and his extended family in New York and Puerto Rico. Interment will be private.

Tribute Wall

MB

“ Always a regular at neighborhood meetings - rain or shine. Always had a contribution - especially for veteran and senior benefits. Saw Candy regularly on the bus and we had good conversations about many things. Always had a positive attitude - never complained about feeling bad. Will miss him and look forward to seeing Candy in the next life. - Mark Burton

Mark Burton - March 19, 2015 at 09:05 PM

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“ Your NM Automation Friends purchased the Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Yellow and White for the family of Edwin "Candy" Candelaria.



Your NM Automation Friends - March 19, 2015 at 10:58 AM

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“ Candy was a wonderful board member of Singing Arrow Neighborhood Association who helped out with whatever needed doing! He always brought a story or cartoon to our meetings; during the legislature he would bring in political cartoons and funny stories about what he encountered in Santa Fe. He loved helping out at Manzano Mesa with Bingo and whatever else they needed. At the SANA Christmas party he always brought "re-gifts" to be given as door prizes -- mostly great ones but he brought us a VHS movie last Christmas! (& what do we do with those these days????) He had a heart of gold and would do anything in his power to help someone who asked him. I will miss him. God Bless his family, I pray you have wonderful memories that will help you during this difficult time. Sandy Hays

Sandy Hays - March 16, 2015 at 06:11 PM

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“ Candy, Thank you for all of your volunteering in so many areas. Your heart was always in the right place. I know you and Gil became friends and he so thought do much of you. You were always kind and respectful to me. I will miss you. Join your loved ones and friends in Heaven.....Regina Martinez

Regina Martinez - March 16, 2015 at 02:05 PM

GV

“ AARP New Mexico will miss Candy. He was our biggest supporter and advocate in the Albuquerque area. He tirelessly shared AARP information and resources. Most recently he joined at the Legislature for "I Heart Caregivers Day". Candy we'll always remember you.
Gene Varela, State Director

Gene Varela - March 16, 2015 at 12:05 PM

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“ Gloria Ortiz
Roy Reed
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Sibyle - March 16, 2015 at 07:15 AM

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“ Is was indeed a great pleasure to have known Candy through his volunteer work at Monzano Mesa. You could always count on Candy for any assistance involving senior affairs and if he could not help you he would direct you in right direction. He served his country proudly and I will miss him at all Veterans Ceremonies. Rest in Peace my brother at arms.

Robert (Bob) Martinez - March 15, 2015 at 09:35 PM

MB

“ *Daddy, Dad, Father, Papa and Opa and Great-Opa....by all these names you have been known to me At various times of my life as your daughter. You filled all of those names fully and lovingly. I love you and miss you. Be at peace Papa !*



Marina Brooks - March 15, 2015 at 01:32 PM

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“ *"Candy" was always a joy to converse with. Hre loved to talk about his passion for our senior citizens and I loved to listen to him. He was always one of my biggest supporter for our AARP Driver safety program. I will miss him as a friend and his help with AARP. I drove him to his residence many times and he was like the "Eveready battery" Always talking about the fun he has. Woody Simpson, AARP Driver safety State Coordinator.*

WoodySimpson - March 15, 2015 at 01:09 PM

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“ *On behalf of the FRENCH Family of Companies, we express our deepest condolences.*

Shelia Hocker - March 15, 2015 at 01:07 PM