



## Faustino Olguin

April 29, 1919 - July 18, 2014

A lifelong resident of Albuquerque, NM passed away on Friday, July 18, 2014 at the age of 95 in the home he was born in with his family by his side. Faustino was a decorated Bataan Death March survivor and was a Prisoner of War for 3 & 1/2 years in Japan during World War II. For his service in the U.S. Army, he was awarded the Bronze Star. After returning, he served as a Special Delivery carrier for the U.S. Postal Service and retired after 26 years. Faustino is survived by his wife of 64 years, Margaret Olguin; daughter, Kathryn Saavedra and husband Michael; son, Toby Olguin and wife Katherine; sister, Leonila Ulibarri; special niece, Janna Moraga; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. A special thanks to his dedicated caregivers Paula and Fronia. He will be missed by all.

# Tribute Wall

DE

“ Well Grandpa, you have been reunited with your "only star in the beautiful blue sky" Now you both can rest together for eternity, and watch over us. I know Grandma is probably so happy to have joined you in paradise. I Love You BOTH and miss you SO much, but now I can see you and Grandma whenever, and I know you both will live on in me forever.  
Love, Denise Janelle



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Denise - February 16, 2015 at 08:45 AM

DS

“ This is exactly how I remember you. I love you and miss you.



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Denise Saavedra - August 18, 2014 at 01:24 PM

BM

“ Dear Family Olquin, the family of Oscar Otero (deceased 1951) send you our love and comfort through our trust in the Lord Jesus Christ. Your dad and our dad served honorably together, were friends and pows at Camp 17 in Japan. We are especially left with their history. If you will email me at [swisscheese50@live.com](mailto:swisscheese50@live.com), I will send you a photo and newspaper clipping photo of your dad taken at the Bataan Survivors Review Parade in Albuquerque after they got back. betty otero metzgar, albuq.

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betty metzgar - August 10, 2014 at 02:55 PM

DS

“ *Beautiful arrangement, for you.*



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**Denise Saavedra** - August 03, 2014 at 09:32 AM

DS

“ *Today we had a beautiful church service in your honor, something we know you would have wanted, and something you deserved. So many people who loved you were there. Now you can rest in peace.*

*I love you and miss you immensely,*

*Love always and forever,*

*Denise and baby K*

*Happy Dreams*

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**Denise Saavedra** - July 31, 2014 at 09:17 PM

TH

“ *Faustino and our father Rosendo (Ross) were good friends through their time in the service and after. Faustino was also a pallbearer at our fathers funeral services. Faustino will be remembered and missed.*

*With sympathy,*

*The family of Rosendo (Ross) and Priscilla Torres*

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**Tamara Herrera** - July 27, 2014 at 03:47 PM

EO

“ On behalf of the Olguin family that lived next door to Faustino most of our lives we send our condolences to Maggie, Kathy, Toby and Janna, You are in our thoughts and our prayer. May God Bless you in your time of need.

Love,

*Reggie, Evelyn, Beva Olguin and family (Dominic and Jeremy)*



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**Evelyn Olguin** - July 23, 2014 at 11:52 PM

DS

“ Grandpa,

*This was the first you got to meet your first, and only great-granddaughter. This was January, 2013. Here you are with your three great-grandchildren that loved their "Little Grandpa" so much. I am so blessed that you met her, and were able to pinch her little cheeks every time you saw her. That was ALWAYS something I had prayed for, that you and Grandma got to meet her. I'm crying as I write this, but I will be sure to tell her all about you, and all the stories you told me growing up and what a beautiful person you were, and let her know she is blessed to have such a perfect Guardian Angel to watch over her. Those memories will forever be etched in my heart. I will be sure to teach her how to count in Japanese too, because that's just something we always did together.*

*"Happy Dreams"*

*I Love You,*

*Denise Janelle*



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**Denise Saavedra** - July 22, 2014 at 07:07 PM

DS

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**Denise Saavedra** - July 22, 2014 at 09:03 AM

“ My Uncle 'Tino has been reunited with his father, Toribio, his mother, Arculiana, brothers Alejandro, Anotolio, and Clorindo, sisters, Adelina and Leonila. My mother, Leonila, named after the older Leonila, survives him. My mother told me many stories about her family and their life in Los Griegos. My mom and Faustino were very close, but argued as children for their father's attention. They loved dancing together. Their brother Anotolio would not be happy at all whenever he came in from working out in the field to find Faustino and Leonila dancing to the radio in the kitchen. My mom would hide my Uncle 'Tino's shirts to get out of ironing them for him when he was going out dancing. Then there were the horrible three years when the family did not know if Faustino was dead or alive. My mom remembers their father going outside to cry. Our cousin, Vera, recalls the day of Faustino's homecoming. He ran past the people gathered outside the house calling "¡Papá! ¡Papá! I can only imagine the reunion inside that house that day. Not until I became older and wiser did I really understand the significance of my uncle's war experience. I never looked at him again without thinking about what he had endured and SURVIVED. I will never forget how, in the hospital, I massaged his feet, his history-making feet. My Uncle 'Tino's greeting every time he saw me, from the time I was a child until the last time I saw him, was the same. Recalling a song that mariachis played at a big party I threw at my baptism, he saw me and sang "JoAnn, no volveré." When I was still a child, that greeting would be followed by his pinching my cheeks or little, but painful, punches to my upper arm. I never complained because that was just what my Uncle "Tino did. How he showed me his affection. My mother loved her brother. She can look forward to seeing him again. I'll close with a few lines from "our song":

*En el tren de la ausencia me voy;  
mi boleto no tiene regreso.  
Lo que tengas de mí te lo doy,  
pero no te devuelvo tus besos.”*

*Descansa en paz, Faustino Olguín.*

**JoAnn Ulibarri** - July 21, 2014 at 06:20 PM

EC

“ VIA CON DIOS AMIGO, DE PARTE THE EDWIN Y MERCIE CHAVEZ

**EDWIN CHAVEZ** - July 21, 2014 at 01:12 PM

MC

“ We would like to offer our condolences to the Olguin family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

*Mike and Colleen Chmielowicz*

**Michael Chmielowicz** - July 21, 2014 at 12:22 PM

DD

“ Grandpa,

*You were an unbelievable brave, kindhearted man. I can't even express how much I miss you. You are a true angel and remarkable human being that cannot even be described in words alone. You are my hero. I will forever cherish the wonderful memories that I have of you growing up & always being there for us. I feel so lucky to have had the best grandpa imaginable. I can't believe you are gone. You will forever be "little grandpa" to Gavin & Dylan. It makes me so happy that they were able to know you. You are irreplaceable and truly one of a kind. I love you with all of my heart. You are my angel watching over us.*

*We love you,*

*Dedra, Jacob, Dylan, and Gavin*

**Dedra Duran** - July 20, 2014 at 07:39 PM

KS

“ Dad,

*I can never say goodbye to you because I know this is not the end for us to see each other. You are in a beautiful place, an angel to watch over me...My Guardian Angel. I remember how your arms held me, and gave me strength. You were always there to listen, love, care, guide me, and defend me in everything. I'm very grateful, blessed, and proud to call you my Dad. Here, deep inside my heart is where you will always be. Thank you Dad for always understanding, listening, caring, and loving me your entire life. It's difficult to let you go, but I must return the gift God gave me, until we meet again.*

*"Did you ever know that you're my hero, and everything I would like to be, I can fly higher than an eagle, 'cause you are the wind beneath my wings. I would be nothing without you."*

*You will always be in my heart.  
I will always love you, my lovely Dad*

*Love Always,*

*Kathy*

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**Kathy Saavedra** - July 20, 2014 at 07:13 PM



TM

“ We wish to express our sympathy to all the Olguin Family. Faustino was a brave soldier who suffered and survived experiences as a POW, that would break most men. His will, and stamina will not be forgotten by his comrades at arms. Mary E. and Tony J. Moraga

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**Tony J. Moraga** - July 20, 2014 at 04:50 PM

LD

“ I will always remember Mr. Olguin whistling in the morning when he was out in the yard. I grew up 2 doors down and will never forget my childhood growing up in that neighborhood and all the friends I grew up and played with for so many years. Those wonderful memories have stayed with me through all of these years. Mrs. Olguin, Kathy, Toby & Janna, I want to say I am sorry for your loss, and prayers are with you and all of your family.

*Louisa*

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**Louisa (Montoya) DeGattis** - July 20, 2014 at 03:55 PM

DS

“ Heaven has received another angel  
The night sky another star  
Your life has become a loving memory  
I know you will never be far.  
I know you are watching over me  
As my life goes on,  
I will treasure the memories I have of you  
I can't believe you're gone.  
You were a loving caring grandpa  
You were there for me a lot  
You will always hold a place in my heart,  
A loving treasured spot.  
You were really one in a million  
A cut above the rest  
All that knew you would agree,  
You simply were the best.  
So grandpa I will say goodbye  
I love and miss you with all my heart  
But as long as I have all my loving memories  
We will never be too far apart.

*I love you Grandpa, My Guardian Angel-  
Love Always & Forever,*

*Denise Janelle (as you always called me) and your great-  
granddaughter baby K.  
"Happy Dreams"*



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**Denise Saavedra** - July 20, 2014 at 03:23 PM

SD

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

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**Stephanie Sena Dyck** - July 20, 2014 at 11:02 AM

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“ *Our deepest condolences to the Olguin Family for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Henry, Darlene, Nick and Jared Saavedra*



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**Darlene Saavedra** - July 19, 2014 at 09:36 PM