



## John Birner

February 1, 1930 - January 13, 2013

Passed away peacefully surrounded by his family after a courageous battle with cancer. John is survived by his beloved wife of 50 years, Celia (Sally) Birner; loving children, Eleanor Macias; son-in-law, Tony Macias, Edward B. Birner and Robert Gabaldon; grandchildren, John Birner, Roberta Gabaldon, Angela Maldonado, Tony Macias Jr. and wife, Amber, Angela Macias, Andrew Birner, Christopher Birner and Bronson Macias, and 5 great-grandchildren; sister, Sara Storey and husband, Roy; brother, Charles Birner and wife, Sharon; sisters-in-law, Andrea Camp, Lala Gabaldon, Sr. Eileen Jaramillo, O.P., and Jean Garcia; and several nieces and nephews. John was preceded in death by his parents, Frank W. Birner and Inez Bourguignon Birner; brothers, Eddie and Nestor Birner; grandson, Edward J. Birner; and brother-in-law, Tom C. Garcia. John was a member of the U.S. Army, and retired from the U.S. Postal Service after 35 years. He worked at La Pasada Alternative Housing for 20 years. John enjoyed traveling and spending time with family and friends, who are welcome to come for a visitation at FRENCH - Lomas on Wednesday, January 16, 2013 from 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Holy Rosary will be recited at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, January 17, 2013 at Our Lady of Assumption Catholic Church (Lomas and Tennessee) with Funeral Mass to follow at 10:00 a.m. Pallbearers will be John Birner, Tony Macias, Jr., Frank Storey, Rod Storey, Jim Garcia and Steve Garcia. In lieu of flowers, the family respectfully requests donations to St. Vincent de Paul Society, 916 Castillo Ave., Belen, NM 87002.



# Tribute Wall

AF

“ We are sorry to hear of your lose, are prayers and thoughts are with you and your family. John was family and will be missed.

Andrew N. Reyes and Family - January 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ I am sorry for your loss. John will be missed by many. I worjed wirh john at la pasada

Louie - January 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ So sorry hearing of your loss. Our prayers are with you all.

Jim & Mary Ann Rivera Hendry - January 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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

Apollo Miller - January 15, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dear Birner Family- We are so very sorry for your loss. John was such a loving, kind and wonderful friend and neighbor. His passing will make this world sadder, not shine as bright and his absence will be truly felt. \*Remembering how thoughtful, kind, calm, understanding and supportive ~ John was during our time of saddness and Everyday. To Sally and family -know that we LOVE YOU ALL SO MUCH AND WE ARE HERE FOR YOU ALWAYS..... God Bless you and keep you now during this time of great difficulty and everyday. Albertina Therese, Bill and William Albert.

Wilkinson Family - January 15, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AB

“ I would like to express my deepest condolences to your family. I hope you find comfort from God’s word the bible during this time of grief. For he is near to those broken at heart. Ps 34:17,18 Also, note Jesus’ words of comfort spoken to Martha, who had just lost her brother, at John 11:23-25, “Jesus said to her: “Your brother will rise. Martha said to him: “I know he will rise in the resurrection on the last day.” Jesus said to her: “I am the resurrection and the life. He that exercises faith in me, even though he dies, will come to life.”

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**A. Bell** - January 15, 2013 at 12:00 AM