



Nazario (Nick) C de Baca

November 12, 1916 - July 31, 2013

Nazario C' de Baca, 96, passed away at home in Bernalillo, NM on July 31, 2013. He was born in La Cienega, NM to Manuelita (Gallegos) and Tomas on November 12, 1916. The youngest of seven children, he grew up on the family's irrigated farm in La Cienega. After finishing eighth grade in La Cienega's two-room schoolhouse, he lived with an uncle in Pena Blanca to attend high school, graduating in 1936 from Santa Fe High. He then earned a degree in agronomy and soils at New Mexico State University in 1940, and in 1950, a Master's Degree in rural sociology from Michigan State. He was a proud World War II veteran who served under General George Patton in the 11th Armored Division. He traveled through France and Belgium, ending up in Austria along the Danube River. After his discharge, he briefly returned to New Mexico as an assistant Extension Agent in Mora County. He married Consuelo "Connie" Martinez in 1946.

Nazario worked for the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture for over 28 years. He set up agricultural extension services and youth programs in developing countries – Bolivia, El Salvador, Guatemala, Ecuador, Jamaica, and Sudan, Africa. He ended his USDA career with a 10-year stint in Washington, DC, where he designed training and coordinated exchange programs, specializing in Latin America. In 1972, he and Consuelo retired to their home in Albuquerque, NM, to be near their three sons, Daniel, Robert and Nick, who were born in three different countries. Consuelo passed away in 1993.

In July 1994, Nazario married Sabina (Griego) Boulton of Santa Fe, NM. They

had originally met in 1937 through his sister, Melinda Gonzales of La Cienega, who was attending nurses training with Sabina at the time. Nazario and Sabina made their home in Bernalillo.

Nazario was very active and involved with family, church and community. He was the Distinguished Alumnus of the College of Agriculture and Home Economics in 1999. Always remembering his own struggles to get through college, he established a charitable gift annuity with his alma mater, New Mexico State University, which provides support to Hispanic students studying agriculture or home economics. "I attribute my long life to activity" says Nazario. "Every day, I live like I'm going to live forever. I don't live from day to day. Every day you should do something that is good, that contributes to your life. You shouldn't let a day go by when you don't do something constructive, at least one thing."

There are many stories that illustrate his perseverance, mental toughness, compassion, and powerful resilience. He lived a long, fulfilled life full of adventure and purpose. With Nazario's passing, we've lost another of America's greatest generation and a true gentleman.

Nazario was preceded in death by his parents; siblings, Tomas, Conrado, Albertano, Celina Lucero, Mary Ulibarri, and Melinda Gonzales; first wife, Consuelo; son, Daniel; and grandson, Nicholas. He is survived by his wife, Sabina; sons, Robert (Lesly) and Nick (Julie); grandson, Mike; step-children, Georgia Pearson (Ted), Ellen, John (Wrenn), Anita Dupree (Jon), Martha, Mary Kay, Rita Wolfe (Gary), Frances, and Mary Jo Carrion; 17 step-grandchildren and 30 step-great-grandchildren. Rosary will be recited Sunday, August 4, 2013, 7:00 p.m., at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church, 301 S. Camino Del Pueblo, Bernalillo. Friends may visit beginning at 6:30 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Monday, August 5, 2013 at 11:00 a.m., also at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church. Interment will take place at Santa Fe National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in Nazario's name to Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church in Bernalillo, or your favorite charity.

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, you are the resurrection and the life. You have promised that whoever believes in you even if he dies will have life everlasting. May this sacred promise comfort us in our sadness, and bring the soul of your servant departed the fullness of the reward you have for us after death. O savior of the world, reassure us in our belief that death is not an end to life, but rather a change by which we enter a life of perfect joy in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen. May the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

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Cemetery Details

Santa Fe National Cemetery

Santa Fe, NM

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 4. 6:30 PM - 7:00 PM (MT)

Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church
301 S. Camino Del Pueblo
Bernalillo, NM 87004

Rosary

AUG 4. 7:00 PM (MT)

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Mass of Christian Burial

AUG 5. 11:00 AM (MT)

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Tribute Wall

RP

“ I only knew Nick for a few years. I enjoyed our conversations about important things of life. Family and friends. Like many others I was impressed by his quite dignity and his soft manner. Truly a man his family can be proud of.

Bob I am sorry I was not feeling up to attending the services however my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Randall & Jennise Phillips

Randall Phillips - August 05, 2013 at 02:00 PM

GB

“ Growing up with my grandparents (Nazario's parents) I got to follow his career in the army and subsequent assignments with the State Department. I developed great respect and admiration for him. He was my role model. He truly represents "the greatest generation". I will miss him. God bless you tio. My condolences to the C' de Baca and Boulton family.

*George and Litsa C' de Baca
Augusta, GA*

George C' de Baca - August 03, 2013 at 04:08 PM

AS

“ Our condolences to all the C de Baca and Boulton families. He was quite an accomplished man and was blessed with a large, loving and caring family. I met him at my best friend George Carrion's funeral and left wishing I could have known him better. I did see the plaque in his honor at the NMSU Department of Agriculture. God Bless all the family and may he rest in peace.

*Alfonso and Cynthia Sanchez, Ramon and Lorena
Las Cruces, New Mexico*

Alfonso R. Sanchez - August 03, 2013 at 11:17 AM

CR

“ I remember us visiting with Grandma and Grandpa last summer and how he remembered me being in the ARMY. Asked my rank and where I was stationed. He got a laugh when I told him I outranked my husband. :)

We send our condolences....Love, Tina, Gerry, Anthony, Adriana and Phillip

"The angels are always near to those who are grieving, to whisper to them that their loved ones are safe in the hand of God".....Eileen Elias Freeman

Christina RodriguezSmith - August 03, 2013 at 09:53 AM

CR

“ Our deepest condolences to our secondary family. We were young together have grown up together have watched our loved ones pass together and hopefully we will be rejoined on a heavenly beach all together one day. Our love and prayers are with you always...The Rizzie-York's



Carol Rizzie - August 03, 2013 at 07:30 AM

RW

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Rita W. - August 02, 2013 at 11:18 PM

RH

This is so lovely. You can see how much they love each other.

robbin H - August 05, 2013 at 12:36 PM

SE

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

Suzanne Engman - August 02, 2013 at 09:11 AM