



## Odilia (Lilly) Silva

August 13, 1918 - August 6, 2015

Odilia (Lilly) Silva will be celebrating her 97th birthday in Heaven. She passed away on Thursday, August 6, 2015, one week shy of her birthday. She was born on August 13, 1918 in Belen, New Mexico to Rosalio and Maria Sanchez, Lilly married Lincoln Silva on January 3, 1942. The couple resided in Belen until 1970 when they moved to Albuquerque.

Lilly was a homemaker for the first eleven years of her marriage. In 1953, she became employed at Sandia Corporation. She retired in 1984 after 31 years of service. In addition to being a great cook and baker, Lilly was a seamstress, crocheted, took up oil painting, made jewelry and loved to read. She and Lincoln loved to dance. She was on a bowling league well into her 80's. After her retirement, Lilly volunteered at Lovelace Hospital and at Holy Ghost Church. She crocheted baby blankets, made teddy bears and rosaries. Lilly loved little children; first and foremost, her grandsons, but also, the children of her friends, and the children in her neighborhood, including over the years, Jonathan DeHerrera, Caroline and Edward Sanchez, Michael, Jill and Janet Casaus, Troy and Autumn Mays, and Sebastian Vigil. She made sure they had valentines, Easter Eggs, Halloween candy and Christmas gifts. She had a wonderful sense of humor. Lilly was a strong-willed and independent woman. She lived alone in her home until shortly before her death.

Lilly was preceded in death by her parents, her husband of 66 years, Lincoln, and her grandson, Dr. John Michael Baca. She outlived seven siblings: brother, Placido Sanchez, and sisters, Casimira Lopez, Mary Gabaldon, Isabel

Griego, Ann Wolfe, Delfina Sanchez, and Esther Sanchez.

She is survived by her children, Mike Silva and wife Dolores of Belen, NM; daughters, Barbara Silva of Albuquerque, Stella Silva Baca, of Albuquerque, and Eileen Cox and husband Ron of Riverside, CA. Lilly was especially proud of her grandsons who survive her: Paul Baca and wife Holly, of Arnold, MD, Chris Cox and wife Susan, of La Quinta, CA and Greg Cox and wife Kelly, of Laguna Niguel, CA; eight great-grandchildren: Rachel, Julia and Dana Baca, Sam, Michael and Alexandra Baca, Caitlin and Ashley Cox; six step-grandchildren, Julie Wood, Brian Perea and Rachel Perea, John, Kelly and Lori Greene; her sister-in-law, Ida Sanchez, and several nieces, nephews, and cousins. Lilly will also be mourned by Lara Barkoff, widow of her grandson Michael, and her very dear friends, Domie and Andy Laughlin, and Cecile and Paul Chang.

Cremation has taken place. The Rosary will be recited on Thursday, August 13, 2015, at 6:30 p.m. at FRENCH-University. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Friday, August 14, 2015, 11:00 a.m. at Holy Ghost Church, 833 Arizona SE. Interment will follow at Mt. Calvary Cemetery. Please visit our online guestbook for Odilia at [www.FrenchFunerals.com](http://www.FrenchFunerals.com).

FRENCH - University

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# Cemetery Details

## Mt. Calvary Cemetery

1900 Edith Blvd. NE  
Albuquerque, NM

# Previous Events

## Rosary

AUG 13. 6:30 PM (MT)

FRENCH Funerals - Cremations (University )  
1111 University Blvd NE  
Albuquerque, NM 87102  
(505) 843-6333  
<https://www.FrenchFunerals.com>

## Mass of Christian Burial

AUG 14. 11:00 AM (MT)

Holy Ghost Church  
833 Arizona St. SE  
Albuquerque, NM

## Interment

AUG 14 (MT)

Mt. Calvary Cemetery  
1900 Edith Blvd. NE  
Albuquerque, NM



# Tribute Wall

JD

“ I love you Grandma Odie! I will FOREVER hold you in my heart. You are a true blessing to me and I appreciate all of the love and time that you gave to me as a young boy all the way into my manhood. You are now one of God's precious angels worshipping Him and praising Him with all your fervor! We will miss you and think of you often! Till we meet again in paradise!

Your Grandson,  
Jonathan DeHerrera

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**Jonathan DeHerrera** - August 24, 2015 at 01:40 AM

EW

“ Barbara, Stella, Mike, Eileen,

Saw the obit for your mom and remembered the childhood days in Belen. Our moms would take us to the park in Abq -- they were ahead of their times, driving independently, showing us a bigger world. Can't you just picture them right now coloring or perming each other's hair, talking, having coffee.....they were great role models for us, our children, and grandchildren. I know you will miss her, as I miss my mom, but it's good to know their lives go on through all they gave to so many others. Edwina Garcia Wood, Santa Fe, NM

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**Edwina Wood** - August 18, 2015 at 04:31 PM



“ *Multicolor Bright Mixed Flower Fireside Basket was purchased for the family of Odilia (Lilly) Silva.*



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August 10, 2015 at 08:21 PM



“ *Our deepest condolences to the Silva Family. She was my favorite aunt.*

*Joe & Cathy Lopez*

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**Joe Lopez** - August 10, 2015 at 06:16 PM



“ *Beth Moreno-Perine lit a candle in memory of Odilia (Lilly) Silva*



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**Beth Moreno-Perine** - August 10, 2015 at 11:09 AM



*Sending Prayers and Love to Barbara and her family during this challenging time. My deepest sympathies.*

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**Beth Moreno-Perine** - August 10, 2015 at 11:11 AM



Jill  
Casias

“ *Mrs. Silva was a great part of our childhood, I remember she taught us how to make old glass bottles into art with masking tape and shoe polish, she would always give us snacks and we would pick plums from her plum tree. Good times. Rest in peace Mrs. Silva. Jill Casias*

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**Jill Casias** - August 09, 2015 at 04:06 PM



DS

“ *We'll miss you aunt Lil!*

*-Dave, Gabriela, Talia, and Dominic*

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**David Sanchez** - August 09, 2015 at 11:41 AM



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

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**Trinity Montoya** - August 09, 2015 at 09:17 AM