



Ray A. Hestia

July 8, 1925 - January 4, 2014

Ray A. Hestia, 88, a life-long resident of Pueblo of Acoma, passed away on Saturday, January 4, 2014 in Denver, CO. He is survived by his loving wife of 66 years, Harriet Hestia; daughters, Lois Waconda and husband, Alvino, Jacqueline Bakker and husband, Hendrik, and Alvira Garcia and husband, Bernard; nine grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren. Ray was preceded in death by his daughter, Shirley; and son, B. Gregory. Ray served as Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Treasurer for the Pueblo of Acoma. His greatest accomplishment during his tenure as Governor was the acquisition of the Red Lake Ranch for the Acoma People. He worked for the Santa Fe Railroad for 43 years and served in the US Navy during WWII. Ray served as a New Mexico Livestock Inspector and enjoyed raising his own cattle. He loved his animals and enjoyed farming. Rosary will be recited at the family home on Friday, January 10, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, January 11, 2014, at 9:00 a.m. at St. Anne's Catholic Church in Acomita. Interment will follow at Mount of Peace Cemetery in McCartys, NM.

Cemetery Details

Mount of Peace Cemetery

McCartys, NM

Previous Events

Rosary

JAN 10. 7:00 PM (MT)

Family Home
Acoma, NM

Funeral Mass

JAN 11. 9:00 AM (MT)

St. Anne's Catholic Church
1400 Arenal Rd SW
Albuquerque, NM 87105

Tribute Wall

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“ I will miss seeing and talking Ray as he was a Great Guy and a man I could call my friend. I knew Ray for over 50 years and got to know him more when he was Track Inspector for the railroad. May God be with all his family during this time of sorrow.

David L. Chapman

David L. Chapman - January 11, 2014 at 11:57 AM

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

FRENCH Funerals - Cremations - January 10, 2014 at 10:28 AM