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Memorial

## Anthony V. Berumen, 98,



passed a way peacefully on July 18, 2011, surrounded by his family.

He was born on July 20, 1913, in Jerez, Zacatecas, Mexico, to the union of Marina and Adolpho Berumen. Anthony was preceded in death by his parents; his loving wife of 76 years, Marie (sweet Lili Marleen); in-laws, Anita and Nels Johnson; daughter, Mariana; sister, Ruth (Manuel) Godinez; brothers, Joe (Socorro), Jesse (Phyllis), Adolph; granddaughter, Debra Leslie; grandsons, Andrew Ronald Berumen and Kenneth Charles Aragon; brothers-in-law, Valentine Jiminez, Paul Larry, John and Lloyd (Priscilla) Johnson; sister-in-law, Martha Johnson; and best friends, Rose and Fermín Ortiz, Albuquerque, N.M. He is survived by a sister, Tillie Navarro; brother-in-law, Joe Johnson, Price, Utah; sister-in-law, Ann Johnson, Lakewood, Colo.; his children, Diana (Roger) Gomez, Patricia (Edwin) Espinoza, Anita (Clem) Aragon, Marina (Vic) Velarde, Adolph (Alice), Anthony Jr. (Lili), Ronald (Kathy) and Michael Berumen; stepson, Kun Huang; grandchildren, Aja (Mike Soto), Ian, Aaron, Jason (Desiree) Gomez, Mikayla, Joseph, Sean, Dennis, Curtis, Candace (Joe Martinez) Berumen, Toni Marie (Chuck) Casados, Dee (Kevin) Weber, Kris (Aragon), Eddie (Sandra), Eric (Andrea) Espinoza, Monica (Dan) Martinez, Dona (James) Dalton, Tina (Jaime) Pechorak, Michelle (Martin) Vigil, Anthony (Katie) Berumen and Denise Werwick; 51 great-grandchildren, eight

great-great-grandchildren and numerous godchildren. Anthony served in the U.S. Army during World War II, stationed in Italy, as far as the Austrian border. He was awarded the European Theater Ribbon with two battle stars, the Bronze Star Medal and Combat Infantry Badge. He was honorably discharged on Oct. 23, 1945. Anthony owned and operated Bessemer Garage and Berumen's Main Gate Tavern until his retirement in 1978. He enjoyed his mechanic work, hunting and fishing trips, especially to Blue Mesa, and vacation trips to Mexico and Albuquerque, N.M. Anthony was a member of the Bessemer Merchants Association, yearly sponsor of the Old Timer's Baseball Association, and served as a scoutmaster with Troop 8 through Mount Carmel Church. The family would like to thank Dr. George Birks, staff at Sangre de Cristo Hospice, daughter, Diana Gomez, and granddaughter, Aja, for their devoted care of our father 24/7, and special thanks to Socorro Martinez and Gilbert Martinez. Also a special thanks to our special friend (like a sister) Nancy Ortiz-Gandara, Albuquerque, N.M., and nieces, Josephine Avalos and Rita Morales, for their support and frequent visits which meant a lot and were very special. Visitation, 1 to 4 p.m. today, July 20, 2011, Imperial Funeral Home Service, 9:30 a.m. Thursday, July 21, 2011, Imperial Funeral Home Chapel. Military honors by the Pueblo Veterans Ritual Team. Interment to follow at Imperial Memorial Gardens. Following the service, family and friends will be received at the home of daughter, Anita (Clem) Aragon, Pueblo. Online condolences at [www.imperialfunerals.com](http://www.imperialfunerals.com)

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