

DEATHS

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FATHER MICHAEL BACA, 70, died Monday in Kirkwood, Mo. He was born April 16, 1927, to Manuel and Maria Baca. He was a graduate of the Saint Francis Seminary. He was invested with the habit in 1944 and professed his first vows on Aug. 16, 1945. His life in ministry was constantly evolving. He began in parochial ministry at Cuba, N.M., Peoria, Ill., and Wichita, Kan. In 1956, he entered the education apostolate and taught at the Saint Francis Seminary and at Roger Bacon High School. In 1960, he returned to parochial ministry in Wichita, Kan., San Fidel, N.M., and for ten years at the St. Francis Cathedral. In November of 1991, he was seriously injured in a motorcycle accident in Santa Fe. This greatly affected his deteriorating health. A combination of illness and injury resulted in his retirement at various facilities in Albuquerque, Ohio and Missouri. He is survived by his sisters, Lucia Garcia and husband Margarito of Santa Fe, Josina Garcia of Santa Fe, and Theresa Saiz and husband Emiliano of Albuquerque; and brothers, Orlando Baca of Phoenix, and Leonard Bacon and wife Patricia of

Bakersfield, Calif. Visitation and vigil service at 7:30 p.m. Friday at the St. Francis Catholic Cathedral. Mass will be celebrated at 9:30 a.m. Saturday at the same church. Burial will follow at the Rosario Cemetery. Berardinelli Family Funeral Service.

EPIFANIO L. SALAZAR, 81, of El Guache died Tuesday. He was preceded in death by his parents, Lazaro and Gregorita Salazar; brother, Arsenio Salazar; and sisters, Rosarito Manzanares, Octavianita Gallegos, and Luisita Martinez. He is survived by his wife, Rose Salazar of El Guache; sons, Eppie Salazar and wife Susie of El Guache, Agapito Salazar and wife Marian of Hernandez, and Joseph Salazar and wife Lala of El Guache; grandchildren, Mildred, Monica and Michael Salazar; great-grandsons, Justin and Andrew; brothers, Jose G. Salazar and wife Frances of El Guache, and Filiberto Salazar of Sombrillo; sisters, Lorenzita Salazar of Riverside, N.M., Juanita Babcock of Española, Tonita Valencia and husband Hipolito of Riverside, N.M., and Aurora Archuleta of Fairview; and