



## Estefana Montoya Romero

*DOB: May 18, 1919  
Velarde, N.M.*

**Husband: Edwardo (Lalo) Romero**  
**Married: Jan. 31, 1941 - Taos, NM**

*Children: Edward Jr., Clovis, Raymond & Rebecca*

**Mother: Dolores Velarde Montoya**  
**Father: Amarante Montoya**  
**Paternal grandmother: Franciscita Montoya**

Memories: Father Amarante was a shepherd in Manassa, Colo., and later moved to Dixon where he sold wood which he carried on his donkey. He sold the wood for 50 cents a load. He later raised the price to \$1.00. Steffi attended Catholic school to the 11th grade. Those days an 8th grade graduation was a big celebration and everyone dressed up in hats, Sunday clothes, and diplomas were passed out to each graduate. Steffi met Lalo at a dance in Rinconada. Those days there were few vehicles so they would walk over the mesa from Dixon to Rinconada. Steffi remembers Antonio Romero, who was nicknamed "Payday" because he wore overalls with a big label on the front which read "Payday". He would get upset with the children because they would say "there's Payday". Mana Victoria Medina would call him "Bengay". Steffi remembers when Dr. Bowen would get a truck filled with toys and Santa Claus would pass out toys and candy to the children.

## Edwardo (Lalo) Romero

*DOB: January 9, 1916  
Taos, N.M.*

*Married: Estefana Montoya January 31, 1941*

*Children: Edward Jr., Clovis, Raymond & Rebecca*

**Mother: Emilia Suazo Romero**  
**Father: Juan Antonio Romero**  
**Maternal grandmother: Socorro Espinoza - Taos**  
**Maternal grandfather: Jose Acasio Suazo - Taos**  
**Paternal grandmother: Simonita Romero**



Lalo was raised by his grandparents in Taos, At age 10 he moved to Rinconada where he lived and attended school. Lalo remembers a dance in January, 1929, when during a wedding dance, the Lovatos and Medinas had a shootout at the Sala Filetropica, which was owned by J.P. Lujan. The band had just finished playing La Marcha de Los Novios when the shooting started. Everyone ran for cover and when the shooting ended there were 3 persons who died, the Medina father and his two sons. Another memory is when during Sunday worship services at the Presbyterian Church, the ex-husband of the minister came and started a fight with the current husband. This happened in the 80's and Doc Zellers, a very active church member, got both men by the scruff and threw them both out of the church. They also remember when Andy McComb first came into town and was their neighbor. He was a hippy who used to hang around with a bunch of hippies. He later became the minister of the Presbyterian Church