

Sen. Lidio Rainaldi, D-Gallup, passed Dec. 23 at the age of 90. He represented the Fourth District of the New Mexico Senate from 2001 to 2008. Prior to becoming a senator, Rainaldi served as a Magistrate and Municipal Judge for 40 years. He most notably made headlines in 2005, when he took the City Council to task for irresponsible spending. He is survived by his wife Helen Rainaldi, and son Lidio Rainaldi, Jr. Funeral arrangements are pending.