

# Famous New Mexicans

From the website “Hot Times, Cool Places” by John Kremer (<http://www.traveltriviatime.com/newmexicofamous.htm>) this is a list of people who were “born in New Mexico or spent important time in New Mexico.” Sometimes the connection is very small—use judgement.

**Ben Abruzzo**, balloonist  
**Ansel Adams**, photographer  
**Larry Ahrens**, radio talk show host  
**Paul Allen**, founder of Microsoft  
**Clay Allison**, outlaw  
**Rudolfo Anaya**, author  
**Dianne Anderson**, radio talk show host  
**Lynn Anderson**, country singer  
**Maxie Anderson**, balloonist  
**Johnson Antonio**, woodcarver  
**Manuel Armijo**, New Mexico governor  
**Elfecho Baca**, lawman  
**Jimmy Santiago Baca**, author  
**Kathy Baker**, actress  
**Josef Bakos**, painter  
**Gertrudis Barcelo**, women gambler  
**Patrocinio Barela**, woodcarver  
**David Barsky**, storyteller and author  
**Maria Benetiz**, flamenco dancer  
**Charles Bent**, New Mexico governor  
**Bryan Berg**, world record-breaking card stacker  
**Oscar Berninghaus**, artist  
**Hans Bethe**, physicist  
**Jeff Bingaman**, U.S. senator  
**Sarah Bird**, novelist  
**Michael Blake**, novelist  
**Ernest Blumenschein**, artist  
**William Bonney** (aka Henry McCarty, Henry Antrim, and Billy the Kid), outlaw  
**Kent Bostick**, Olympic cyclist  
**Richard Bradford**, novelist  
**Nacio Herb Brown**, songwriter  
**J. B. Bryan**, publisher, La Alameda Books  
**Alice Bullock**, folklorist  
**Ralph Bunche**, Nobel Peace Prize winner  
**Bruce Cabot**, actor  
**Glen Campbell**, singer  
**T. C. Canon**, artist  
**Cathy Carr**, Olympic swimmer  
**Lena Carr and A. A. Carr**, filmmakers  
**Kit Carson**, explorer and lawman  
**Willa Cather**, novelist and short story writer  
**Dennis Chavez**, U.S. senator  
**Fray Angelico Chavez**, author

**Maurus Chino**, founder of the Southwest Indigenous Alliance  
**Jan Clayton**, actress  
**Cochise**, Apache chief  
**Buffalo Bill Cody**, wild west showman  
**Henry Connelly**, New Mexico governor  
**E. Irving Couse**, artist  
**Bob Crosby**, rodeo cowboy  
**Francisco Cuervo y Valdes**, provisional Spanish governor  
**Ram Dass (Richard Alpert)**, psychologist and spiritual leader  
**Juan Bautista de Anza**, New Mexico governor  
**Clarita Garcia de Aranda**, flamenco dancer  
**Ezequiel de Baca**, first Hispanic governor in U.S.  
**Francisco Vázquez de Coronado**, explorer  
**John Denver**, singer  
**Antonio de Ortermin**, New Mexico governor  
**Don Pedro de Peralta**, New Mexico governor  
**Álvar Núñez Cabeza de Vaca**, explorer  
**Diego de Vargas**, New Mexico governor  
**David DeWitt**, novelist  
**Bo Diddley**, singer  
**Trent Dimas**, Olympic gymnast  
**Mabel Dodge**, heiress, author, and literary philanthropist  
**Pete Domenici**, U.S. senator  
**Long John Dunn**, entrepreneur  
**W. Herbert “Buck” Dunton**, artist  
**Fremont Ellis**, painter  
**Joaquin Encinias**, director  
**Marisol Encinias**, flamenco dancer  
**Jim Everett**, football player  
**Richard Farnsworth**, actor  
**Nicolai Fechin**, artist  
**Enrico Fermi**, physicist  
**Bobby Foster**, boxer  
**Clifford Fragua**, artist  
**Drew Gaffney**, astronaut  
**Jose Manuel Gallegos**, U.S. representative  
**Miguel Gandert**, photographer  
**Pat Garrett**, sheriff  
**Greer Garson**, actress  
**Bill Gates**, founder of Microsoft

**Murray Gell-Mann**, Nobel prize-winning physicist  
**Geronimo**, Apache chief  
**Robert H. Goddard**, developed world's first liquid-fuel rocket  
**Glenna Goodacre**, sculptress  
**Edward Gonzales**, artist  
**R. C. Gorman**, artist  
**Sidney Gutierrez**, astronaut  
**Gene Hackman**, actor  
**Donald Hamilton**, mystery writer  
**William Hanna**, cartoonist  
**Neil Patrick Harris**, actor  
**Elizabeth Case-Harwood and Burt Harwood**, art patrons  
**Edward Hatch**, general  
**Tony Hillerman**, novelist  
**Conrad Hilton**, founder of Hilton hotels  
**Buddy Holly**, singer  
**Dennis Hopper**, actor  
**Paul Horgan**, historian  
**Allan Houser**, sculptor  
**Peter Hurd**, painter  
**Aldous Huxley**, novelist and essayist  
**Don Imus**, radio show host  
**Burl Ives**, musician  
**Will James**, Western legend  
**Janis Joplin**, singer  
**Mike Judge**, creator of *Beavis and Butt-head*  
**Stephen Watts Kearny**, general  
**Charles Kennedy**, Western legend  
**Jan Kerouac**, author  
**Black Jack Ketchum**, train robber  
**Val Kilmer**, actor  
**Ralph Kiner**, baseball player  
**J. Z. Knight**, channeler of Ramtha  
**John Kremer**, author of *1001 Ways to Market Your Books*, *Celebrate Today*, and *The Biology of Business*; founder and member of the Self-Publishing Hall of Fame; maintainer of this web site; self-promoter  
**Oliver LaFarge**, novelist  
**Bishop Lamy**, Catholic bishop  
**Octaviano Larrazolo**, U.S. senator and first naturalized American and Hispanic to serve as a senator  
**D. H. Lawrence**, novelist  
**Timothy Leary**, psychologist and drug experimenter  
**John Lewis**, founder of Modern Jazz Quartet  
**Samuel Lewis**, Sufi teacher  
**Ottmar Liebert**, composer and guitarist  
**Milton Livingston**, builder of Cyclotron  
**Gregory Lomayesva**, artist  
**Nancy Lopez**, golfer  
**Mabel Dodge Lujan**, author

**Manuel Lujan Jr.**, U.S. secretary of interior  
**Solomon Luna**, Valencia County politician  
**Douglas MacArthur**, general  
**Tommy MacDonald**, football player  
**Shirley MacLaine**, actress  
**Marisa Maez**, TV news anchor  
**Mangas**, Apache chief  
**Agnes Martin**, artist  
**George R.R. Martin**, science fiction and fantasy novelist  
**Maria and Julian Martinez**, potters  
**Padre Martinez**, social reformer who also brought the first printing press to New Mexico  
**Bill Mauldin**, political cartoonist  
**George McJunkin**, discoverer of Folsom Man  
**Mark Medoff**, novelist  
**George Mendoza**, blind athlete  
**Don Meredith**, football player  
**Roger Miller**, singer and songwriter  
**Edgar D. Mitchell**, astronaut  
**Flores Mogollon**, Spanish governor  
**Scott Momaday**, novelist  
**Tamara Monosoff**, inventor and author, *The Mom Inventor's Handbook*  
**Demi Moore**, actress  
**Jim Morrison**, singer, The Doors  
**Walter Mruk**, painter  
**Michael Martin Murphy**, country singer  
**Ty Murray**, rodeo champion  
**Roy Nakayama**, chile developer  
**Nana**, Apache chief  
**Willard Nash**, painter  
**Bruce Nauman**, artist  
**Ralph Neely**, football player  
**Francine Neff**, U.S. secretary of the treasury  
**John Nichols**, novelist  
**Jack Nicholson**, actor  
**Georgia O'Keeffe**, painter  
**Juan de Oñate**, explorer  
**Steve Ontiveros**, baseball player  
**J. Robert Oppenheimer**, head of Manhattan Project which developed atomic bomb  
**Katherine Ortega**, U.S. treasurer  
**Simon Ortiz**, poet  
**Virgil Ortiz**, artist  
**Concha Ortiz y Pino Kleven**, woman legislator  
**Louis Owens**, novelist  
**Sheldon Parsons**, painter  
**Albino Perez**, New Mexico governor  
**Don Perkins**, football player  
**John (Blackjack) Pershing**, general  
**Bert Phillips**, artist  
**Waite Phillips**, oilman  
**Slim Pickens**, actor  
**Jim Plunkett**, football player  
**Frederick Pohl**, science fiction novelist

**Po'pay**, led the 1680 Pueblo Revolt  
**Eliot Porter**, nature photographer  
**Bart Prince**, architect  
**LeBaron Bradford Prince**, New Mexico governor  
**Ernie Pyle**, World War II correspondent  
**Godfrey Reggio**, director  
**Eugene Manlove Rhodes**, author  
**Bill Richardson**, New Mexico governor  
**Holly Roberts**, photographer  
**John Maddox Roberts**, novelist  
**Julia Roberts**, actress  
**Charmayne James Rodman**, barrel racer  
**Millicent Rogers**, designer and art patron  
**Susan Rothenberg**, artist  
**Fred Saberhagen**, science fiction novelist  
**Eva Encinias Sandoval**, dancer and founder, National Institute of Flamenco  
**Peter & Paul Sarkisian**, artists  
**Jack Schaefer**, novelist  
**Harrison J. Schmitt**, astronaut and U.S. senator  
**Ernest Thompson Seton**, author, naturalist, artist, and co-founder of the Boy Scouts  
**Joseph Sharp**, artist  
**Connie Shelton**, novelist  
**Will Shuster**, painter  
**Hampton Sides**, novelist  
**Leslie Marmon Silko**, novelist  
**Marc Simmons**, historian  
**Mike Smith**, jockey  
**Teresa Kalab Smith**, children's book author and illustrator  
**Smokey the Bear**  
**Erick Southwick**, rodeo champion  
**Frank Springer**,  
**Roger Staubach**, football player  
**Alfred Stieglitz**, photographer

**Slim Summerville**, Keystone cop  
**Roxanne Swentzell**, potter  
**Leo Szilard**, physicist  
**Luci Tapahonso**, poet  
**Edward Teller**, physicist  
**Clyde Tombaugh**, astronomer and discoverer of Pluto  
**Miguel Trujillo**, Isleta Pueblo activist  
**Tom Udall**, U.S. representative  
**Stanislaw Ulam**, mathematician  
**Al Unser**, race car driver  
**Al Unser Jr.**, race car driver  
**Bobby Unser**, race car driver  
**Vivian Vance**, actress  
**Judith Van Gieson**, mystery novelist  
**Woody and Steina Vasulka**, artists  
**Pablita Velarde**, painter  
**Cuerno Verde**, Comanche chief  
**Victorio**, Apache chief  
**Lew Wallace**, novelist, general, and territorial governor  
**Alton Walpole**, filmmaker  
**Erika Wanenmaker**, artist  
**Duane Ward**, baseball player  
**Frank Waters**, author  
**Bill Watterson**, cartoonist  
**Richard Wetherill**, leader of first expedition party to excavate Chaco Canyon  
**Eugene Wigner**, mathematician  
**Jack Williamson**, science fiction novelist  
**Heather Wilson**, U.S. representative  
**Joe Wilson**, ambassador  
**Valerie Plame Wilson**, CIA analyst  
**Scott Wiseman**, animator  
**Ellen Wood**, author  
**Summer Woods**, novelist  
**Henrietta Wyeth**, painter