Abenicio M. Chacon was born in a small mining town in the north of New Mexico. He lived there until he was four years old when his family moved back to their ranch near Gallup. Abenicio was the son of a Mexican father and a Spanish mother. His parents were farmers and lived a simple life. Abenicio was one of eight children and was raised by his mother. His father passed away when he was a young boy.

Abenicio attended school in Gallup and later went on to work at a local factory. He met his future wife, Beatrice, while working there. They fell in love and were married in 1928.

Abenicio was drafted into the United States Army during World War II. He served as a combat engineer and was stationed in the Pacific. He remained in the Army after the war and was discharged in 1946 with the rank of Sergeant.

After the war, Abenicio and Beatrice moved back to Gallup. They bought a small house and started a family. They had five children: Linda, Fidel, Helen, Abenicio Jr., and Michelle.

Abenicio was a member of the local Knights of Columbus and was very active in the community. He passed away in 2008 at the age of 92.

In honor of Abenicio's service and dedication to the community, the Gallup-McKinley County Veterans Day Committee organized a parade in his memory. The parade was held on November 11, 2008, and included a float honoring Abenicio and his family.

In 2010, a new community center was opened in Gallup and was named in honor of Abenicio M. Chacon. The Chacon Community Center is a hub for community events and activities.

Today, the Chacon family is still very active in the community. Their children and grandchildren continue to honor Abenicio's memory and his legacy of service and dedication.

For the story of Abenicio M. Chacon, please visit the Gallup Independent archives or the Chacon family's website.